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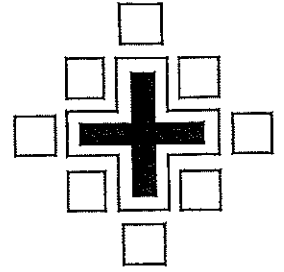
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# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025



**INTROIT**      *Ps. 119:73–75, 77; antiphon: Ps. 119:76*

Let your steadfast love | comfort me\*

according to your promise to your | servant.

Your hands have made and | fashioned me;\*

give me understanding that I may learn your com- | mandments.

Those who fear you shall see me | and rejoice,\*

because I have hoped | in your word.

I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are | righteous,\*

and that in faithfulness you have af- | flicted me.

Let your mercy come to me, that | I may live;\*

for your law is | my delight.

**Glory be 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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according to your promise to your | servant.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**GRADUAL**      *Ps. 91:11; 103:1*

He will command his angels con- | cerning you\*

to guard you in | all your ways.

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*

and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

## DAILY READINGS

September 28: Deut. 1:1–18; Matt. 5:1–20; 29: Deut. 1:19–36; Matt. 5:21–48; 30: Deut. 1:37–2:15; Matt. 6:1–15; October 1: Deut. 2:16–37; Matt. 6:16–34; 2: Deut. 3:1–29; Matt. 7:1–12; 3: Deut. 4:1–20; Matt. 7:13–29; 4: Deut. 4:21–40; Matt. 8:1–17.

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### Old Testament Reading: Amos 6:1-7

- <sup>1</sup> "Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,  
and to those who feel secure on the  
mountain of Samaria,  
the notable men of the first of the nations,  
to whom the house of Israel comes!
- <sup>2</sup> Pass over to Calneh, and see,  
and from there go to Hamath the great;  
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.  
Are you better than these kingdoms?  
Or is their territory greater than your  
territory,
- <sup>3</sup> O you who put far away the day of  
disaster  
and bring near the seat of violence?
- <sup>4</sup> "Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
and stretch themselves out on their  
couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock  
and calves from the midst of the stall,
- <sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the  
harp  
and like David invent for themselves  
instruments of music,
- <sup>6</sup> who drink wine in bowls  
and anoint themselves with the finest  
oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of  
Joseph!
- <sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first of  
those who go into exile,  
and the revelry of those who stretch  
themselves out shall pass away."

### Epistle: 1 Timothy 3:1-13

<sup>1</sup>The saying is trustworthy: If anyone  
aspires to the office of overseer, he desires  
a noble task. <sup>2</sup>Therefore an overseer must  
be above reproach, the husband of one wife,  
sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable,  
hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup>not a drunkard,  
not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not  
a lover of money. <sup>4</sup>He must manage his own  
household well, with all dignity keeping his  
children submissive, <sup>5</sup>for if someone does  
not know how to manage his own house-  
hold, how will he care for God's church?  
<sup>6</sup>He must not be a recent convert, or he may  
become puffed up with conceit and fall into  
the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup>Moreover,  
he must be well thought of by outsiders,  
so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a  
snare of the devil.

<sup>8</sup>Deacons likewise must be dignified, not  
double-tongued, not addicted to much wine,  
not greedy for dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup>They must  
hold the mystery of the faith with a clear  
conscience. <sup>10</sup>And let them also be tested  
first; then let them serve as deacons if they  
prove themselves blameless. <sup>11</sup>Their wives  
likewise must be dignified, not slanderers,  
but sober-minded, faithful in all things.  
<sup>12</sup>Let deacons each be the husband of one  
wife, managing their children and their own  
households well. <sup>13</sup>For those who serve well  
as deacons gain a good standing for them-  
selves and also great confidence in the faith  
that is in Christ Jesus.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

<sup>19</sup>[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man  
who was clothed in purple and fine linen  
and who feasted sumptuously every day.  
<sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named  
Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired  
to be fed with what fell from the rich man's  
table. Moreover, even the dogs came and  
licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and  
was carried by the angels to Abraham's  
side. The rich man also died and was buried,  
<sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted  
up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and  
Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out,  
'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and  
send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger  
in water and cool my tongue, for I am in  
anguish in this flame.' <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said,  
'Child, remember that you in your lifetime  
received your good things, and Lazarus  
in like manner bad things; but now he is  
comforted here, and you are in anguish.  
<sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and  
you a great chasm has been fixed, in order  
that those who would pass from here to  
you may not be able, and none may cross  
from there to us.' <sup>27</sup>And he said, 'Then I  
beg you, father, to send him to my father's  
house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—so that  
he may warn them, lest they also come  
into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup>But Abraham  
said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets;  
let them hear them.' <sup>30</sup>And he said, 'No,  
father Abraham, but if someone goes to  
them from the dead, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup>He  
said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and  
the Prophets, neither will they be convinced  
if someone should rise from the dead.'"