



Comfort without Complacency

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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KING OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Golden Valley, Minnesota*

Welcome to God's divine service among his saints in his house this morning. If you experience any kind of barrier to worship, please speak with an usher. There is a hearing assistance system available, there are activity bags for children, and the service is streamed live in the Fireside Room down the hall.

Matins

The readings for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost show us that earthly wealth is not a reward for doing good, but rather an opportunity to do good. There is lots of law in these readings compared to other Sundays. Or, maybe, there's the same amount of law, but it just hits too close to home.

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty | #15: v.1, 4

The order of service is printed on page 109 in the front portion of the hymnary.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Timothy 6:6–19

St. Paul urges us to put our hope for the good life in God while making the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

¹¹But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no-one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might for ever. Amen.

¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

HYMN

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart | #406

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19–31

A rich man—who didn't do evil—failed to do good. His idol worship blinded him to the needs of his neighbor and deafened him to the voice of God in Scripture.

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²²“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

²⁵“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so

that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

²⁷"He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, ²⁸for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

²⁹"Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

³⁰" 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

³¹"He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray | #253

SERMON

Comfort without Complacency | Amos 6:1-7

The prophet Amos condemned those who stopped doing God's work and sat around on their couches.

¹Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you notable men of the foremost nation, to whom the people of Israel come!

²Go to Calneh and look at it; go from there to great Hamath, and then go down to Gath in Philistia. Are they better off than your two kingdoms? Is their land larger than yours?

³You put off the evil day and bring near a reign of terror. ⁴You lie on beds inlaid with ivory and lounge on your couches. You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves. ⁵You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on musical instruments. ⁶You drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest lotions, but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.

⁷Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile; your feasting and lounging will end.

OFFERING AND PRAYERS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The service concludes on the bottom of page 116 in the front portion of the hymnary.

CLOSING HYMN

Love Divine, All Love Excelling | #407

Announcements

Send announcements to bulletin@kog-els.org.

SCHOOL YARD SIGNS

Take home and display a King of Grace Lutheran School yard sign. The key time for advertising is between now and Thanksgiving, as most prospective parents are thinking ahead for next year already and scheduling tours. The school is a vital element to King of Grace's health and mission!

SHOE DRIVE

Please donate gently used shoes (but nothing with wheels) to King of Grace school. A charitable organization will send them to impoverished or disaster-struck parts of the world. They will award King of Grace \$1,000 if we can collect 2,500 pairs. Drop your donations in the bins outside the Fellowship Hall.

SCHOOL GALA

Buy tickets for this year's dinner, entertainment, and live auction Gala. The Gala will be Friday, 11/8, at Brookview in Golden Valley from 5:30-9:00. Tickets are \$40 per person, available at <http://bit.ly/koggala>.

MEN OF HIS WORD

Register at the desk in the lobby to attend the annual Men of His Word conference in Rochester on Saturday, 10/26. Tod Eckberg will collect the registrations and organize a carpool. You may find information about the event at www.menofhisword.org.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given in honor of Allen and Becky Labitzky's wedding anniversary.

Attendance Last Week: 395 worshiped on Sunday and 18 worshiped on Monday.

Offerings Last Week:

Average Needed Per Sunday: \$16,869
Received Last Week: \$11,995

Average Needed Year to Date: \$202,428
Received Year to Date: \$179,872

Calendar

Today	9:30 am	Bible studies
Monday	6:30 pm	Worship Service
Tuesday	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Elders' Meeting
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Grades 7 & 8 Confirmation
Thursday	9:45 am	King's Littlest Kids
	7:00 pm	Senior Choir
Friday	8:20 am	School Chapel Service
Saturday	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8:15 am	Communion Service
	9:30 am	Bible studies
	10:45 am	Communion Service
	1:00 pm	Wise Penny volunteering

Preacher..... Rev. Ben Wiechmann | **Liturgist**..... Rev. Aaron Ferkenstad
PianistLynn Handberg

Counters Today David & Jennifer Stavig, Derick Primus
Counters Next Sunday Lori Helmen, Jim & Barb Cummings
Usher Captains Today..... Tom Studanski, Curtis Merchant
Usher Captains Next Sunday.....Steve Kopacek, Loren Braun
Video Team TodayBen Oppitz
Video Team Next SundayGerry Reason
Coffee Clean Up Today School Board
Coffee Setup Next Sunday Sopranos & Tenors
Coffee Clean Up Next SundayStewardship Committee
September Altar GuildKathy Reason, Anne Bechtold

Notes