

Scripture Readings – September 28, 2025 – for LCUCPC

Psalms 91: 1-6, 14-16 – VU pg.807

Refrain: *“And I will raise you up on angel wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”*

You who dwell in the shelter of your God, who abide in God’s shadow for life,

say to your God: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:

under God’s wings you refuge, God’s faithfulness your shield Refrain.

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;

though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

For to the angels is given a command to guard you in all your ways;

upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain.

“Because they have set their love upon me I will deliver them,

I will uphold them because they know my name.

When they call to me I will answer,

I will be with them in trouble;

I will rescue and bring them to honour.

With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my saving power.” Refrain.

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Luke 16: 19-31 NRSV Ue

The Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.

The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’

²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.

²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’

²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’

²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’

³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

May God’s spirit shape our understanding of these words.

And may they awaken in our hearts.