

**Biblical passages & themes
used in Mennonite Worship Bulletins**

from The Revised Common Lectionary

Years A & B: September 7, 2008—August 30, 2009

Listed here are the biblical passages and themes used in Mennonite Worship Bulletins from September 7, 2008—August 30, 2009, provided to help pastors and worship leaders in long-range planning. Selected special Sundays of the Christian year as well as of Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA are also noted.

YEAR A

Quarter 1

September 7, 2008 – Proper 18

Theme: Where two or three are gathered. Matthew 18:20

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalms 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

**September 14, 2008 – Proper 19 and
Publishing Sunday**

Theme: We are the Lord's

Romans 14:8

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalms 103: (1-7), 8-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

**September 21, 2008 – Proper 20 and
Peace Sunday**

Theme: Side by side. Philippians 1:27

Jonah 3:10—4:11

Psalms 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

September 28, 2008 – Proper 21

Theme: We will tell to the coming generation. Psalm 78:4

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

**October 5, 2008 – Proper 22 and
World Communion Sunday**

Theme: Remember the Sabbath.

Exodus 20:8

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

October 12, 2008 - Proper 23

Theme: In the work of the gospel.

Philippians 4:3

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

October 19, 2008 – Proper 24

Theme: You became an example.

1 Thessalonians 1:7

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalms 96:1-9 (10-13)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

**October 26, 2008 - Proper 25 and
Mennonite Heritage Sunday**

Theme: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:39

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalms 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

November 2, 2008 – Proper 26

Theme: You have one teacher.

Matthew 23:8

Micah 3:5-12

Psalm 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

**November 9, 2008 – Proper 27 and
Mission Sunday**

Theme: Choose this day. Joshua 24:15

Amos 5:18-24

Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

November 16, 2008 – Proper 28

Theme: That we may gain a wise heart.

Psalm 90:12

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

November 23, 2008 – Proper 29

*Theme: Enter his gates with
thanksgiving. Psalm 100:4*

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

YEAR B

November 30, 2008 – Advent 1

Theme: Be on the watch. Mark 13:34

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

Quarter 2

December 7, 2008 – Advent 2

Theme: Prepare the way. Isaiah 40:3

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

December 14, 2008 – Advent 3

Theme: Testify to the light. John 1:8

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46-55

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 21, 2008 – Advent 4

Theme: Name him Jesus. Luke 1:31

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Luke 1:46-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

December 28, 2008 – Christmas 1

Theme: A light for revelation.

Luke 2:32

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm 148

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

January 4, 2009 – Christmas 2

*Theme: I will turn their mourning into
joy. Jeremiah 31:13*

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:(1-9) 10-18

January 11, 2009 – Epiphany 1

Theme: Let there be light. Genesis 1:3

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

**January 18, 2009 – Epiphany 2 and
Stewardship Sunday**

Theme: Come and see. John 1:46

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

**January 25, 2009 – Epiphany 3 and
Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday**

Theme: My soul waits in silence.

Psalm 62:5

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

February 1, 2009 – Epiphany 4 and Church Education Sunday

Theme: Holy and awesome.

Psalm 111:9

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

February 8, 2009 – Epiphany 5

Theme: Proclaim the gospel.

1 Corinthians 9:16

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

February 15 2009 – Epiphany 6

Theme: You healed me. Psalm 30:2

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Mark 1:40-45

February 22, 2009 – Epiphany 7 and Transfiguration Sunday

Theme: Listen to him. Mark 9:7

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

Quarter 3

March 1, 2009 – Lent 1

Theme: Teach me your paths.

Psalm 25:4

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

March 8, 2009 – Lent 2

Theme: It depends on faith.

Romans 4:16

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

March 15, 2009 –Lent 3

Theme: My rock and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

March 22, 2009 –Lent 4

Theme: By grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2:8

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

March 29, 2009 – Lent 5

Theme: Whoever serves me must follow me. John 12:26

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

April 5 2009 – Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday

Theme: Hosanna! Look, your king is coming. John 12:15

Palms

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1 – 15:47 or Mark 15:1—39, (40-47)

April 12, 2009 – Easter Sunday
Theme: He has been raised. Mark 16:6
Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34 - 43
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

April 19, 2009 – Easter 2
Theme: One heart and soul. Acts 4:32
Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

April 26, 2009 – Easter 3
Theme: Let the light of your face shine on me. Psalm 4:6
Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

May 3, 2009 – Easter 4 and Many Peoples Sunday
Theme: We know love by this.
1 John 3:16
Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

May 10, 2009 – Easter 5
Theme: Unless someone guides me.
Acts 8:31
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

May 17, 2009 – Easter 6
Theme: O sing to the Lord a new song.
Psalm 98:1
Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 24, 2009 – Easter 7
Theme: They are like trees planted by streams of water. Psalm 1:3
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 31, 2009 – Pentecost Sunday
Theme: I will pour out my spirit.
Acts 2:18
Acts 2: 1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Quarter 4
June 7, 2009 – Proper 5 - Trinity Sunday
Theme: For God so loved the world.
John 3:16
Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

June 14, 2009 – Proper 6
Theme: The Lord looks on the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7
Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 21, 2009 – Proper 7
Theme: Why are you afraid? Mark 4:40
Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June 28, 2009 – Proper 8
Theme: He became poor.
2 Corinthians 8:9
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Lamentations 3:22-33 or Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

July 5, 2009 – Proper 9

Theme: Tell the next generation.

Psalm 48:13

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalm 123

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

July 12, 2009 – Proper 10

Theme: He will speak peace to his people. Psalm 85:8

Amos 7:7-15

Psalm 85:8-13

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

July 19, 2009 – Proper 11

Theme: Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. Ephesians 2:20

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26, 2009 – Proper 12

Theme: Five barley loaves and two fish.

John 6:9

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145:10-18

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

August 2, 2009 – Proper 13

Theme: Equip the saints.

Ephesians 4:12

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalm 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

August 9, 2009 – Proper 14

Theme: Hope in the Lord. Psalm 130:7

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

August 16, 2009 – Proper 15

Theme: An understanding mind.

1 Kings 3:9

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

August 23, 2009 – Proper 16

Theme: You have the words of eternal life. John 6:68

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalm 34:15-22

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

August 30, 2009 – Proper 17

Theme: Be doers of the Word.

James 1:22

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalm 15

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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