

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Readings, Sermon Notes, Prayers, Hymns

To Study and Share with those You Love.

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Luke 16:10-13

Hymn of Invocation. **Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun** 868

+ The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism. +

INTROIT PSALM 119

Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever,* give me understanding that | I may live.

Righteous are you, | O LORD,* and right are your | just decrees. You have appointed your testimonies in | righteousness* and in all | faithfulness. **My zeal con- | sumes me,* because my foes for- | get your words.** Your promise is | well tried,* and your servant | loves it. **Your righteousness is righteous for- | ever,* and your | law is true. Glory to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C Amen.

PSALM 113

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! **Blessèd be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!** From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! **The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!** Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, **who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?** He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, **to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.** He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD! **Glory to the Father and to the +Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, Amen.** From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

SELECTED READINGS 18 SEPTEMBER 2022

Old Testament/Amos 8:4–7. Epistle/1 Timothy 2:1–15 Gospel/Luke 16:1–15

The Lord Is Rich in His Grace and Mercy

- Because God, our Savior, “desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” He urges “that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.” Christians should so pray “without anger or quarreling,” but “adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control.” (1 Tim. 2:1-15)
- For the Lord does not forget “the poor of the land”). He remembers them according to the foolishness of the cross. (Amos 8:4)
- “For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God”. Though we try to justify ourselves “before men,” God knows our sinful hearts and calls us to repentance. Though we are “not strong enough to dig,” and we are “ashamed to beg” He justifies us by His grace and welcomes us into His “eternal dwellings”. More shrewd than even “the sons of this world” He requires His stewards of the Gospel to bestow forgiveness freely. (Luke 16)

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Hymn of the Day **Seek Where You May to Find a Way** 557

SERMON NOTES

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

18 September 2022 **A Faithful Servant** Luke 16:10-13

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with a lot. Whoever is dishonest with very little is dishonest with a lot. Therefore, if you can't be trusted with wealth that is often used dishonestly, who will trust you with wealth that is real? If you can't be trusted with someone else's wealth, who will give you your own? "A servant cannot serve two masters. He will hate the first master and love the second, or he will be devoted to the first and despise the second. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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1. Character determined by the fear of the Lord

1. Trustworthy people know to whom they are accountable
2. Dishonest people ultimately serve only themselves

2. Character has temporal and eternal consequences

1. Not being trustworthy equals missed opportunities
2. Faithful managers receive eternal rewards

3. Character in Christ serves and loves the Giver

1. Pharisees – lovers of money – laugh at Jesus' teaching
2. Give me an undivided heart to revere Your Name

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. 18 SEPTEMBER 2022

The apostle Paul instructs us: "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." Rejoicing in Christ's salvation offered to all, let us call upon God our Father for ourselves and for all people.

Kind Father, Your Son declared to us that we cannot serve You and also be devoted to money. Free all Your baptized children from obsession with the goods of this world, that they may set their hearts on the joys of the kingdom and the inheritance that never fades.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You entrust to Your people the abundant wealth of Christ's salvation in Your Word and Sacraments. Bless pastors, that they might be faithful stewards of these mysteries, and grant that all Your people would make proper use of Your Means of Grace and rejoice in Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, You have created man and woman for different offices and with different gifts, that they might complement one another and glorify You. Grant that, in our homes and congregations, Your people might rejoice in the callings You have given them.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, our Savior, uphold Joseph, our president; Bill, our governor; and all whom You have placed in high positions with wisdom and mercy, that we may lead peaceable and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, be with the sick and those who suffer, those troubled in mind, those grieving in their sorrows, and the dying in their last hours [*especially* _____].

Grant them the comfort of Your presence, relief according to Your will and peace in their hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, Your Son gave Himself as a ransom for all and now gives Himself to us, that we might have life and salvation. Give us unity in faith and hearts eager for mercy as we receive His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, You desire all to be saved. Remember Your foes who forget Your Word and call them to repentance and faith, that they also would rejoice in Your righteousness and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to You, O Lord, for You have forgiven our debt of sin for the sake of Jesus. Preserve us in His grace and life until that day when You gather us to be among the saints in glory around Your throne; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**