

June 28th, 2026 Lectionary Notes

The Readings on This Day

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Sunday, June 26–July 2

Lectionary 13

Recalling the traditional Christian understanding that Scripture interprets Scripture, this Sunday continues the dialogue between Matthew's realistic description of life in the church and Paul's inspirational teaching about the good news of life in Christ.

[Jeremiah 28:5-9](#)

Matthew wrote about true and false teachers against the backdrop of his knowledge of Jewish religious history, which he saw as continued in the ministry of Jesus. Like Jeremiah, Jesus and the evangelist warn against false words that sound religiously pleasing. Just as Jeremiah suffered, so did Jesus, and so will contemporary believers.

[The Psalm for the Day](#)

In response to Jeremiah's words about true and false prophets, we sing [Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18](#), originally a royal psalm. We can think of the "I" of the psalm as Jeremiah, and we too are Jeremiah, praising God for the covenant and speaking of God's faithfulness to others throughout the ages.

[Romans 6:12-23](#)

The church receives the message from Paul as a true word from God: lives of sin lead only to one's own death, but eternal life comes through incorporation into the death of Christ Jesus. Freedom is other than the popular idea that I can do anything I want to do; rather, the freedom of baptism is slavery to the righteousness of Christ.

[Matthew 10:40-42](#)

The church is called to trust that, appearances to the contrary notwithstanding, God will reward those who live as faithful Christians. Matthew's belief that Christian preachers speak the words of Christ and bear the power of God has continued to figure in controversies over church leadership.

