

Pentecost XVIII, Year C, September 18, 2016  
10:30 am Service

*The First Lesson – Amos 8:4-7*

**A Reading from Amos**

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

*Lector:* **Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.**

*People:* Thanks be to God.

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*The Second Lesson - 1 Timothy 2:1-7*

**A Reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy**

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*Lector:* **Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.**

*People:* Thanks be to God.