Lent 2025

Breaking Bread and Journeying through the Gospel of Luke

During Lent, we will read the entire gospel of Luke. Mondays highlighted the “meal” passage from the previous Sunday’s sermon. Tuesdays through Saturdays will cover the rest of the gospel. Have an extra cup of coffee, or maybe use your lunch break—make the time to read the whole gospel with us.

**March 9-15 Lent week 1**

*Prayer of the Week*

Before you, Jesus Christ, we admit how and where we have underestimated our influence, letting our words or silences hurt, abusing trust, betraying confidences.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

We admit how and where we have made a show of our religion, attracting more attention to us, and less to you.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

Monday: Luke 7:36-50 The most uncomfortable supper

Tuesday: Luke 1:1-38 Two world changing announcements

Wednesday: Luke 1:39-66 God lifted up the lowly

Thursday: Luke 1:67-2:20 Born in a stable

Friday: Luke 2:21-52 Parenting the Messiah

Saturday: Luke 3:1-22 The baptizing prophet and baptized Messiah

**March 16-22 Lent Week 2**

*Prayer of the Week*

Dear God,
We are all wounded, worried, betrayed, afraid, and injured.
We chase thrills, happiness, wealth, health, longevity,  peace; the right job, the right look, anything to lessen our pain. We exhaust even ourselves with our efforts.
**God we are grateful that your thoughts and your ways are higher than our own. Thank you for forgiving our sins. Thank you for new mercies each new day. Thank you for always welcoming us back into fellowship with you. Thank you for providing waters from which we may drink and never thirst again.**

Written by Toni Payne in The Africana Worship Book, Year C (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2008), 89.

Monday: Luke 9:10-17 5000 dinner guests

Tuesday: Luke 3:23-4:13 Jesus’ identity and mission

Wednesday: Luke 4:14-44 Good news for the poor and suffering

Thursday: Luke 5:1-32 Bringing inner and outer healing
Friday: Luke 5:33-6:16 New wine and old wineskins

Saturday: Luke 6:17-6:49 Sermon on the Plain

**March 23-29 Lent Week 3**

*Prayer of the Week*

Gracious God, we pray for our neighbors down the street and around the world who need food, water, clothing, and shelter.
Gracious God, we pray for our neighbors who are in distress, whose bodies and minds need your peaceful and loving presence.
Gracious God, we pray for our neighbors whose lives have been upended by disaster and who are in desperate need of provision and care.
Gracious God, we pray for our siblings who make up the Christian family across the world, that we would be your witnesses and workers for the flourishing of all creation.
Gracious God, we pray that goodness and mercy would follow us all of our days that we might be sharers of goodness and mercy everywhere we go.
**Our Shepherd, you supply our need; most holy is your name. Amen.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, August 2022; Litany response adapted from the opening line of “My Shepherd, You Supply My Need” by Isaac Watts as found in Chalice Hymnal, edited by Daniel B. Merrick and David P. Polk (Chalice Press, 1995), #80.

Monday: Luke 10:38-42 Mary and Martha
Tuesday: Luke 7:1-35 Healing power
Wednesday: Luke 8:1-25 Parable teachings
Thursday: Luke 8: 26 – 9:9 Astonishing healings
Friday: Luke 9: 18-62 Transfiguration

Saturday: Luke 10:1-42 Good Samaritan

**March 30-April 5 Lent Week 4**

*Prayer of the Week*

Almighty God, your blessed Son was led by the Spirit
to be tempted by Satan.
Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations.
And, as you know the weakness of each of us,
let each one find you mighty to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.
(THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, U.S.A., 1979, p. 166., ALT.)

Monday: Luke 14:1-24 A startling guest

Tuesday: Luke 11:1-36 How to pray and why

Wednesday: Luke 11:37-12:34 A full life

Thursday: Luke 12:35-13:9 Challenging of serving well
Friday: Luke 13:10-35 Healing accepted and refused

Saturday: Luke 14:25 – 15:32 Put aside pride, Praise God

**April 6 - 12 Lent Week 5**

*Prayer of the Week*

God of the desert,
God of the forty years of wandering,
God of the forty days in the wilderness,
bring us to the waters of the Jordan
and into Easter's promise.
Sustain us in the remaining days of this Lenten desert
so that at last we rejoice in the contrasts
of fasting and feasting,
of stones one side of the waters
and of milk and honey on the other.

Steady us so that we are present
to the rigors of each day's trek.
Let unsought silences and deprivations
be occasions to "be overruled and swallowed up"
in your vast action.
Turn hungers for the things that we left behind in Egypt
into spiritual leanness glad for the Bread of Heaven.
Increase in us hospitality to the stranger.
Convert us as we journey
with candidates for baptism and confirmation.
Subdue the enemy within us
as you make peace in all the world.
Work repentance in your church
until our unity in Christ overpowers
our cherished divisions.
Go before us as the desert gives way to Easter's Alleluia.
Amen.

 *Quotation from Evelyn Underhill's "Abba" based on her retreat address on the Lord's Prayer.*

Monday: Luke 19:1-10 Eating with a sinner

Tuesday: Luke 16:1-31 Foolish rich man

Wednesday: Luke 17:1-37 Forgiveness and gratitude in Jesus’ kingdom

Thursday: Luke 18:1-43 Outsiders welcomed

Friday: Luke 19:11-20:8 Peaceful king, heartbreaking city

Saturday: Luke 20:9-21:4 Jesus avoids the traps

**April 13-19 Holy Week**

*Prayer of the Week*

Savior of the world, what have you done to deserve this?

And what have we done to deserve you?

Strung up between criminals,

Cursed and spat upon,

You wait for death,

And look for us,

For us whose sin has crucified you.

To the mystery of undeserved suffering,

You bring the deeper mystery of unmerited love.

Forgive us for not knowing what we have done;

Open our eyes to what we are doing now,

As, through wood and nails,

You disempower our depravity

and transform us by your grace.

Amen.

-Stages on the Way by Iona Community Wild Goose Worship Group, pg 141

Monday: Luke 22:7-30 An expanded Passover
Tuesday: Luke 21:5 – 22:6 In terrible times…
Wednesday: Luke 22:31-62 The storm broke, Peter cringed
Thursday: Luke 22:63-23:12 Jesus’ judges condemn themselves
Friday: Luke 23:13-46 “darkness covered the earth”

Saturday: Luke 23:47-56 Mourning before morning

**April 20-27 Easter Week**

*Prayer of the Week*

Risen

Burned by Fire,

Yet not consumed.

Cut by Fear,

Yet gives Forgiveness.

Ears that hear the truth.

Eyes that see the smallest beauty.

A mouth poised to deliver the Word.

These things fade not,

No matter how much times passes.

We will, as did he, pass on

To that place where children dance without pain.

There, an almost invisible being

With infinite love is waiting

With outstretched arms.

Run to him.

He is gone, but he is not dead.

He is risen!

-by Ms. Mar Gados

Easter Day: Luke 24:13-16, 28-31, 33-35

Monday: Luke 24:1-12 News no one was expecting
Tuesday: Luke 24:13-32 Eyes opened
Wednesday: Luke 24:36-43 It’s really me!
Thursday: Luke 24:44-49 You are my witnesses!
Friday: Luke 24:50-53, Acts 1:1-8 Story continued…

Saturday: Acts 1:9-14 Not an end, but a beginning