

September 28th, 2025 Lectionary Notes

The Readings on This Day

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Sunday, September 25–October 1

Lectionary 26

Standard Sundays continue with the proclamation of the second half of Luke's gospel, and today one of the most well-known parables. This year, Lectionary 25 falls on September 29, the festival of Michael and All Angels. Presiding ministers may pray both the prayer of the day and that of the festival (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 48). The prayers of intercession may include a petition for the continuing protection of the angels for the church and the world.

[Amos 6:1a, 4-7](#)

It is almost as if when recording this parable Luke was thinking of this passage from Amos when imagining the rich man at his banquet. Amos calls for the people to grieve over the sufferings of the northern kingdom, just as Luke implies that believers will attend to the sufferings of the poor.

[The Psalm for the Day](#)

Having heard Amos's condemnation of the selfish rich, we join together in singing [Psalm 146](#). This poem acknowledges that even rich and prominent people die, and like Mary's Magnificat, praises God for honoring the poor and the oppressed. As the body of Christ, we are also to honor the poor by meeting their needs.

[1 Timothy 6:6-19](#)

This excerpt from 1 Timothy is remarkably appropriate for this Sunday. In Christ believers discover the true treasury. They are to be rich in good works. The good fight of faith is described as marked by love, endurance, and gentleness, yet also pursues righteousness and generosity. Rather than loving money, Christians are to be ready to share.

[Luke 16:19-31](#)

Christians are called to have mercy on all who are in need. That this parable has been so literalized in Christian imagination indicates the power of a well-crafted narrative and people's perpetual fascination with the afterlife. Care must be taken to avoid any such literal interpretation, which would suggest that those who are embraced by God would not care about the suffering of others. Luke's position that "Moses and the prophets" point the world to Christ is a foundational principle of the ecumenical lectionary.

