

**Alternate Gospels Lectionary – Compiled by Pastor Glenn Obenberger**  
Corresponding with the Historic Lectionary

Advent 1 – *Jesus, the coming King*

*Historic Gospel – Mt. 21:1-9 Jesus Enters Jerusalem*

*Alternate Gospel – Luke 11:27-32 Blessed is the womb ... One greater than Solomon*

Advent 2 – *Watchfulness*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 21:25-36 Signs in the Sun and Moon - Watch*

*Alternate Gospel – Luke 12:54-56 Hypocrites Know how to interpret sky*

Advent 3 – *Forerunners of Christ*

*Historic Gospel – Mt. 11:2-10 John heard in prison*

*Alternate Gospel – Luke 9:1-9 Herod thinks Jesus is Resurrected John*

Advent 4 – *Rejoice*

*Historic Gospel – John 1:19-28 John said “I am not the Christ.”*

*Alternate Gospel – Luke 1:76-80 End of Zechariah’s Song about John*

Christmas – *Nativity of our Lord*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 2:1-14 Bethlehem Birth*

*Alternate Gospel – Matthew 1:18-25 “Joseph, ... take Mary as your wife.”*

Christmas 1 – *Presentation of Christ*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 2:33-40 Simeon & Anna in the Temple*

*Alternate Gospel – Luke 2:15-20 Shepherds went to Bethlehem and returned.*

New Year – *Circumcision and name of Jesus*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 2:21 Jesus’ Circumcision & Naming*

*Alternate Gospel – Matthew 1:20-25 “Joseph ... give Him the name Jesus.”*

Christmas 2 – *God’s protection*

*Historic Gospel – Mt. 2:19-23 Flight into Egypt*

*Alternate Gospel – John 1:43-46 Can anything good come out of Nazareth?*

Epiphany – *Jesus, Savior of Gentiles*

*Historic Gospel – Mt. 2:1-12 Visit of the Magi*

*Alternate Gospel – John 1:9-13 His own people knew Him not*

Epiphany 1 – *Youth and Education*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 2: 42-52 Twelve Year Old Jesus in Temple*  
*Alternate Gospel – Luke 4:16-22 Jesus preached in Nazareth*  
*Or*  
*John 6:41-48 We know Joseph and Mary – “I am the Bread of Life”*

Epiphany 2 – *Marriage and Family*

*Historic Gospel – John 2:1-11 Wedding at Cana*  
*Alternate Gospel – Mt. 19:1-12 Jesus teaches about Marriage*  
*OR*  
*Luke 4:16-30 Jesus threatened by hometown crowd*

Epiphany 3 – *Missions: Light of the World*

*Historic Gospel – Mt. 8:1-13 Healing of Leper and Centurion’s Servant*  
*Alternate Gospel – Luke 13:22-30 Enter narrow door, many will come from east and west*

Epiphany 4 – *Trust*

*Historic Gospel – Mt. 8:23-27 Jesus calms the storm at sea*  
*Alternate Gospel – Jn. 6:15-21 Jesus walks on water*

Epiphany 5 – *Church Militant/Election*

*Historic Gospel – Mt. 13:24-30 Weeds sown among good seed*  
*Alternate Gospel – Jn. 2:23-3:8 Men believed on account of signs/Nicodemus*

Epiphany 6 – *Transfiguration*

*Historic Gospel – Mt. 17:1-9 Transfiguration*  
*Alternate Gospel – John 1:14 We beheld His glory*

Septuagesima – *Justified by Grace*

*Historic Gospel – Mt. 20:1-16 Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard*  
*Alternate Gospel – Luke 16:14-17 Pharisees lovers of money*

Sexagesima – *Word of God*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 8:4-15 Parable of the Sower*  
*Alternate Gospel – John 12:35-45 Walk while you have the light*

Quinquagesima – *Mercy of God/Baptism of our Lord*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 18:31-43 Passion foretold & Blind Beggar healed/ Mt. 3:13-17 Baptism of our Lord*  
*Alternate Gospel – Mark 10:46-52 Jesus Heals Bartimaeus / Luke 3:21-23 Baptism of our Lord*

Lent 1 – *Temptation*

*Historic Gospel – Mt. 4:1-7 Temptation of our Lord*  
*Alternate Gospel – Mt. 27:39-44 “Come down from the cross!”*

Lent 2 – *Persistent Faith*

*Historic Gospel – Mt. 15:21-28 Syro-Phoenician Woman*  
*Alternate Gospel – Luke 13:22-33 Many will come from the East, West, North & South*

Lent 3 – *Triumph over Satan*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 11:14-28 Jesus and Beelzebul*  
*Alternate Gospel – Luke 10:17-20 “Even the demons are subject to us!”*

Lent 4 – *Jesus, Bread of Life*

*Historic Gospel – John 6:1-15 Feeding of the 5,000*  
*Alternate Gospel – John 6:41-51 The Bread from Heaven*

Lent 5 – *Jesus, our High Priest/Annunciation*

*Historic Gospel – John 8:46-59 “Before Abraham – ‘I AM’” / Luke 1:26-38*  
*Annunciation of our Lord*  
*Alternate Gospel – John 8:39-45 “Your Father is a liar.” /Mt. 1:1-17 Genealogy of Jesus*

Palm Sunday – *Jesus our King*

*Historic Gospel – Mt. 21:1-11 – Entrance into Jerusalem*  
*Alternate Gospel – John 11:45-57 “Better one man die for the people.”*

Maundy Thursday – *Lord’s Supper*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 22:14-20*  
*Alternate Gospel – Mt 26:26-35*

Good Friday – *Crucifixion of our Lord*

*Historic Gospel – John 18:1-19:42*  
*Alternate Gospel – Mark 15:6-41*

Easter – *Resurrection*

*Historic Gospel – Mark 16:1-8 Women find empty tomb*  
*Alternate Gospel – John 20:1-10 Appearance to Mary Magdalene*

Easter 2 – *Faith*

*Historic Gospel – John 20:19-31 Blessed are those have not seen*  
*Alternate Gospel – Mark 16:9-16 They would not believe it – Go into the world*

Easter 3 – *Jesus, Our Good Shepherd*

*Historic Gospel – John 10:11-16 I am the Good Shepherd*

*Alternate Gospel – Matthew 26:30-32 I will strike the Shepherd, sheep will scatter*

Easter 4 – *Cross and Comfort*

*Historic Gospel – John 16:16-23 In a little while you will see Me no more*

*Alternate Gospel – John 11:28-37 Jesus wept.*

Easter 5 – *Sing! Worship*

*Historic Gospel – John 16:5-15 The Spirit will guide you into all truth*

*Alternate Gospel – Luke 12:8-12 The sin against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven*

Easter 6 – *Prayer*

*Historic Gospel – John 16:23-30 Ask in My name*

*Alternate Gospel – John 14:13-21 Ask in My name, I will do it*

*Ascension*

*Historic Gospel – Mark 16:14-20 The Great Commission*

*Alternate Gospel – John 8:21-30 Where I am going you cannot come*

Easter 7 – *Promised Comforter*

*Historic Gospel – John 15:26-16:4 The Comforter will bear witness about Me*

*Alternate Gospel – John 6:52-63 The Spirit gives life*

Pentecost – *Holy Spirit*

*Historic Gospel – John 14:23-31 Spirit will bring to remembrance all that I have said to you*

*Alternate Gospel – Luke 24:25-35 Emmaus Disciples' Hearts Burned Within  
Or Luke 11:20-26 Satan driven out by the finger of God*

Trinity – *Triune God*

*Historic Gospel – John 3:1-15 You must be born again*

*Alternate Gospel – Luke 10:21-24 You have revealed these things to children*

Trinity 1 – *Heavenly Riches*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 16:19-31 The Rich Man and the Beggar Lazarus*

*Alternate Gospel – John 5:37-47 You search the Scriptures*

*Or Mark 10:24-27 If a rich man cannot be saved, who can?*

Trinity 2 – *Invitation*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 14:16-24 “Come, for all things are ready”*

*Alternate Gospel – John 21:1-13 The Risen Jesus Prepares Fish Dinner*

Trinity 3 – *Evangelism: Lost Sheep*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 15:1-10 “Lost sheep and lost coin.”*

*Alternate Gospel – John 4:27-42 The fields are white for harvest*

Trinity 4 – *Christian Unity and Peace*

*Historic Gospel – Lk. 6:36-42 Be merciful – do not judge.*

*Alternate Gospel – Mk. 9:38-41 The one not against us is for us.*

Trinity 5 – *Discipleship: Following Christ*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 5:1-11 Miraculous catch of fish*

*Alternate Gospel – Luke 9:57-10:3 Sending you out as lambs in midst of wolves*

Trinity 6 – *Sin and Righteousness*

*Historic Gospel – Mt. 5:20-26 “Unless your righteousness exceeds Pharisees”*

*Alternate Gospel – John 3:17-21 Christ did not come to condemn*

Trinity 7 – *Providence*

*Historic Gospel – Mark 8:1-9 Feeding the Four Thousand*

*Alternate Gospel – Luke 4:22-30 Elijah sent to widow in Zarephath*

Trinity 8 – *Beware of False Prophets*

*Historic Gospel – Matt. 7:15-21 False Prophets come in sheep’s clothing.*

*Alternate Gospel – Matt. 16:5-12 Beware of leaven of Pharisees*

Trinity 9 – *Stewardship*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 16:1-9 Unjust Steward*

*Alternate Gospel – Mt. 17:21-27 Temple Tax*

Trinity 10 – *Renewed Obedience*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 19:41-48 Jesus weeps over Jerusalem*

*Alternate Gospel – Luke 3:7-18 His winnowing fork is in His hand*

Trinity 11 – *Humility: Pharisee & Publican*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 18:9-14 Pharisee and Tax Collector in Temple*

*Alternate Gospel – Mt. 6:1-8 Do not practice righteousness to be seen*

Trinity 12 – *Healing*

*Historic Gospel – Mark 7:31-37 Ephatha! – healing of deaf mute*

*Alternate Gospel – Mt. 4:23-5:1 Healing every disease and affliction*

Trinity 13 – *Charity: Good Samaritan*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 10:23-37 Good Samaritan*

*Alternate Gospel – Luke 20:45-21:4 “Beware of those who devour widow’s houses  
...Widow’s offering.”*

Trinity 14 – *Thanksgiving*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 17:11-19 Ten Lepers*

*Alternate Gospel – Luke 7:36-50 Sinful Woman who loves much*

Trinity 15 – *Contentment: Lilies of the Field*

*Historic Gospel – Matthew 6:24-34 Cannot serve God and Mammon*

*Alternate Gospel – Luke 22:35-38 Here are two swords*

Trinity 16 – *Death and Burial*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 7:11-17 Raising the widow’s son of Nain*

*Alternate Gospel – John 12:9-11 Plot to kill Lazarus*

Trinity 17 – *Christian Freedom*

*Historic Gospel – Luke 14:1-11 Jesus healed on Sabbath, Pharisees chose seats of honor*

*Alternate Gospel – Mark 10:35-45 James and John seek seats of honor*

Trinity 18 – *Law and Gospel*

*Historic Gospel – Matthew 22:34-46 What is the greatest commandment?*

*Alternate Gospel – Mt. 23:1-15 Listen to Pharisee, but do not do what they do*

Trinity 19 – *Confession and Absolution/ Ministry*

*Historic Gospel – Matthew 9:1-8 Healing of the Paralytic*

*Alternate Gospel – John 7:53-8:11 Let him cast the first stone*

Trinity 20 – *Confirmation: Perseverance*

*Historic Gospel – Mt. 22:1-14 Prince’s Wedding, guest without wedding garment*

*Alternate Gospel – Lk. 13:1-9 Worse sinners? Barren fig tree, extra year granted.*

Trinity 21 – *Spiritual Armor*

*Historic Gospel – John 4:46-53 Healing of the Nobelman’s son*

*Alternate Gospel – Mt. 12:38-42 The Sign of Jonah is given and it is enough*

Trinity 22 – *Forgive as Forgiven*

*Historic Gospel – Matthew 18:23-35 The unmerciful servant*

*Alternate Gospel – Mt. 6:14-15 Forgive as your Father forgives you*

Trinity 23 – *Citizenship*

*Historic Gospel – Matthew 22:15-22 Lawful to pay taxes?*

*Alternate Gospel – Jn. 18:28-36 Jesus before Pilate*

Trinity 24 – *Death: Sleep*

*Historic Gospel – Matthew 9:18-26 Raising of Jairus' daughter*

*Alternate Gospel – Jn. 5:24-29 All in their tombs will hear Jesus' voice*

Trinity 25 – *End Times*

*Historic Gospel – Matthew 24:15-28 Signs of the end times*

*Alternate Gospel – Matthew 24:3-14 Signs of the end times*

Trinity 26 – *Judgment Day*

*Historic Gospel – Matthew 25:31-46 Believers on the right, Unbelievers on left*

*Alternate Gospel – Mt. 11:20-27 Woe to the cities of Jesus' day*

Trinity 27 – *Heaven's Eternal Joy*

*Historic Gospel – Matthew 25:1-13 Ten Virgins*

*Alternate Gospel – Mark 13:32-37 Be prepared, no one knows the day or time*

St. Michael's and All Angels – *Angels*

*Historic Gospel – Mt. 18:1-11 – "Cause one of these little ones to sin ... their angels always see the face of My Father."*

*Alternate Gospel – Mark 8:31-9:1 "Get behind Me Satan; ashamed of him when He comes with the holy angels."*

Reformation –

*Historic Gospel – Mt. 11:12-15 John is the Elijah who was to come.*

*Alternate Gospel – Luke 7:28-36 One greater than John*

All Saints – *Saints and Martyrs*

*Historic Gospel – Mt. 5:1-12 Beatitudes*

*Alternate Gospel – Mt. 5:48-6:8 "Be perfect ... when practicing righteousness ... your Father knows what you need before you ask."*