

September 14th, 2025 Lectionary Notes

The Readings on This Day

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Sunday, September 11–17

Lectionary 24

We continue through Luke. We are the lost sheep and the lost coin, and the community has gathered to celebrate that we have been found in Christ.

[Exodus 32:7-14](#)

The conclusion of the story of the golden calf fits well with Luke's parables of the lost. Here, the lost ones are the entire assembly who want a more believable, available god. Yet God is reminded of the promise of mercy made to our forebears and so forgives us all.

[The Psalm for the Day](#)

In response to the story of God's mercy to the idolaters, we join in singing [Psalm 51:1-10](#), the psalm identified as the song King David sang after the prophet Nathan rebuked his actions concerning Bathsheba and Uriah. Now it is this community that pleads for mercy and cleansing. We ask for the Holy Spirit to be the new spirit within. In the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* translation, the ancient imagery of goodness as being white has been modified (v. 7).

[1 Timothy 1:12-17](#)

Today begins three weeks of proclamations from 1 Timothy, and the selection is most appropriate for this day. Here, it is Paul himself who was lost, acting ignorantly in unbelief, until God's mercy brought him into the community of believers. The theme of divine patience (v. 16) recalls Moses's reminder to God of divine forbearance (Exod. 32:12).

[Luke 15:1-10](#)

We grumble at God's welcome to the outsider, we are the flock who miss the one who is lost, we are the lost sheep, we are the woman searching for each other, we are the coin for which God searches, we are the rejoicing community. All are true.

Luke 15:9

