



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18–24

TIME AFTER PENTECOST — LECTIONARY 25

Year C, Complementary Series

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

A reading from Amos.

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

PSALMODY: Psalm 113

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from First Timothy.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers,
intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone,

²for rulers and all who are in high positions,
so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life
in all godliness and dignity.

³This is right and acceptable before God our Savior,

⁴who desires everyone to be saved
and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time.

⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle
(I am telling the truth; I am not lying),
a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples,

“There was a rich man who had a manager,
and charges were brought to him
that this man was squandering his property.

²So the rich man summoned the manager and said to him,
‘What is this that I hear about you?

Give me an accounting of your management
because you cannot be my manager any longer.’

³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do,
now that my master is taking the position away from me?
I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager,
people may welcome me into their homes.’

⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one,
the manager asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

⁶The debtor answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’
He said, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’

⁷Then the manager asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’
That debtor replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’
He said, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’

⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager
because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age
are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation
than are the children of light.

⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth
so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much,
and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

¹¹If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth,
who will entrust to you the true riches?

¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another,
who will give you what is your own?

¹³No enslaved person can serve two masters,
for that person will either hate the one and love the other
or be devoted to the one and despise the other.
You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The gospel of the Lord.