

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking† faith home

Caring for others is the way of Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 16:19-31	Poor Lazarus and the rich man
Monday	Amos 6:1a, 4-7	Judgment for a self-indulgent life
Tuesday	1 Timothy 6:6-19	The good fight of faith
Wednesday	Proverbs 22:2-16	The value of a good reputation
Thursday	Psalms 119:73-80	The glories of God's law
Friday	2 Corinthians 8:8-15	Generous giving
Saturday	Psalms 146	Praise for God's help
Sunday	Luke 17:5-10	Faith the size of a mustard seed

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. Psalm 146:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, give us faith to see that the true riches in life are filled with compassion for others, especially those in need, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you who feed the hungry and fill the needy with good things, we thank you for this gift of food through Jesus Christ who cares for all people. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with contentment.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Canticle of the Turning



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WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What gets in the way of helping those in need?
- How have you or someone you know shown God's compassion by giving to someone in need?

DEVOTIONS



Read: 1 Timothy 6:6-19.

All the readings for this week reveal God's compassion for the needy. God's righteousness seeks life-giving relationships. Those who have wealth are to share with those who do not. Caring for a widow, an orphan, or a poor man at a rich man's door is the way of Jesus. God expects more than comfort and luxurious living from God's people. All we really need in life is "godliness combined with contentment" (v. 6). It's not that money is evil; it's the love of money. The desire for wealth can get in the way of healthy relationships that God wants for us. The real treasure is not hoarding wealth or basking in luxuries. Rather, the treasure and joy of life is where we put our energies and trust. It is experienced in "righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness" (v. 11b). That is the "good fight of the faith" (v. 12), freeing us from harmful desires and blessing us with eternal life that begins now by loving our neighbor with all our being.

Discuss: When have you experienced the love of money getting in the way of a relationship?

Pray: **Compassionate God, we thank you for the treasure of a life of faith that we may be generous with others and content with what we have for the sake of Christ Jesus. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you become more involved in the needs of your community?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Giving is a response to God's generosity. Walk around your house and look in closets and drawers. Make a list of things you no longer use or need. Think or talk about who may appreciate and need them and consider taking them to organizations who can give them to those in need.

Pray: **Lord, fill me with faith and generosity. Amen.**

