

## June 29th, 2025 Lectionary Notes

### The Readings on This Day

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**Sunday, June 26–July 2**

### Lectionary 13

We continue through Luke's gospel and Paul's letter to the Galatians. This week's dates include June 29, the annual commemoration of the apostle Paul.

#### [1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21](#)

This passage is set parallel to Luke 9 since also Elijah demands of Elisha a total rejection of his previous life as he dons the mantle of the prophet to proclaim the word of God. The parallel makes clear that the evangelists understood Jesus' ministry in light of Israel's prophetic tradition.

#### [The Psalm for the Day](#)

Having heard about Elisha burning up his past in order to proclaim the word of God, we join in [Psalm 16](#). Like Elisha, we acclaim God as our "portion," that is, the land allotted to us. The service is God now becomes the boundaries of our land. God's path replaces our walking behind the oxen.

#### [Galatians 5:1, 13-25](#)

When we don the mantle of our baptism and follow Jesus, our lives are radically changed, from actions that protect and aggrandize the self to attitudes that value and nurture the community. For such a life we are empowered, not by any inherent human inclinations, but rather by the Spirit of the risen Christ. Would that "the works of the flesh" are as obvious as Paul suggests.

#### [Luke 9:51-62](#)

Now it is we who are called both to tolerate nonbelievers and to leave all to follow Christ as we proclaim the kingdom. The challenge is to apply the radicalness of Jesus' words to our lives in the world.

