



# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18–24

TIME AFTER PENTECOST — LECTIONARY 25

*Year C, Complementary Series*

## **FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7**

A reading from Amos.

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
<sup>5</sup>saying, “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,  
<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

<sup>7</sup>The 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.

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

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

<sup>3</sup>This is right and acceptable before God our Savior,

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

there is one God;

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

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

<sup>7</sup>For 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.

<sup>1</sup>Then 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.

<sup>2</sup>So 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.’

<sup>3</sup>Then 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.

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

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

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

<sup>7</sup>Then 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.’

<sup>8</sup>And 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.

<sup>9</sup>And 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.

<sup>10</sup>“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.

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

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

<sup>13</sup>No 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.