



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

(18 September 2022)

INVOCATION

INTROIT

Psalm 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: v. 144

¹⁴⁴Your testimonies are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.

¹³⁷Righteous are you, O LORD,
and right are your just decrees.

¹³⁸You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness
and in all faithfulness.

¹³⁹My zeal consumes me,
because my foes forget your words.

¹⁴⁰Your promise is well tried,
and your servant loves it.

¹⁴²Your righteousness is righteous forever,
and your law is true.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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give me understanding that I may live.

LEARN BY HEART: The Second Petition: Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

LECTIONARY SUMMARY

Amos 8:4–7; 1 Timothy 2:1–15; Luke 16:1–15

The Lord Is Rich in His Grace and Mercy

Because God, our Savior, “desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4), He urges “that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people” (1 Timothy 2:1). Christians should so pray “without anger or quarreling,” but “adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control” (1 Timothy 2:8, 9). For the Lord does not forget “the poor of the land” (Amos 8:4). He remembers them according to the foolishness of the cross. “For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God” (Luke 16:15). Though we try to justify ourselves “before men,” God knows our sinful hearts and calls us to repentance (Luke

16:15). Though we are “*not strong enough to dig,*” and we are “*ashamed to beg*” (Luke 16:3), He justifies us by His grace and welcomes us into His “*eternal dwellings*” (Luke 16:9). More shrewd than even “*the sons of this world*” (Luke 16:8), He requires His stewards of the Gospel to bestow forgiveness freely.

DAILY READINGS: (LSB pg. 299)

Sun: Neh 1:1-2:10; Hag 1:1-2:23; 1 Tim 1:1-20 **Thu:** Neh 7:1-4; 8:1-18; Ezra 1:1-10:19; 1 Tim 5:1-16
Mon: Neh 2:11-20; 4:1-6; 1 Tim 2:1-15 **Fri:** Neh 9:1-21; 1 Tim 5:17-6:2
Tue: Neh 4:7-23; 1 Tim 3:1-16 **Sat:** Neh 9:22-13:31; 1 Tim 6:3-21
Wed: Neh 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16; 1 Tim 4:1-16

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK (*non-members in italic*)

Health — Chuck Murphy (cancer issues); *Robbie Wall* (needs kidney transplant, cousin of Brian Morton); *Jerry Babione* (stroke, son of Betty Briscoe); *Brad Place* (Dementia/Parkinson’s, brother to Kip Place); *Stormy* (pneumonia, Kip Place’s son, Marcus’, girlfriend); *Mark Daly* (cancer, brother of John Daly); *Wayne Mills* (hospice, grandfather of Jazmine Striegel); Martha Casey (heart); Healing for the grandfather of *Elizabeth Alden*; *Berneice Ehnert* (neck surgery, former member); *Val Stromski* (cancer, friend of John Daly); Esther Seimers (health); Carroll Dinse (dental surgery); *Fran Hudson* (fractured back, sister-in-law of Sue Ogle); *Rita Scholl* (cancer, sister-in-law of Rick and Debbie Hudson); *Tamara Denwalt* (breast cancer, friend of Elise Webb); *Mike & Dorothy* (recovery from broken hip/heart problems, neighbor of Deb Oliver); Laura Crain (trouble walking); *Craig Chase* (healing, uncle of Kara McNair); *Nellie Morton* (lung disease and heart attack, sister-in-law of Brian Morton); *Ruth Haumschild* (eyesight, sister of Helen Kromanaker); *Mark Reyes* (kidney replacement, brother to Grace Pendley); *Mark Horad* (cancer returned, friend of Manny Vasquez).

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB # 557, “*Seek Where You May to Find a Way*”

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: *O Lord, You call us to be faithful in very little in order to be trusted with much. Preserve us by Your perpetual mercy, and because without You we cannot but fall, keep us from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

APOSTLES’ CREED

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

SUNDAY LESSONS NEXT WEEK: Amos 6:1–7; 1 Timothy 3:1–13 or 1 Timothy 6:6–19;
Luke 16:19–31

