

## Scriptures September 14, 2025

### First Reading

#### Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

##### Jeremiah 4:11-12 NRSV

<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<sup>[a]</sup> in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse— <sup>12</sup> a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them.

##### Jeremiah 4:22-28 NRSV

<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 lo, it was waste and void;  
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

<sup>24</sup> I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,  
and all the hills moved to and fro.

<sup>25</sup> I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,  
and all the birds of the air had fled.

<sup>26</sup> I looked, and lo, 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.

## **Second Reading**

### **Luke 15:1-10**

#### **The Parable of the Lost Sheep**

15 Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <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> 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 neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." <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 people who need no repentance.

#### **The Parable of the Lost Coin**

<sup>8</sup> 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, <sup>[a]</sup> if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, 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.'