

Daily Discipleship

The Gospel of Luke

What is a lectionary?

A lectionary is a list of scripture readings assigned to be read on a particular day. This tradition of a lectionary has roots in Jewish worship of long ago and was continued by the early Christians.

Not all Christians use the same lectionary, but many Lutheran, Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist and other Christian churches around the world use the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle. Each year the Gospel of Matthew, Mark, or Luke is read primarily with the Gospel of John interspersed throughout all three years. Consequently, if a person worshipped every Sunday for three years, he or she would be able to hear the majority of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Each year begins with the season of Advent and is referred to as:

- Year A: Primarily the Gospel of Matthew
- Year B: Primarily the Gospel of Mark
- Year C: Primarily the Gospel of Luke

What do we know about the Gospel writer Luke?

- Luke is also the author of the book of Acts.
- Luke is not an eyewitness of the ministry of Jesus, but relies on those who were there (Luke 1:21)
- Luke is well-educated.
- Luke is acquainted with both the Old Testament and the Hellenistic literary techniques.
- It is unclear if Luke is Jewish or Gentile.

What is unique about the Gospel of Luke?

- Luke is full of contrasts. (Example: men/women; old/young; angels/shepherds)
- Luke contains much liturgy. (Example: Mary's Magnificat; Simeon's Song)
- Prayer is an important part of this Gospel. Watch how often Jesus prays before major decisions.
- Luke's Gospel includes outsiders (Example: poor, Gentiles, women)
- Women play an important role throughout Luke's Gospel.
- This Gospel (like the Gospel of Matthew) probably used the Gospel of Mark and another source for its foundation of stories. Consequently, there are close parallel verses in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, and Luke.

What can the Gospel of Luke teach me about being a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Jesus calls *all* people to follow him and to go to the ends of the earth to make disciples of *all* people. (Acts 1:8) Through the Gospel of Luke, we are reminded of the gift of the Holy Spirit, worship and prayer as we live daily as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Lectionary Readings from the Gospel of Luke

Luke 1:26-38	Advent 4B
Luke 1:39-56	Advent 3A; 3B, 4B, 4C
Luke 1:68-79	Advent 2C
Luke 2:1-20	Christmas A,B,C
Luke 2:22-40	Christmas 1B
Luke 2:41-52	Christmas 1C
Luke 3:1-6	Advent 2C
Luke 3:7-18	Advent 3C
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Baptism C
Luke 4:1-13	Lent 1C
Luke 4:14-21	Epiphany 3C
Luke 4:21-30	Epiphany 4C
Luke 5:1-11	Epiphany 5C
Luke 6:17-26	Epiphany 6C
Luke 6:20-31	All Saints C
Luke 6:27-38	Epiphany 7C
Luke 6:39-49	Epiphany 8C; Sunday, May 23-28C
Luke 7:1-10	Sunday May 30-June 4C
Luke 7:11-17	Sunday, June 6-11C
Luke 7:36-8:3	Sunday, June 13-18C
Luke 8:26-39	Sunday, June 20-25C
Luke 9:28-43	Transfiguration C; Lent 2C
Luke 9:51-62	Sunday, June 27-July 2C
Luke 10:1-11; 16-20	Sunday, July 4-9C
Luke 10:25-37	Sunday, July 11-16C
Luke 10:38-42	Sunday, July 18-23C
Luke 11:1-13	Sunday, July 25-August-30C
Luke 12:13-21	Sunday, August 1- 6C
Luke 12:32-40	Sunday, August 8-13C
Luke 12:49-56	Sunday, August 15-20C
Luke 13:1-9	Lent 3C
Luke 13:10-17	Sunday, August 22-27C
Luke 13:31-35	Lent 2C
Luke 14:1, 7-14	Sunday, August 29-September 3C
Luke 14:25-33	Sunday, September 5-10C
Luke 15:1-10	Sunday, September 12-17A
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Lent 4C
Luke 16:1-13	Sunday, September 19-24C
Luke 16:19-31	Sunday, September 26-October 1C
Luke 17:5-10	Sunday, October 3-8C
Luke 17:11-19	Sunday, October 10-15C
Luke 18:1-8	Sunday, October 17-22C
Luke 18:9-14	Sunday, October 24-29C
Luke 19:1-10	Sunday, October 31-November 5C
Luke 19:28-40	Palm Sunday C
Luke 20:27-38	Sunday, November 7-12C
Luke 21:5-19	Sunday, November 14-19C
Luke 21:25-36	Advent 1C
Luke 22:14-23:56	Passion C
Luke 23:33-43	Sunday, November 21 Christ the King C
Luke 24:1-12	Easter Day C
Luke 24:13-35	Easter 3A
Luke 24:36b-48	Easter 3B



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