

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY**  
**September 10, 2023**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**PSALM: PSALM 119:33-40**

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it to the end.  
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with all my heart.  
35 Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for that is my desire.  
36 Incline my heart to your decrees  
and not to unjust gain.  
37 Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;  
give me life in your way.  
38 Fulfill your promise to your servant,  
which is for those who fear you.  
39 Turn away the reproach that I dread,  
because your judgments are good.  
40 Behold, I long for your commandments;  
by your righteousness enliven me.

**READING: ROMANS 13:8-14**

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12 the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; 13 let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:15-20**

<sup>15</sup> If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup> But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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