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**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 2025**

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****The Congregation will stand in reverence***



Today's Readings

Sunday, September 21, 2025
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that 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 small and
the shekel great,

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.

Psalm

Psalm 113; tone 5



Hallelujah!
Give praise, you servants ¹of the LORD;
praise the name ¹of the LORD.
²Let the name of the
¹LORD be blessed,
from this time forth
for- ¹evermore.
³From the rising of the sun
to its ¹going down
let the name of the
¹LORD be praised.
⁴The LORD is high a- ¹bove all nations,
God's glory a- ¹bove the heavens.

⁵Who is like the ¹LORD our God,
who sits en- ¹throned on high,
⁶but stoops ¹to behold
the heavens ¹and the earth?
⁷The LORD takes up the weak
out ¹of the dust
and lifts up the poor
¹from the ashes,
⁸enthroning them ¹with the rulers,
with the rulers ¹of the people.
⁹The LORD makes the woman
of a ¹childless house
to be a joyful mother of children.
¹Hallelujah!

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings 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 is acceptable in the sight of 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.

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

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. ²So he summoned him 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, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers

of wheat.' He said to him, '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 slave can serve two masters; for a slave 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."

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