SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY September 25, 2022 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 3-8 Common English Bible

- 6 Doom to those resting comfortably in Zion and those trusting in Mount Samaria,
- Doom to those who ignore the evil day and make violent rule draw near:
- who lie on beds of ivory, stretch out on their couches, eat lambs from the flock, and bull calves from the stall;
- who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and, like David, compose tunes on musical instruments;
- who drink bowls of wine, put the best of oils on themselves, but who aren't grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
- Therefore, they will now be the first to be taken away, and the feast of those who lounged at the table will pass away.
- The Lord God has solemnly sworn, says the Lord, the God of heavenly

forces:

I reject the pride of Jacob.

I hate his fortresses.

I will hand over the city and all that is in it.

GOSPEL: LUKE 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] 19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24 He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' 27 He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—28 for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' 29 Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' 30 He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.""