

**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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