



ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

Week of October 18, 2026

Collect for the week: Almighty God, our Father, Your blessed Son called Luke the physician to be an evangelist and physician of the soul. Grant that the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments may put to flight the diseases of our souls that with willing hearts we may ever love and serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:5-8
Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-18
Holy Gospel: Luke 10:1-9

Next Sunday's Readings (Reformation): Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

Hymn for the week: "O God of God, O Light of Light" LSB 810

Notes on the Sermon: _____

Trinity Reads the Bible in 2026: (Psalms in parentheses may be read in the evening.)

October 18	<i>St. Luke, Evangelist</i>	Deut. 17:1-20	Matt. 14:1-21	Ps. 103 (117; 139)
October 19		Deuteronomy 18:1-22	Matthew 14:22-36	Ps. 5 (84; 29)
October 20		Deuteronomy 19:1-20	Matthew 15:1-20	Ps. 42 (102; 133)
October 21		Deuteronomy 20:1-20	Matthew 15:21-39	Ps. 89:1-18 (1; 33)
October 22		Deuteronomy 21:1-23	Matthew 16:1-12	Ps. 97 (16; 62)
October 23	<i>St. James of Jerus., Brother of Jesus and Martyr</i>	Dt 24:10—25:10	Mt 16:13-28	Ps 51 (142; 65)
October 24		Deuteronomy 25:17—26:19	Matthew 17:1-13	Ps. 104 (118; 111)

NEXT Week's Readings

October 25	Deuteronomy 27:1-26	Matthew 17:14-27	Ps. 19 (81; 113)
October 26	Deuteronomy 28:1-22	Matthew 18:1-20	Ps. 136 (97; 112)
October 27	Deuteronomy 29:1-29	Matthew 18:21-35	Ps. 123 (30; 86)
October 28	<i>St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles</i>	Dt 30:1-20 Mt 19:1-15	Ps. 15 (48; 4)
October 29	Deuteronomy 31:1-29	Matthew 19:16-30	Ps. 36 (80; 27)
October 30	Deut. 31:30—32:27	Matthew 20:1-16	Ps. 130 (32; 139)
October 31	<i>Reformation Day</i>	Deut. 32:28-52 Matt. 20:17-34	Ps. 56 (100; 62)



for home devotions &
personal meditation

From the Old Testament

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. *Is 35:5-6*

Applying God's Word to our lives: "Then" in these sentences means "in the time of the Messiah"—the promised Savior sent from God, that is, Jesus. Jesus actually did miracles just like those described here! His ministry of healing, driving out demons, and preaching the Word of God culminated in His death on the cross, whereby Jesus atoned for the sins of the whole world, and then rose again. St. Luke—a physician, or doctor—rejoiced to declare such things in the Gospel that he wrote by inspiration.

From the Epistle

Luke alone is with me. *2 Timothy 4:11*

Applying God's Word to our lives: Paul wrote these words to Timothy, a Christian pastor, while Paul was in prison, anticipating his execution by the Roman authorities. In his time of distress, Paul felt comforted by the presence of "the beloved physician" Luke (Col. 4:14), who had accompanied Paul during many of his journeys, and was a fellow believer and a faithful friend to Paul, and who would also be chosen by God to write a Gospel. Whom can you stay with and comfort, as Luke did, in time of distress?

From the Holy Gospel

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. *Luke 10:2*

Applying God's Word to our lives: On this day the Church gives thanks to God for St. Luke the Evangelist, for in Luke God has sent into His harvest a faithful laborer who has brought us all joy through the beautiful Gospel which he wrote. Through the message of Jesus brought to us in this Spirit-breathed Gospel, God the Holy Spirit has given peace to our hearts and to the homes and houses in which we live (see v5). It is the peace of the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life for Jesus' sake!