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God's **divine will** for all mankind is that they be saved from eternal death through faith in Christ and raised to new life when Christ returns. We rightfully think of God's will as singular in purpose. However, each individual promise he makes is a declaration that **he will do what he promises**. God has made many promises to his people over the ages, many of which he kept in an immediate sense but also fulfilled entirely in Christ.

For instance, God promises Eve that "her offspring" will one day defeat the serpent. She conceived and gave birth to a child, but time proved that her firstborn, Cain, was not the promised savior. However, as Eve is the "mother of all the living," it would be a much later member of her family tree that would also conceive and give birth to a son named Jesus, who is the promised deliverer.

This Lenten season, we will read the entire book of Luke, taking us on a journey from Christ's birth to his death and resurrection on Easter. As you read, you'll discover the certainty of God's promises and how they are ultimately fulfilled in Christ.

During worship and Bible study, we will look more closely at the various promises God makes to us and other truths about His kingdom, many of which are fulfilled in a minor way immediately but ultimately in a much more eternal way through Christ.

*May the Holy Spirit guide your reading to reveal the certainty of God's promises to us, and fulfilled in Christ. May Christ and his love for you become even more evident as you read about his life, death, and resurrection. May the Father bless and keep you*

## HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

1. **Read the Book of Luke.** Beginning on Ash Wednesday, a small section of Luke is assigned in the reading guide for each day of Lent. By Easter, you will have read the entire book and witnessed God's will of salvation slowly come to light, chapter by chapter. *Additionally, print out the blank journal page each day, and write down your thoughts, questions, and prayers.*
2. **Worship Together.** Every Wednesday and Sunday, we will explore a different promise God makes and how it will be fulfilled. *The guidebook has these topics listed on the "Key Verses" page.*
3. **Attend Bible Study.** During Sunday morning Bible study, we will look back at the readings from the previous week and take a deeper dive into God's will for our lives.
4. **Subscribe and Join the Conversation.** Visit [holycross.life/lentdevotions](https://holycross.life/lentdevotions) and subscribe to the daily journal. Pastor Erb will share some thoughts on the reading for that day as well as some questions you can ponder and answer in the discussion area.

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## Reading Guide

Use this guide to read through the book of Luke during Lent.

On Sundays and Wednesdays, the readings listed will be the focus of our worship.

During Sunday morning Bible study we will review what you've read the previous week.

<b>1</b>	<b>Wednesday, February 14</b>	<b>Luke 1:1-25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Sunday, March 10</b>	<b>Luke 13</b>
2	Thursday	Luke 1:26-57	27	Monday	Luke 14
3	Friday	Luke 1:57-80	28	Tuesday	Luke 15:1-10
4	Saturday	Luke 2:1-20	<b>29</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Luke 15:11-32</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Sunday, February 18</b>	<b>Luke 2:21-52</b>	30	Thursday	Luke 16:1-15
6	Monday	Luke 3	31	Friday	Luke 16:16-31
7	Tuesday	Luke 4:1-13	32	Saturday	Luke 17:1-19
<b>8</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Luke 4:14-44</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>Sunday, March 17</b>	<b>Luke 17:20-37</b>
9	Thursday	Luke 5	34	Monday	Luke 18:1-30
10	Friday	Luke 6:1-16	35	Tuesday	Luke 18:31-43
11	Saturday	Luke 6:17-49	<b>36</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Luke 19:1-27</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Sunday, February 25</b>	<b>Luke 7:1-35</b>	37	Thursday	Luke 19:28-44
13	Monday	Luke 7:36-50	38	Friday	Luke 19:45 - 20:8
14	Tuesday	Luke 8:1-25	39	Saturday	Luke 20:9-26
<b>15</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Luke 8:26-56</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Sunday, March 24</b>	<b>Luke 20:27-47</b>
16	Thursday	Luke 9:1-17	41	Monday	Luke 21:1-28
17	Friday	Luke 9:18-36	42	Tuesday	Luke 21:29-38
18	Saturday	Luke 9:37-62	43	Wednesday	Luke 22:1-38
<b>19</b>	<b>Sunday, March 3</b>	<b>Luke 10:1-24</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Luke 22:39-71</b>
20	Monday	Luke 10:25-42	45	Friday	Luke 23:1-43
21	Tuesday	Luke 11:1-13	46	Saturday	Luke 23:44-56
<b>22</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Luke 11:14-36</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>Sunday, March 31</b>	<b>Luke 24</b>
23	Thursday	Luke 11:37 - 12:12			
24	Friday	Luke 12:13-34			
25	Saturday	Luke 12:35-59			



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## Lenten Schedule

There are many events and opportunities on the calendar that will enhance your Lenten experience. **Plan to join us!**

### Ash Wednesday

February 14, 7:00pm

"God WILL Speak"

### Sundays in Lent

Worship 9:30am / Bible Study 10:45am

February 18 - "The Law WILL be Fulfilled"

February 25 - "A Messenger WILL Prepare the Way"

March 3 - "Satan WILL Fall"

March 10 - "There WILL be Weeping & Rejoicing"

March 17 - "The Kingdom WILL Come"

### Lent Midweek

Wednesday Nights 7:30pm

Soup Supper at 6:15pm

February 21 - "Scripture WILL Be Fulfilled"

February 28 - "Faith WILL Heal"

March 6 - "God WILL Judge"

March 13 - "The Lost WILL Be Found"

March 20 - "More WILL Be Given"

### Palm Sunday Breakfast

Youth Group Mission Trip Fundraiser

March 24 8:30-9:30am

### Palm Sunday Worship

March 24, 9:30am / Bible Study 10:45am

"Christ WILL Be King"

### Maundy Thursday

March 28, 7:00pm

"Where We Fail, Christ WILL Succeed"

### Good Friday

March 29, 7:00pm

"The Father WILL Forgive"

### Easter Sunday

March 31, 9:30am / No Bible Study

"We WILL Rise to New Life"

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## Key Verses

### Ash Wednesday

	Theme	Key Verse
W February 14 .....	"God WILL Speak .....	Luke 1:19-20

### Sundays and Wednesdays

S February 18 .....	The Law WILL be Fulfilled .....	Luke 2:39-40
W February 21 .....	Scripture WILL be Fulfilled .....	Luke 4:16-21
S February 25 .....	A Messenger WILL Prepare the Way .....	Luke 7:27-28
W February 28 .....	Faith WILL Heal .....	Luke 8:49-50
S March 3 .....	Satan WILL Fall .....	Luke 10:16-20
W March 6 .....	God WILL Judge .....	Luke 11:29-32
S March 10 .....	There WILL be Weeping & Rejoicing .....	Luke 13:24-28
W March 13 .....	The Lost WILL be Found .....	Luke 15:7, 31-32
S March 17 .....	Life WILL be Preserved .....	Luke 17:31
W March 20 .....	More WILL be Given .....	Luke 19:26

### Palm Sunday

S March 24 .....	Christ WILL be King .....	Luke 20:42-43
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### Maundy Thursday

Th March 28 .....	Where We Fail, Christ WILL Succeed .....	Luke 22:40-42
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### Good Friday

F March 29 .....	The Father WILL Forgive .....	Luke 23:33-34a
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### Easter Sunday

S March 31 .....	We WILL Rise to New Life .....	Luke 24:4-7
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