

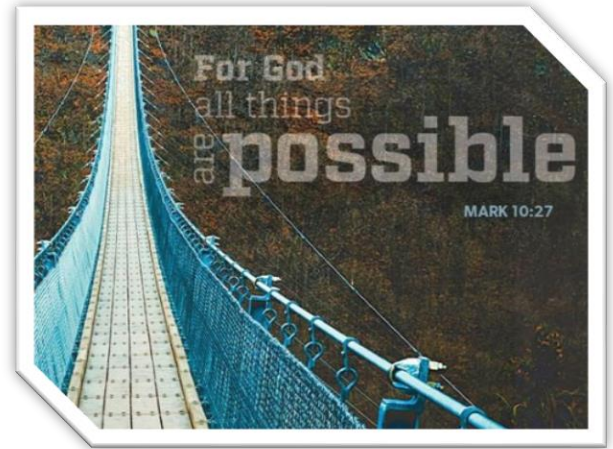
About the Readings on October 13, 2024

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Sunday, October 9–15

Lectionary 28

Mark's gospel anticipates the coming of the eschaton, for which we prepare by countercultural lives of ethical justice. We are glad for the forgiveness we will receive at the table. sisters of the Son of God.



Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

The Amos passage is chosen to parallel the gospel reading because both include a call to economic justice. Even though we profess to obey the commandments, we must hear that our sins are great.

The Psalm for the Day

Having heard the insistence of Amos's call to justice, we join together in [Psalm 90:12-17](#), in which we, along with Amos, plead for God to be gracious to us. Yet this psalm retains the Jewish idea that if we are faithful and follow wisdom, we will prosper.

Hebrews 4:12-16

The readings from Amos and Mark are indeed two-edged swords, piercing our self-assurance with the truth of our neglect of the poor. We are laid bare before God; however, Christ, our high priest, stands with us and shows us God's grace.

Mark 10:17-31

Christians receive the traditional biblical commandments, and yet we know that we cannot keep them. With the Spirit's help, together we become a new family and follow Christ, who radically alters cultural values. We are grateful that Jesus looks on us with love. Since Mark's community met for worship in houses, this passage may include reference to the gift of the church in the lives of believers.