

## October 19th, 2025 Lectionary Notes

### The Readings on This Day

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Sunday, October 16–22

### Lectionary 29

The lectionary continues through the gospel of Luke. This Sunday falls near to October 18, the historic commemoration of St. Luke, whose gospel is featured in the lectionary this year. The prayer for St. Luke's Day focuses on the healing power of Christ.

#### [Genesis 32:22-31](#)

Jews far more than Christians have been attracted to this picture of the faithful having to wrestle with God. The psalms are filled with just such wrestling with God. In the end, God blesses Jacob, along with all of us who are on the run. The narrative is set next to the parable of the unjust judge since both imply that believers must tangle with an inscrutable God. If your God is easy, it probably isn't God.

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

Having heard the intriguing story of Jacob wrestling with God, we join together to pray [Psalm 121](#). Much ancient religion saw the distant mountains as the abode of God, but the psalmist sees God as the one who created these mountains. Israel has wrestled with the God who is Israel's keeper. The psalm affirms that God will bless us, just as God blessed Jacob.

#### [2 Timothy 3:14—4:5](#)

This third selection from 2 Timothy contrasts the inspired Scripture and its correct interpretation by church leaders with self-serving heterodox teachers who attract "itching ears." This passage became central to Christian fundamentalists who argue that divine inspiration implies inerrancy. With a wide variation in what is meant by divine inspiration—variations that might be upsetting to the author of 2 Timothy—all Christian churches say that they proclaim the inspired word of God. At weekly worship, we "proclaim the message."

#### [Luke 18:1-8](#)

Believers are called to keep faith in God's justice. Come, Lord Jesus, the church prays! By contrast with the unjust judge of the parable, the Son of Man will judge us all at the end. Luke's focus on the needy widow is held next to the depiction of Christ as the judge.

