



# 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Week of September 6, 2026

**Collect for the week:** O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament:** Ezekiel 33:7-9

**Epistle:** Romans 13:1-10

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 18:1-20

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

**Hymn for the week:** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" LSB 709

**Notes on the Sermon:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Trinity Reads the Bible in 2026:** (Psalms in parentheses may be read in the evening.)

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| September 6  | 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37    | Ephesians 5:15-33     | Ps. 67 (46; 93)   |
| September 7  | 2 Kings 4:38-5:8         | Ephesians 6:1-24      | Ps. 51 (85; 47)   |
| September 8  | 2 Kings 5:9-27           | Philippians 1:1-20    | Ps. 54 (28; 99)   |
| September 9  | 2 Kings 6:1-23           | Philippians 1:21-2:11 | Ps. 65 (125; 91)  |
| September 10 | 2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29 | Philippians 2:12-30   | Ps. 143 (81; 116) |
| September 11 | 2 Chronicles 29:1-24     | Philippians 3:1-21    | Ps. 86 (6; 19)    |
| September 12 | 2 Chronicles 31:1-21     | Philippians 4:1-23    | Ps. 122 (141; 90) |

## NEXT Week's Readings

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| September 13 | 2 Chronicles 32:1-22                   | Colossians 1:1-23 | Ps. 110 (66; 23)  |
| September 14 | <b>Holy Cross Day</b> 2 Chron. 33:1-25 | Col. 1:24-2:7     | Ps. 62 (73; 8)    |
| September 15 | 2 Chr. 34:1-4,8-11,14-33               | Colossians 2:8-23 | Ps. 13 (36; 5)    |
| September 16 | 2 Chr. 35:1-7, 16-25                   | Colossians 3:1-25 | Ps. 96 (132; 134) |
| September 17 | 2 Chronicles 36:1-23                   | Colossians 4:1-18 | Ps. 116 (26; 130) |
| September 18 | Nehemiah 1:1-2:10                      | 1 Timothy 1:1-20  | Ps. 85 (25; 40)   |
| September 19 | Nehemiah 2:11-20; 4:1-6                | 1 Timothy 2:1-15  | Ps. 61 (138; 98)  |



for home devotions &  
personal meditation

### From the Old Testament

Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. *Ezekiel 33:7b*

**Applying God's Word to our lives:** From signs announcing "Bridge Out" or "Danger: Radiation" to severe weather alerts and tornado sirens, warnings serve an extremely important purpose in our lives. How much more the warnings that God announces! So if a pastor or fellow Christian warns you, out of love and on the basis of God's Word, concerning your walk in life, take heed! And if you see someone in real spiritual peril, on the basis of God's Word sound the warning without delay!

### From the Epistle

For 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: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." *Rm 13:9*

**Applying God's Word to our lives:** Begin your day with a prayer like this one: "Loving Lord Jesus, I am going to meet many people during this day, and I know that Your will is that I love them, and indeed I desire to do so. Since my flesh is weak, help me, I implore You, by the might and grace of Your Holy Spirit to love each such "neighbor" that You permit me to meet today! Amen."

### From the Holy Gospel

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them. *Mt 18:20*

**Applying God's Word to our lives:** In its context this beloved statement of Jesus refers to Christians dealing with sin together. When we must confront—or be confronted—regarding sin and the harm that it has caused (and no one can live long without needing to be involved in such loving confrontation), this promise of Jesus comforts and greatly encourages us: I AM WITH YOU.