

lukan lectionary

Journeying With The Doctor

This issue is the final issue in our Word and World lectionary cycle. It has been a cycle that the Spill the Beans Resource Team have enjoyed putting together and using in our own churches and we hope that it has been stimulating in your own settings too.

What to do next? The team have given this considerable thought and have decided that we would spend a whole year in one of the gospels, working our way through the whole of the text. For this we have chosen Luke's gospel. In addition to the primary texts from the gospel we also have support texts.

It is not possible just to work our way through the gospel chronologically, as there are inevitably some diversions at different points in the year to align with the liturgical calendar. So we have tried to approach this a little differently with some major themes that we will explore: the beginning birth narrative, the road to Golgotha, Holy Week and the Passion, and finally Jesus' life and ministry. We are going to be reading every verse of the gospel during the year.

And we are not going to stop there... we have now completed a plan for the second year when the primary focus will be on The Acts of the Apostles, Luke's sequel. For this book we have tried to follow chronologically the events as Luke records them as much as possible. Again, we will be reading every verse of Acts over the course of the year.

You can find the complete plan for both years in the following table.

Come join us on this journey with the good Doctor Luke.

Date	Liturgical	Primary Text	Support Text	Notes
LUKAN LECTIONARY YEAR 1: THE GOSPEL OF LUKE				
The Beginning				
30 Nov 25	Advent 1	Luke 1:1-4	Joshua 22:4-6	The Setup; The Lord's Commandment
7 Dec 25	Advent 2	Luke 1:5-38	Isaiah 9:2-7	Births foretold; People walking in darkness
14 Dec 25	Advent 3	Luke 1:39-56	Psalms 146	The Magnificat; Praise for God's help
21 Dec 25	Advent 4	Luke 1:57-80	Isaiah 40:1-9	John the Baptist's birth; God's people are comforted
25 Dec 25	Christmas Day	Luke 2:1-20	Micah 5:2-5	Jesus' birth; Ruler from Bethlehem
28 Dec 25	Christmas 1	Luke 2:21-40	1 Samuel 1:19-28	Jesus presented; Samuel's dedication
4 Jan 26	Christmas 2	Luke 2:41-52	1 Samuel 2:18-21	Jesus as a boy; Samuel growing up in God's presence
The Road To Golgotha				
11 Jan 26	Epiphany 1	Luke 19:45-20:8	Proverbs 26:4-5	Jesus back in the Temple; Fools and folly
18 Jan 26	Epiphany 2	Luke 17:22-37	Genesis 19:15-29	Jesus foretells death/resurrection; Sodom & Gomorrah
25 Jan 26	Epiphany 3	Luke 6:1-11; 13:10-17	Exodus 34:21	Jesus breaking Sabbath taboos; Sabbath renewal
1 Feb 26	Epiphany 4	Luke 11:14-23	Acts 28:23-28	Jesus causing division; Paul preaching in Rome
8 Feb 26	Epiphany 5	Luke 11:29-54	Jonah 3:1-10	Signs from Jonah with Jesus' critique; Nineveh conversion
15 Feb 26	Transfiguration	Luke 9:21-36,44-45	Exodus 34:29-35	Jesus foretells and transfiguration; Moses beams
22 Feb 26	Lent 1	Luke 12:49-56	Micah 7:1-7	Households divided and repentance; People corrupted
1 Mar 26	Lent 2	Luke 15:1-10	Ezekiel 34:11-16	Parables of the shepherd/woman; The true shepherd
8 Mar 26	Lent 3	Luke 18:31-34	Luke 13:1-9; 21:29-33	Third foretelling of death/resurrection; On fig trees
15 Mar 26	Lent 4	Luke 20:9-19	Isaiah 5:1-7	Parable of the vineyard; Song of the unfruitful vineyard
22 Mar 26	Lent 5	Luke 20:20-26	Acts 17:1-9	Taxes and authority; Uproar in Thessalonica
29 Mar 26	Palms/Passion	Luke 19:28-44	Zechariah 9:8-12	Entrance to Jerusalem; A coming ruler
The Passion (Holy Week)				
30 Mar 26	Monday	Luke 20:27-21:4	Deuteronomy 25:5-10	Questions about resurrection and widow's mite; Levirate marriage
31 Mar 26	Tuesday	Luke 21:5-28	Revelation 6:1-17	Mini-apocalypse; The seven seals
1 Apr 26	Wednesday	Luke 21:34-22:6	John 20:45-53	Be on your guard and Judas' plans; Plotting amongst elites
2 Apr 26	Maundy Thursday	Luke 22:7-30	Deuteronomy 16:1-8	Preparation of Passover, institution, disputes; Passover legislated
3 Apr 26	Good Friday	Luke 23:1-49	Psalms 31:3-5,9-14	Execution; Prayer for deliverance
4 Apr 26	Holy Saturday	Luke 23:50-56	2 Chronicles 16:13-14	Burial of Jesus; Example of burial (Asa)
5 Apr 26	Easter Day	Luke 24:1-12	Psalms 126	At the tomb; Song of joy
12 Apr 26	Easter 2	Luke 24:13-35	1 Corinthians 10:12-17	Road to Emmaus; Partake of the one bread

Note that the double-lined breaks in the table delineate between issues.

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The Ministry Of Jesus				
19 Apr 26	Easter 3	Luke 3:1-22(23-38)	Isaiah 42:1-9	John with Jesus' baptism; The Servant and light to the nations
26 Apr 26	Easter 4	Luke 4:1-15	Deuteronomy 8:1-6	Jesus' temptation; Lessons from 40 years in the wilderness
3 May 26	Easter 5	Luke 4:14-30	1 Kings 17:8-16	Jesus preaching in the synagogue; Elijah and widow of Zarephath
10 May 26	Easter 6	Luke 4:31-44	2 Corinthians 5:11-15	Jesus healing and teaching; Ministry of reconciliation
17 May 26	Easter 7	Luke 5:1-11,27-28; 6:12-17	Acts 6:1-7	Jesus calling disciples; The community leadership grows
24 May 26	Pentecost	Luke 5:12-16	Acts 2:1-11	Jesus heals a leper; Pentecost spirit visits
31 May 26	Pentecost 1 (Trinity)	Luke 5:17-26	Leviticus 24:10-16	Healing of paralysed man; An example of blasphemy punished
7 Jun 26	Pentecost 2	Luke 5:29-39	Isaiah 58:3-9a	Fasting / old and new; On true fasting
14 Jun 26	Pentecost 3	Luke 6:17-31	Psalms 63	Blessings and woes; Comfort in God's presence
21 Jun 26	Pentecost 4	Luke 6:27-42	Acts 9:9-20	Do not judge / speck and plank; Saul/Paul transformed
28 Jun 26	Pentecost 5	Luke 6:43-49	James 1:2-11,22-25	Good/bad fruit/foundations; Poverty and riches, be a doer
5 Jul 26	Pentecost 6	Luke 7:1-23	Acts 10:1-35	Healing of centurion, raising of widow's son; Peter and centurion
12 Jul 26	Pentecost 7	Luke 7:24-50; 8:1-4	Exodus 30:17-21	Jesus deals with question, anointing; The bronze basin
19 Jul 26	Pentecost 8	Luke 8:4-21	Galatians 5:22-26	Parable of sower and explanation; Fruit of the Spirit
26 Jul 26	Pentecost 9	Luke 8:22-56	Psalms 107:23-32	Commanding the waters / healings; The Lord's control over chaos
2 Aug 26	Pentecost 10	Luke 9:1-20	Numbers 11:21-23	Jesus teaching and feeding multitude; Moses doubts God's power
9 Aug 26	Pentecost 11	Luke 9:37-50	1 Thessalonians 4:1-12	Faithless and perverse generation; A life pleasing to God
16 Aug 26	Pentecost 12	Luke 9:51-10:24	Ecclesiastes 4:9-12	Jesus sets face to Jerusalem, mission of 70; Pairing up
23 Aug 26	Pentecost 13	Luke 10:25-42	Leviticus 19:11-18	Parable of Good Samaritan and Mary & Martha; Moral holiness
30 Aug 26	Pentecost 14	Luke 11:1-13,24-28,33-36	Philippians 4:4-8	Jesus praying, admired, do not hide your light; Exhortations
6 Sep 26	Pentecost 15	Luke 12:1-34	1 Corinthians 5:6-8	Crowds trampling to hear Jesus; On yeast
13 Sep 26	Pentecost 16	Luke 12:35-48,57-59	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Watchfulness and preparation; Prepared for the day of the Lord
20 Sep 26	Pentecost 17	Luke 13:10-35	Acts 8:14-24	Healing and words about the Kingdom; Buying your way to blessing
27 Sep 26	Pentecost 18	Luke 14:1-24	Proverbs 25:6-7	Healing, parables of humility; Do not put yourself forward
4 Oct 26	Pentecost 19	Luke 14:25-35	Colossians 4:2-6	Cost of discipleship; Let your speech be gracious
11 Oct 26	Pentecost 20	Luke 15:11-16:13	Genesis 27:30-38	Parable of prodigal / dishonest manager; Esau's lost blessing
18 Oct 26	Pentecost 21	Luke 16:14-31	Psalms 19	Rich man and Lazarus, the Law and the Kingdom; Perfect Law
25 Oct 26	Pentecost 22	Luke 17:1-21	Leviticus 13:45-46	Sayings, cleansing of lepers, coming Kingdom; Unclean
1 Nov 26	Pentecost 23	Luke 18:1-30	Hebrews 13:1-8	Unjust judge, persistent widow, rich young ruler; Contentment
8 Nov 26	Pentecost 24	Luke 18:35-19:10	Numbers 5:5-7	Blind beggar, Zacchaeus; Restitution
15 Nov 26	Pentecost 25	Luke 19:11-27	1 Corinthians 4:1-5	Parable of the ten pounds; Servants and stewards
22 Nov 26	Reign of Christ	Luke 24:36-53	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Jesus' commission of disciples; The good news flows on
LUKAN LECTIONARY YEAR 2: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES				
Introduction				
29 Nov 26	Advent 1	Acts 1:1-14	Isaiah 64:1-9	The promise of the Holy Spirit/Ascension; Prayer of penitence
6 Dec 26	Advent 2	Acts 1:15-26	2 Peter 3:8-16a	Matthias chosen to replace Judas; Promise of the Lord's coming
In Jerusalem				
13 Dec 26	Advent 3	Acts 2:12-21	Luke 1:46-55	Peter addressing the crowd; Mary's song of praise
20 Dec 26	Advent 4	Acts 2:22-36	Matthew 1:1-17	Peter's sermon continues; The genealogy of Jesus
25 Dec 26	Christmas Day	Acts 2:37-39	Matthew 1:18-25 and/or Luke 2:1-20	Peter's sermon closes; The birth of Jesus
27 Dec 26	Christmas 1	Acts 2:40-42	Galatians 3:23-29	The first converts; Children of God through faith
3 Jan 27	Christmas 2	Acts 2:43-47	Matthew 2:1-15	Life among the believers; The visit of the Magi
10 Jan 27	Epiphany 1	Acts 3:1-11	Matthew 9:1-8	Peter heals a crippled beggar; Jesus heals a paralytic
17 Jan 27	Epiphany 2	Acts 3:12-26	Matthew 3:1-17	Peter speaks in Solomon's Portico; John the Baptist's proclamation
24 Jan 27	Epiphany 3	Acts 4:1-22	Matthew 4:1-11	Peter and John before the Council; Testing of Jesus
31 Jan 27	Epiphany 4	Acts 4:23-37	Hebrews 10:19-25	The believers pray for boldness; A call to perseverance
7 Feb 27	Transfiguration	Acts 5:12-16	Mark 9:2-13	The apostles heal many; The Transfiguration



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14 Feb 27	Lent 1	Acts 5:1-11	Micah 6:6-8	Ananias and Sapphira; What God requires
21 Feb 27	Lent 2	Acts 5:17-33	John 11:45-53	The Apostles are persecuted; The plot to kill Jesus
28 Feb 27	Lent 3	Acts 5:33-42	Psalms 37:1-11	Gamaliel's intervention; Exhortation to patience and trust
7 Mar 27	Lent 4	Acts 6:1-7	Psalms 37:12-27	Seven chosen to serve; Comparisons between righteous & wicked
14 Mar 27	Lent 5	Acts 6:8-15	Psalms 37:28-40	The arrest of Stephen; On justice
21 Mar 27	Palms/Passion	Acts 7:1-16	Mark 11:1-11	Stephen begins to address the Council; Jesus' entry to Jerusalem
22 Mar 27	Holy Week Monday	Acts 7:17-29	Psalms 24:1-2	Stephen speaks about Moses; The earth is the Lord's
23 Mar 27	Holy Week Tuesday	Acts 7:30-34	Psalms 24:1-4	Theophany on the mountain; Who shall ascend?
24 Mar 27	Holy Week Wed	Acts 7:35-43	Psalms 24:1-6	God uses Moses; Blessing from the Lord
25 Mar 27	Maundy Thursday	Acts 7:44-53	Psalms 24:1-8	Stephen challenges those who oppose God; Lift up your heads
26 Mar 27	Good Friday	Acts 7:54-8:1	Psalms 24:1-10	The stoning of Stephen; Who is this King of glory?
27 Mar 27	Holy Saturday	Acts 8:2-3	Mark 15:42-47	The burial of Stephen and Saul's violence; The burial of Jesus
28 Mar 27	Easter Day	Acts 9:32-42	Mark 16:1-8	Healing and raising from death by Peter; The resurrection of Jesus
In Judea And Samaria				
4 Apr 27	Easter 2	Acts 8:4-25	Mark 16:9-13	Philip preaches in Samaria; Jesus' appearances
11 Apr 27	Easter 3	Acts 8:25-40	2 Timothy 3:10-17	Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch; Paul's charge to Timothy
18 Apr 27	Easter 4	Acts 9:1-19a	2 Kings 5:1-14	The conversion of Saul; The healing of Naaman
25 Apr 27	Easter 5	Acts 9:19b-31	Matthew 13:54-58	Saul's new ministry begins; The rejection of Jesus in Nazareth
2 May 27	Easter 6	Acts 9:43-10:33	Leviticus 11:1-12	Peter and Cornelius; Clean and unclean foods
9 May 27	Easter 7	Acts 10:34-43	Romans 2:6-11	Gentiles hear the Good News; God shows no partiality
16 May 27	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-13	Acts 10:44-48	The coming of the Holy Spirit; Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit
23 May 27	Pentecost 1 (Trinity)	Acts 11:1-18	1 Corinthians 1:10-17	Peter's report to the Church in Jerusalem; Divisions in the Church
30 May 27	Pentecost 2	Acts 11:19-12:5	Deuteronomy 11:18-21	The Church in Antioch, James killed, Peter imprisoned; The Shema
6 Jun 27	Pentecost 3	Acts 12:6-13:3	Revelation 3:19b-22	Peter delivered from prison; I am standing at the door, knocking
The Missionary Journeys				
13 Jun 27	Pentecost 4	Acts 13:4-52	1 Samuel 8	Preaching in Cyprus, Paul and Barnabas in Antioch; Israel demands a king
20 Jun 27	Pentecost 5	Acts 14:1-28	Daniel 2:24-29	In Iconium, Lystra, Derbe and back to Antioch; Daniel's dream interpretation
27 Jun 27	Pentecost 6	Acts 15:1-35	Galatians 2:15-21	The Council at Jerusalem; Jews and Gentiles saved by faith
4 Jul 27	Pentecost 7	Acts 15:36-16:10	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Paul and Barnabas separate, Timothy joins Paul and Silas; The Thessalonians faith and example
11 Jul 27	Pentecost 8	Acts 16:11-40	Isaiah 61:1-3	Conversion of Lydia, Paul and Silas in prison; Good news of deliverance
18 Jul 27	Pentecost 9	Acts 17:1-15	1 Thessalonians 2:13-16	Uproar in Thessalonica; Giving thanks for the Thessalonian believers
25 Jul 27	Pentecost 10	Acts 17:16-34	2 Corinthians 4:1-6	Paul in Athens; We do not lose heart
1 Aug 27	Pentecost 11	Acts 18:1-23	1 Corinthians 2:1-5	Paul in Corinth; Proclaiming Christ crucified
8 Aug 27	Pentecost 12	Acts 18:24-19:20	Jeremiah 33:6-9	Ministry of Apollos, Paul in Ephesus; Healing after punishment
15 Aug 27	Pentecost 13	Acts 19:21-41	Proverbs 29:8,22,25-26	The riot in Ephesus; Wisdom sayings
22 Aug 27	Pentecost 14	Acts 20:1-16	Daniel 12:1-3	Paul visits Macedonia and Greece, sleepy Eutychus; Awakening to eternal life
29 Aug 27	Pentecost 15	Acts 20:17-38	Ezekiel 34:23-31	Paul speaks to the Ephesian elders; The one shepherd
Paul's Witness Spreads To Rome				
5 Sep 27	Pentecost 16	Acts 21:1-26	Galatians 2:1-5	Paul's journey to Jerusalem, visit with James; Paul and the disciples
12 Sep 27	Pentecost 17	Acts 21:27-22:5	John 18:1-11	Paul arrested in the Temple, defends himself; Betrayal of Jesus
19 Sep 27	Pentecost 18	Acts 22:6-29	John 18:28-38	Paul continues his defense, pulls the Roman citizen card; Jesus before Pilate
26 Sep 27	Pentecost 19	Acts 22:30-23:22	Mark 12:18-27	Paul before the Council, plots to kill Paul; Sadducees try to catch out Jesus
3 Oct 27	Pentecost 20	Acts 23:23-35	Joshua 1:1-9	Paul sent to Felix the Governor; God's commission to Joshua
10 Oct 27	Pentecost 21	Acts 24:1-27	1 Timothy 1:1-7	Paul before Felix at Caesarea; Warning against false teachers
17 Oct 27	Pentecost 22	Acts 25:1-22	John 18:12-14,19-24	Paul appears to the Emperor, Festus consults King Agrippa; Jesus before the High Priest
24 Oct 27	Pentecost 23	Acts 25:23-27	John 18:38-40	Paul brought before King Agrippa; Jesus sentenced to death
31 Oct 27	Pentecost 24	Acts 26:1-32	Luke 21:12-15	Paul defends himself before Agrippa, tries to convert the king; Persecutions of the faithful
7 Nov 27	Pentecost 25	Acts 27:1-44	Jonah 1:1-17	Paul sails for Rome, stormy seas and shipwreck; Jonah tries to flee
14 Nov 27	Pentecost 26	Acts 28:1-10	Psalms 91:11-16	Paul on Malta; God's protection
21 Nov 27	Reign of Christ	Acts 28:11-31	Isaiah 6:6-13	Paul in Rome; Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?