

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Amos 8:4-7 ESV

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, <sup>5</sup>saying, "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, <sup>6</sup>that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?" <sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

### 1 Timothy 2:1-5 ESV

<sup>2</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

### Luke 16:1-15 ESV

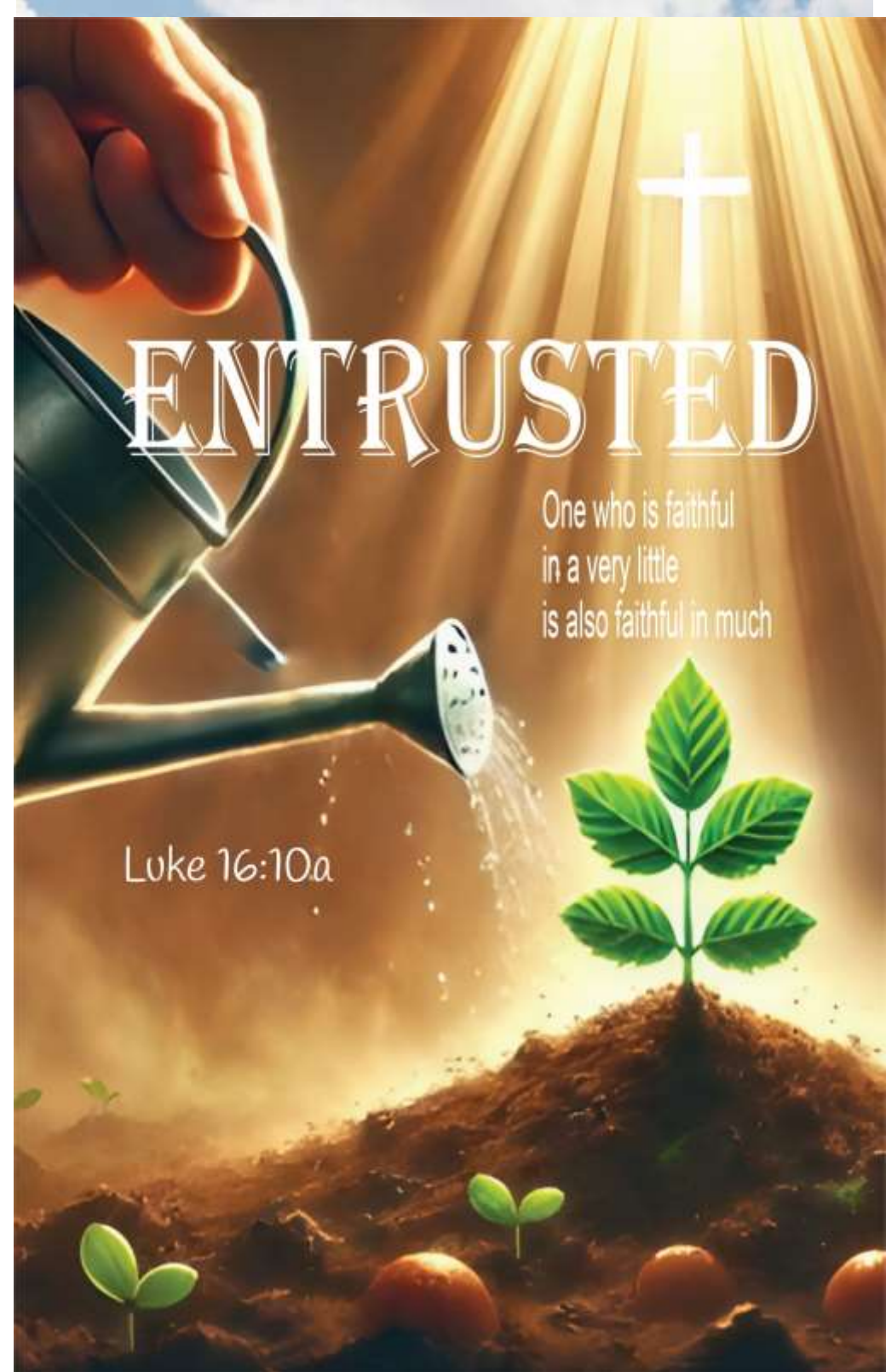
<sup>16</sup>He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' <sup>7</sup>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.' <sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>"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.

<sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>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." <sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup>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."



**September 21, 2025**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**As We Gather~** 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 Tim. 2:4), He urges “that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people” (1 Tim. 2:1). Christians should so pray “without anger or quarreling,” but “adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control” (1 Tim. 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.

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<b>Pastor</b>	Larry Warsinski
<b>Organist</b>	Carolyn Laurenz
<b>Elders</b>	Dick Bluemer and Paul Bohn
<b>A/V</b>	Dave Hutfilz
<b>Ushers</b>	Jerry Neuenfeldt and Mike Hingston
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Troy & Michelle Beyersdorf

## Our Measure of Love and Gifts

**Attendance last week** – 49 *Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion* \$4,316 ~ *Received for the Lord’s Work* \$2,586; Capital Projects \$90; God’s Helping Hands \$160; In memorial of James Byron \$900.00.

**Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday:** September 21- Braden Beyersdorf, Jonell Davis, Emily Farrar, Jim Knapik, Bonnie Krape; September 22- Cindy Thom; September 24- Dale Thom; September 26- Ellie Beyersdorf; September 27- Julie Hagarty.

**Today’s Memory Verse** ~ “But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.” Isaiah 64:8

**Voter Assembly Meeting** ~ A call has been placed to Pastor Brian Ciegelske in New Holstein, WI. He and his family plan to arrive sometime this evening and tour Zion then visit Valley Lutheran and St. Peter schools on Monday. Please keep the congregation and Pastor Ciegelske in prayer as God’s will be done.

To My Dear Zion Church Family,

Words just cannot express how much it has meant to me over the last few years to have your love, support and understanding as I dealt with my mom’s final earthly journey. These last three years have been a real challenge and it has helped tremendously to know that you were with me throughout it all.

All of the kind words, hugs, cards and other expressions of love have sustained me ... especially over the past year. Please know that I’ve felt your love and prayers and those are the things that truly matter!

As things calm down and get back to “normal”, I look forward to seeing you all in church again. I WILL be back, I promise!

May the Lord’s blessings continue to be on each of you as we seek to do His will. I love you all!

Your Sister in Christ,

Tami Mosher