

# Lectionary Readings for Sunday, September 14, 2025

## First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

<sup>7</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup> they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” <sup>9</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup> Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.” <sup>11</sup> But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” <sup>14</sup> And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

## Psalm: Psalm 51:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. <sup>2</sup> Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup> For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup> Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment. <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother’s womb. <sup>6</sup> Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within. <sup>7</sup> Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

## Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

<sup>12</sup> I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup> even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup> “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

## Semicontinuous First Reading: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

<sup>11</sup> At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse, <sup>12</sup> a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. <sup>22</sup> “For my people are foolish; they do not know me; they are stupid children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil but do not know how to do good.” <sup>23</sup> I looked on the earth, and it was complete chaos, and to the heavens, and they had no light. <sup>24</sup> I looked on the mountains, and they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. <sup>25</sup> I looked, and there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. <sup>26</sup> I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. <sup>27</sup> For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation, yet I will not make a full end. <sup>28</sup> Because of this the earth shall mourn and the heavens above grow black, for I have spoken; I have purposed; I have not relented, nor will I turn back.

## Semicontinuous Psalm: Psalm 14

<sup>1</sup> Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, every deed is vile; there is no one who does any good. <sup>2</sup> The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is anyone who is wise, who seeks after God. <sup>3</sup> They have all proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one. <sup>4</sup> Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord? <sup>5</sup> See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous. <sup>6</sup> Your aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the Lord is their refuge. <sup>7</sup> Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of the people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel will be glad.