



Parable of the Unjust Steward

Luke
16:1-15

Sunday, September 18th, 2016
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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+ DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR +

LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME

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- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me
From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor
I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior,
And lead the way.
- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages,
Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding,
In peace I go.
- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen
My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

KYRIE

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C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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C **To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

For You alone are holy,
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 8:4–7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?"

And the Sabbath,

that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,

⁶that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
"Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 2:1–15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions.

²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be

manager.’³ And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.’⁴ I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’⁶ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’⁷ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.”¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own?¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him.¹⁵ And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C *I believe in God, the Father Almighty,*
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.
and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE

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- 1 O Word of God incarnate,
 O Wisdom from on high,
 O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
 O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance
 That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
 Shines on from age to age.

- 2 The Church from You, dear Master,
 Received the gift divine;
And still that light is lifted
 O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
 That, all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands
 Still guides, O Christ, to You.

- 3 O make Your Church, dear Savior,
 A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations
 Your true light as of old!
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims
 By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
 They see You face to face!

SERMON - Pastor Joshua Vilsant

RETURN GIFTS AND TITHES TO GOD

(Please rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

BENEDICTUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

643 SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Last Week's Attendance Sunday: 160

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BIRTHDAYS: Ron Berchert, TODAY! 9/18; Sean Luedtke, Fri 9/23

ALTAR FLOWERS: In Honor of all of our Homebound Members

Calendar for the week of 9/18/2016

Today	9/18	10:00am	Worship
Wednesday	9/21	10:00am	Women's Bible Discussion
Thursday	9/22	8:30am	TLA Chapel
		6:45pm	Choir
		7:00pm	Tarpon River
Friday	9/23	8:00pm	Haitian Prayer
Sunday	9/25	10:00am	Worship
		4:00pm	Trinity Concert Series

In Case of Emergency: In the event of an emergency while Pastor Jeff is in Germany (9/14-9/24), please call Pastor Kevin Ogle @ 954-410-5005.

Women's Bible Discussion: Women's Bible Discussion and prayer group has resumed on Wednesdays, at 10am. We will Continue our study of II Timothy and Titus. We meet in the fellowship hall, every Wednesday @ 10am. All are Welcome! Contact Cindi Owen for further information, cindio49@bellsouth.net

Trinity Concert Series: Trinity's Concert Series starts next Sunday! At 4:00pm the music from the Palm Trio will be playing. The musicians are Aziz Sapaev playing cello, Valeriya Polunin playing piano, and Valentin playing violen. We ask for a ten dollar donation at the door.

A GENTLE REMINDER

As a pastor, I do my best not to preach "money, money, money" as research has shown it is one of the top 5 reasons people say they do not come to church. With that said, I would like to remind you that we are entering into the summer season, which historically is a time where tithes and offerings decrease, but the costs of the church operations increase.

If you look around on Sunday mornings, you will see that many, if not all, of our "winter Floridians" have headed north for the summer. And as it should be, their gifts and tithes are once again redirected back to the northern parishes they attend. Please prayerfully consider increasing by even \$5 or \$10 if you can.
Pastor Jeff



