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LESSON 7

Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Date: November 1, 2026

Term: I — Entering the Life of the Church

Book Study: The Law of God — Archpriest Seraphim Slobodskoy

Lesson Focus: St. Luke as apostle, evangelist, physician, witness, and servant of the early Church.



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Introduction

1. What is an apostle?

2. Where have you heard the name Luke in church or Scripture?

3. What gifts can a Christian use to serve God?

Who Was St. Luke?

St. Luke was one of the Seventy Apostles, a companion of St. Paul, a physician, and an Evangelist. The Church remembers him as a faithful servant who used his learning, skill, writing, and courage to proclaim Christ.

SENT — An Apostle of Christ

The Church numbers St. Luke among the Seventy disciples sent to proclaim the Kingdom of God. An apostle is one who is sent. St. Luke's life became a life of mission and witness.

TRAVELLED — A Faithful Companion

St. Luke laboured with the Apostle Paul and shared in the missionary work of the early Church. St. Paul calls him "the beloved physician" and later says that Luke remained with him when others had gone.

Church Tradition and Emmaus

Orthodox tradition identifies St. Luke as the unnamed disciple who walked with Cleopas on the road to Emmaus and encountered the risen Christ in the breaking of bread. Luke 24 names Cleopas but does not name the second disciple; this identification comes from Church tradition.



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Key Vocabulary

Apostle — One who is sent to proclaim Christ.
Evangelist — A writer or preacher of the Gospel; Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are the four Evangelists.
Physician — A doctor; St. Paul calls Luke "the beloved physician."
Acts of the Apostles — St. Luke's account of the early Church and apostolic mission.
Iconographer — One who paints holy icons according to the tradition of the Church.

Christian Life Connection

God gives people different gifts. St. Luke shows us that learning, work, skill, friendship, courage, and creativity can all be offered in service to Christ.

Scripture Connections

Colossians 4:14 · 2 Timothy 4:11 · Philemon 24

WROTE — An Evangelist

St. Luke wrote the Gospel that bears his name and the Acts of the Apostles. His Gospel proclaims Jesus Christ and His saving work. Acts continues the story by showing the Holy Spirit at work in the early Church and the mission of the Apostles.

SERVED — With All His Gifts

St. Luke served Christ as a physician, missionary companion, writer, preacher, and martyr. Orthodox tradition also remembers him as the first iconographer of the Mother of God.

Main Point to Remember

St. Luke used his gifts to serve Christ.



COURSE WORK

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Discussion Questions

1. Who was St. Luke? Name two ways he served Christ and the Church.

2. What does the word Evangelist mean, and which two New Testament books are connected with St. Luke?

3. How does St. Paul describe Luke in Colossians 4:14?

4. What does 2 Timothy 4:11 show us about Luke's friendship and faithfulness to St. Paul?

5. According to Church tradition, what happened to St. Luke on the road to Emmaus?

6. What does Orthodox tradition say about St. Luke and holy icons?

7. Put these in the lesson order: WROTE · SERVED · SENT · TRAVELLED.

8. Name one gift or skill you can use to serve Christ and other people this week.

ACTIVITY

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ST. LUKE USED HIS GIFTS TO SERVE CHRIST

SENT

Write or draw one way St. Luke was sent to proclaim Christ.

TRAVELLED

Who did St. Luke travel and labour with in the early Church?

WROTE

Name the two New Testament books connected with St. Luke.

SERVED

Name one gift or skill St. Luke used in serving Christ.

MY GIFTS FOR CHRIST

Write or draw one gift, skill, or good habit you can use to serve Christ and other people this week.

SENT · TRAVELLED · WROTE · SERVED

TEACHER'S REFERENCE

Delivery & Differentiation

Lesson Purpose: Students meet St. Luke as an Apostle, Evangelist, physician, companion of St. Paul, and servant of the early Church, and see how he offered his gifts in service to Christ.
Core Teaching: St. Luke's life shows faithful Christian witness through mission, friendship, skilled work, writing, and service.
Early Learner Emphasis: St. Luke loved Christ, travelled with St. Paul, was a doctor, and wrote about Jesus.
Elementary Emphasis: Apostle; Evangelist; physician; Gospel of Luke; Acts; faithful companion of St. Paul.
Older Student Extension: Distinguish what Scripture states directly from what the Church receives through tradition; connect Luke's Gospel and Acts as a two-part witness to Christ and the apostolic Church.
Source Safeguard: Scripture calls Luke the beloved physician and names him among Paul's coworkers. The identification of Luke as the second Emmaus disciple and the tradition that he painted the first icons of the Theotokos are Church traditions; teach them as such.
Naming Safeguard: This lesson concerns St. Luke the Apostle and Evangelist, not St. Luke of Crimea, the twentieth-century bishop and surgeon.
Calendar Note: November 1 is the Year I teaching date. Do not present it as the universal feast date; the saint's liturgical commemoration depends on the calendar used by the local Church.

Activity Guidance
Early Learners: Draw or dictate one simple example for SENT, TRAVELLED, WROTE, and SERVED. Provide separate drawing paper as needed.
Elementary: Give one accurate example for each movement and complete "My Gifts for Christ."
Older Students: Explain how Luke's different gifts worked together in one life of Christian service.

Materials Note: If students choose to draw their responses, provide blank paper or separate drawing sheets, along with pencils, crayons, or coloured pencils as appropriate. The printed activity page is intended primarily to guide the activity and does not provide sufficient space for larger drawings.

Main Point to Remember
Have students repeat:
"St. Luke used his gifts to serve Christ."

Older-student formulation:
"St. Luke served Christ and His Church as an apostle, companion of St. Paul, evangelist, physician, and faithful witness."

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Answer Key & Resource Control

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Discussion Questions — Teacher Answer Key

1. St. Luke was an Apostle, Evangelist, physician, companion of St. Paul, preacher, and servant of the early Church. Any two accurate examples are acceptable.
2. Evangelist means one who proclaims/writes the Gospel. St. Luke is connected with the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles.
3. St. Paul calls Luke "the beloved physician."
4. Paul says, "Only Luke is with me," showing Luke's faithful companionship during a difficult period.
5. Church tradition identifies Luke as the unnamed disciple who walked with Cleopas and encountered the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus.
6. Orthodox tradition remembers St. Luke as the first iconographer of the Mother of God.
7. SENT → TRAVELLED → WROTE → SERVED.
8. Answers vary; examples include learning carefully, helping someone, using artistic skill, reading Scripture, encouraging a friend, serving at church, or caring for someone in need.

Resource Control

Book Study: The Law of God, Part III, Chapter 60; supporting use of Part I, Chapter 13 and Part IV, Chapter 2.
Scripture: Colossians 4:14; 2 Timothy 4:11; Philemon 24; Luke 10:1–3; Luke 24:13–35.
Orthodox Reference: OCA Life of the Apostle and Evangelist Luke; OCA feast troparion/kontakion; GOARCH Feast of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke.

Teaching Control

Keep direct Scripture statements distinct from Church tradition. Do not overstate uncertain chronology or biography. The lesson's goal is not trivia but faithful Christian service through the gifts God gives.

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