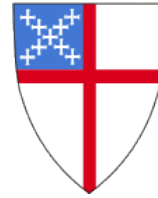


**Lessons for September 10th, 2017
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Hear the Word of God as it is written in Ezekiel chapter 33 verses 7 to 11.

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Psalm 119:33-40

Let us all stand and read Psalm 119 verses 33 to 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 law; I shall keep it with all my heart.

35

Make me go 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 watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways.

38

Fulfill your promise to your servant, which you make to those who fear you.

39

Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Hear the Word of God as it is written in Romans chapter 13 verses 8 to 14.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 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.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

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; 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; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord.

