52 SUNDAYS · 12 MONTHLY PLANNERS · SERIES WORKSHEETS

2027 Sermon Planning Calendar

Map your preaching year in one place: every Sunday of 2027, the key dates that shape your calendar, a yearly theme and series plan, and a planner for every month.

01

Choose your theme

Pick one theme and anchor verse for the year (page 3), then sketch the series that will carry it.

02

Map the year

Block out your series on the 52-Sunday overview (page 2) around Easter, Pentecost and Advent.

03

Plan month by month

Fill in titles and texts on the monthly planners (pages 4–9) and plan each series week by week.

KEY DATES FOR 2027

New Year's Day	Fri, Jan 1	**Father's Day**	June 20
Ash Wednesday	Wed, Feb 10	**Labor Day**	Mon, Sept 6
Palm Sunday	Mar 21	**Thanksgiving**	Thu, Nov 25
Good Friday	Fri, Mar 26	**First Sunday of Advent**	Nov 28
Easter Sunday	Mar 28	**GivingTuesday**	Tue, Nov 30
Mother's Day	May 9	**Christmas Eve**	Fri, Dec 24
Pentecost	May 16	**Christmas Day**	Sat, Dec 25

Need ideas to fill it? Our free guide, 30 Powerful Sermon Ideas for 2027, has church theme ideas, 12 sermon series with a text for every week and 18 standalone sermon topics: **get.tithe.ly/blog/sermon-ideas**

EVERY SUNDAY IN 2027

Your 2027 Preaching Year at a Glance

Write your series name (or a one-word message title) on each line. Block out the big seasons first, then fill in the gaps. Highlighted Sundays are days most churches plan around.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Jan 3

Jan 10

MLK DAY WEEKEND
Jan 17

Jan 24

Jan 31

Feb 7

LENT 1 · VALENTINE'S DAY
Feb 14

Feb 21

Feb 28

Mar 7

DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS
Mar 14

PALM SUNDAY
Mar 21

EASTER SUNDAY
Mar 28

Apr 4

Apr 11

Apr 18

Apr 25

May 2

MOTHER'S DAY
May 9

PENTECOST
May 16

May 23

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
May 30

Jun 6

Jun 13

FATHER'S DAY
Jun 20

Jun 27

INDEPENDENCE DAY
Jul 4

Jul 11

Jul 18

Jul 25

Aug 1

Aug 8

Aug 15

Aug 22

Aug 29

LABOR DAY WEEKEND
Sep 5

Sep 12

Sep 19

Sep 26

Oct 3

Oct 10

Oct 17

Oct 24

Oct 31

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS
Nov 7

Nov 14

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
Nov 21

ADVENT 1
Nov 28

ADVENT 2
Dec 5

ADVENT 3
Dec 12

ADVENT 4
Dec 19

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
Dec 26

STEP 1

Choose Your 2027 Church Theme

A yearly theme gives your church a shared word to rally around. Pair it with an anchor verse, preach a kickoff message in January and come back to it throughout the year.

OUR THEME FOR 2027
One to three words your church can remember

KICKOFF SUNDAY
When you'll launch the theme

ANCHOR VERSE
The passage you'll return to all year

HOW WE'LL KEEP IT IN FRONT OF PEOPLE
Sermons, small groups, graphics, emails

WHY THIS THEME, THIS YEAR
What is God putting on your heart for your church?

STEP 2

Map Your Sermon Series

Most series run four to six weeks. Leave a few open Sundays for guest speakers, holiday weekends and timely messages.

SERIES NAME	DATES	WEEKS	KEY PASSAGE

January 2027

Series ideas: **Seek First the Kingdom · The Still, Small Voice**

Key dates: New Year's Day (Fri, Jan 1) · MLK Day (Mon, Jan 18)

SUNDAY	SERIES	TEXT	SERMON TITLE / NOTES
Jan 3 FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
Jan 10			
Jan 17 MLK DAY WEEKEND			
Jan 24			
Jan 31			

MONTH NOTES

February 2027

Series ideas: **The Still, Small Voice · Who Do You Say I Am? (Lent)**

Key dates: Ash Wednesday (Feb 10)

SUNDAY	SERIES	TEXT	SERMON TITLE / NOTES
Feb 7			
Feb 14 LENT 1 · VALENTINE'S DAY			
Feb 21			
Feb 28			

MONTH NOTES

March 2027

Series ideas: **Who Do You Say I Am?** · **The Way of the Cross**

Key dates: Daylight saving begins (Mar 14) · Good Friday (Mar 26) · Easter (Mar 28)

SUNDAY	SERIES	TEXT	SERMON TITLE / NOTES
Mar 7			
Mar 14 DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS			
Mar 21 PALM SUNDAY			
Mar 28 EASTER SUNDAY			

MONTH NOTES

April 2027

Series ideas: **A Life of Liberty**

Key dates: Plan your post-Easter follow-up for first-time guests

SUNDAY	SERIES	TEXT	SERMON TITLE / NOTES
Apr 4			
Apr 11			
Apr 18			
Apr 25			

MONTH NOTES

May 2027

Series ideas: **A Life of Liberty · Spirit-Filled**

Key dates: Mother's Day (May 9) · Pentecost (May 16) · Memorial Day (Mon, May 31)

SUNDAY	SERIES	TEXT	SERMON TITLE / NOTES
May 2			
May 9 MOTHER'S DAY			
May 16 PENTECOST			
May 23			
May 30 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND			

MONTH NOTES

June 2027

Series ideas: **Spirit-Filled · On the Waters**

Key dates: Father's Day (June 20) · Summer schedules and attendance shifts begin

SUNDAY	SERIES	TEXT	SERMON TITLE / NOTES
Jun 6			
Jun 13			
Jun 20 FATHER'S DAY			
Jun 27			

MONTH NOTES

July 2027

Series ideas: On the Waters · Heroes of the Faith

Key dates: Independence Day falls on a Sunday (July 4)

SUNDAY	SERIES	TEXT	SERMON TITLE / NOTES
Jul 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY			
Jul 11			
Jul 18			
Jul 25			

MONTH NOTES

August 2027

Series ideas: Heroes of the Faith

Key dates: Back-to-school season · Plan fall series and volunteer recruiting

SUNDAY	SERIES	TEXT	SERMON TITLE / NOTES
Aug 1			
Aug 8			
Aug 15			
Aug 22			
Aug 29			

MONTH NOTES

September 2027

Series ideas: Tend the Field · A Time to Build

Key dates: Labor Day (Mon, Sept 6) · Fall ministry kickoff

SUNDAY	SERIES	TEXT	SERMON TITLE / NOTES
Sep 5 LABOR DAY WEEKEND			
Sep 12			
Sep 19			
Sep 26			

MONTH NOTES

October 2027

Series ideas: A Time to Build · The Generous Life

Key dates: Plan your generosity series ahead of year-end giving

SUNDAY	SERIES	TEXT	SERMON TITLE / NOTES
Oct 3			
Oct 10			
Oct 17			
Oct 24			
Oct 31			

MONTH NOTES

November 2027

Series ideas: The Generous Life · A Child Is Born (Advent)

Key dates: Daylight saving ends (Nov 7) · Thanksgiving (Thu, Nov 25) · Advent 1 (Nov 28) · GivingTuesday (Nov 30)

SUNDAY	SERIES	TEXT	SERMON TITLE / NOTES
Nov 7 DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS			
Nov 14			
Nov 21 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY			
Nov 28 ADVENT 1			

MONTH NOTES

December 2027

Series ideas: A Child Is Born

Key dates: Christmas Eve (Fri, Dec 24) · Christmas Day (Sat, Dec 25) · New Year's Eve (Fri, Dec 31)

SUNDAY	SERIES	TEXT	SERMON TITLE / NOTES
Dec 5 ADVENT 2			
Dec 12 ADVENT 3			
Dec 19 ADVENT 4			
Dec 26 SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS			

MONTH NOTES

STEP 3

Plan a Sermon Series, Week by Week

Print one copy of this page for each series you plan this year.

SERIES NAME _____ **DATES** _____ **KEY PASSAGE** _____

WHAT WE WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW, FEEL AND DO

_____

_____

WEEK 1 **DATE**

Text _____ Sermon title _____

Big idea _____

WEEK 2 **DATE**

Text _____ Sermon title _____

Big idea _____

WEEK 3 **DATE**

Text _____ Sermon title _____

Big idea _____

WEEK 4 **DATE**

Text _____ Sermon title _____

Big idea _____

WEEK 5 **DATE**

Text _____ Sermon title _____

Big idea _____

WEEK 6 **DATE**

Text _____ Sermon title _____

Big idea _____

NEED A STARTING POINT?

12 Sermon Series Ideas for 2027

Each of these series is laid out week by week, with a text for every Sunday, in our free guide at get.tithe.ly/blog/sermon-ideas.

SERIES	WHEN	KEY PASSAGE
Seek First the Kingdom	January	Matthew 6:33
The Still, Small Voice	January to February	1 Kings 19:11–13
Who Do You Say I Am?	Lent	Matthew 16:13–20
The Way of the Cross	Holy Week and Easter	Luke 9:23
A Life of Liberty	April to May	Galatians 5:1
Spirit-Filled	Pentecost	Acts 1:8
On the Waters	Summer	Mark 4:39
Heroes of the Faith	Summer	Hebrews 11:1
Tend the Field	Labor Day	Colossians 3:23
A Time to Build	September to October	Nehemiah 2:18
The Generous Life	October to November	2 Corinthians 9:7
A Child Is Born	Advent and Christmas	Isaiah 9:6

PLANNING TIPS

Start with the big seasons
Block out Lent and Easter, Pentecost and Advent first. Everything else fits around them.

Plan four to eight weeks ahead
Share titles and texts early so your worship, kids and communications teams can prepare.

Leave margin
Keep a few Sundays open for guest speakers, holiday weekends and the timely word your church may need.

Plan your generosity series in the fall
Teaching on generosity in October and November prepares your church for year-end giving.

Tithely

Plan the year. Then make ministry simpler all year long.

Tithely helps churches manage people, events and giving in one place, so you have more time for preaching and pastoring.

CHURCH MANAGEMENT

Plan services and run your church in one place

Tithely church management includes service and worship planning, groups, events and kids check-in, plus email and text messaging.

See Tithely ChMS

READ ONLINE

30 sermon ideas for 2027

Church themes, 12 series with weekly texts and 18 standalone topics.

Get the ideas

GIVING

Make giving simple

Online, text, app and kiosk giving so your church can respond with generosity any week of the year.

See Tithely Giving

Dates are for the United States. Easter and other movable feasts follow the Western church calendar.