

September 18, 2022

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Time after Pentecost —Lectionary 25

FIRST READING. Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
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 small and the shekel great,
and practise deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’

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

SECOND READING. 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. 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.

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. So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.” 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. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” Then 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.” 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. 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.

‘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. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No 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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Serving God Or Helping Yourself

Sunday, September 18, 2022

“In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone.”

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

We strongly recommend that everyone wears a mask.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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Confession and Forgiveness
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.
Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world
as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God’s abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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Psalm 113 - Tune: 623 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* (Toplady)
Reader: Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

**Alleluia! Praises be
To the Lord eternally.**

Let the name of the Lord be praised, from this time forth and
forevermore.

**Alleluia! Praises soar
To the Lord from shore to shore.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting, let the name of the Lord be
praised.

**Alleluia! Praises rise
To God's throne above the skies.**

From his throne on high, the Lord our God looks down.

**From on high God bends to see
Those who dwell in misery.**

He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash
heap.

**By his mercy they shall be
Treated like fine royalty.**

He makes the woman of a childless house to be the joyful mother of
children.

**Alleluia! Glory be
To the Lord who sets us free!**

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Dates to Remember

Sept 25	Church Council meeting after the service
Sept 30	Orange Shirt Day
Oct 16	We welcome Rev. Adam Snook to lead a shared service at St. Matthew’s with our friends from First Lutheran, followed by lunch.

After nearly two and a half years, **Pickleball has now resumed on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:30!** We are limiting the number of players who attend each day. If you would like to play please contact the church office or Margaret Kleinsmith. There may still be some openings available for Tuesday.

All types of food donations are welcome at Open Arms Mission.
OAM Donation focus for September: Granola Bars

Eleanor Black, a long-time member of St. Matthew’s, passed away on Monday, September 12, 2022. May God’s love console her son Les, along with Eleanor’s family and friends as they mourn her loss. May she rest in everlasting peace.

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