

## September 21st, 2025 Lectionary Notes

### The Readings on This Day

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Sunday, September 18–24

### Lectionary 25

We continue through the autumn's standard Sundays, now proclaiming some of Luke's parables, which although able to be simplified into universal truths, were probably in the mouth of Jesus somewhat disconcerting depictions of the nearness and reversals of God's kingdom and of what the cross of discipleship meant.

#### [Amos 8:4-7](#)

By setting Amos's condemnation of those who with dishonesty oppress the poor next to Luke 16, the lectionary underlines both vv. 10-13 of the gospel reading, that believers are to serve God rather than material wealth, and vv. 8-9, that in view of the coming eschaton, believers need to anticipate the possibility of God's punishment.

#### [The Psalm for the Day](#)

Having heard the stern words of Amos, we join together in [Psalm 113](#), which praises God for continuing to care for the poor. The ways of God—that the poor sit with the rulers, that the childless woman becomes a mother—imply a reversal of the world we live in.

#### [1 Timothy 2:1-7](#)

Not only are Christians to pray for their rulers, but to thank God for them. The true ruler over believers is God. This counsel towards societal concord was directed to people who were not in a democracy, and passages such as this have encouraged some Christians into a social passivity.

#### [Luke 16:1-13](#)

The children of light are called to be faithful to what has genuine value—the riches of the kingdom. God is our master, from whom come sometimes unlikely judgments about human life. Even the old one-year lectionary included this gospel, which is a considerable challenge for the preacher.

