

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1-7 ESV

6 “Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of
Samaria, the notable men of the first of the
nations, to whom the house of Israel comes!
² Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there
go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of
the Philistines. Are you better than these
kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your
territory, ³ O you who put far away the day of
disaster and bring near the seat of violence?
⁴ “Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and
stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat
lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of
the stall, ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the
harp and like David invent for themselves
instruments of music, ⁶ who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are
not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷ Therefore
they shall now be the first of those who go into
exile, and the revelry of those who stretch
themselves out shall pass away.”

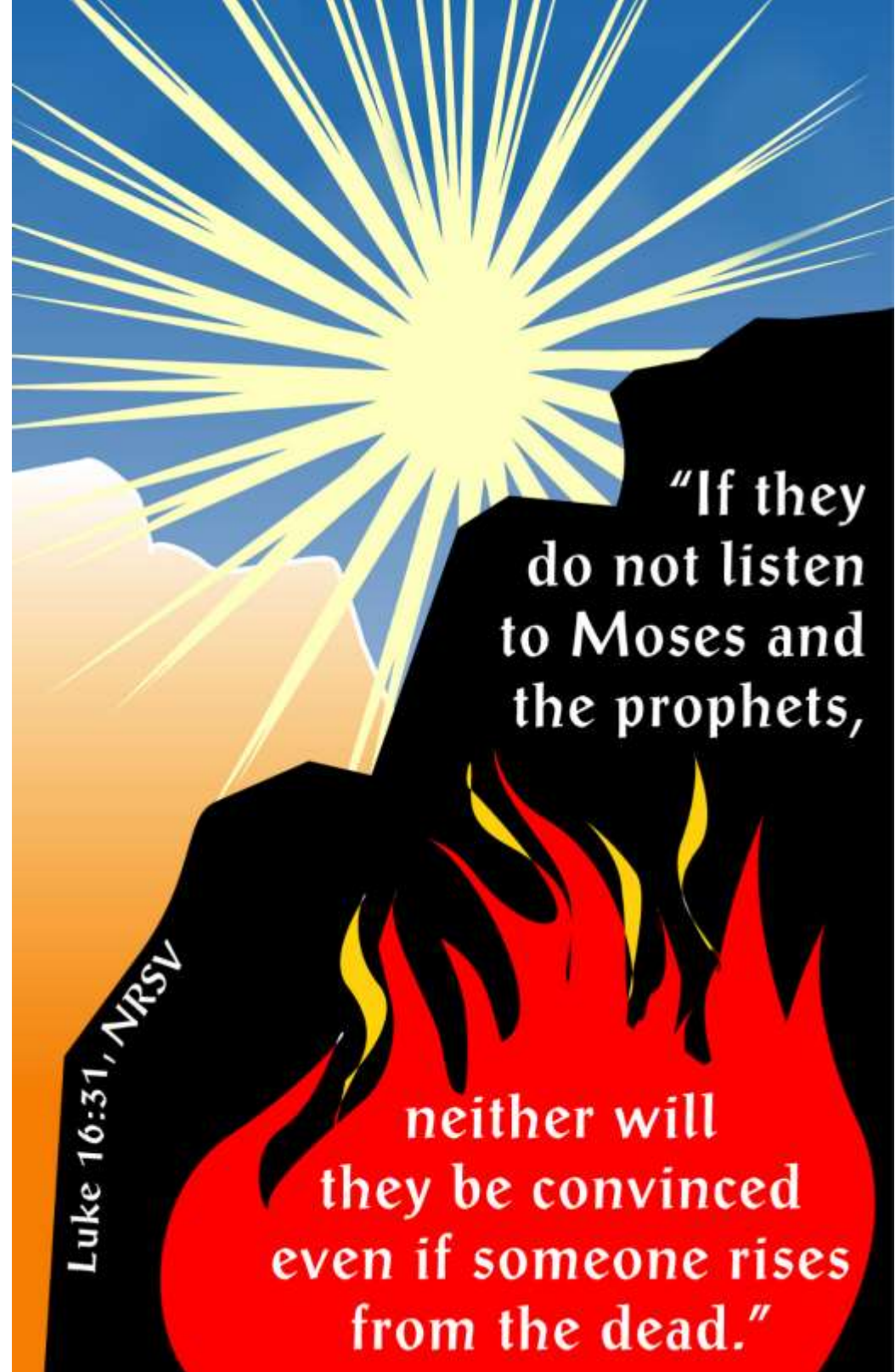
1 Timothy 6:6-19 ESV

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great
gain, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world,
and we cannot take anything out of the world.
⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we
will be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich
fall into temptation, into a snare, into many
senseless and harmful desires that plunge
people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of
money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through
this craving that some have wandered away from
the faith and pierced themselves with many
pangs. ¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these
things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith,
love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good
fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to
which you were called and about which you
made the good confession in the presence of
many witnesses. ¹³ I charge you in the presence
of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ
Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate
made the good confession, ¹⁴ to keep the
commandment unstained and free from reproach
until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time—he
who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King
of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has

immortality, who dwells in unapproachable
light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To
him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As
for the rich in this present age, charge them not
to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the
uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly
provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are
to do good, to be rich in good works, to be
generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up
treasure for themselves as a good foundation for
the future, so that they may take hold of that
which is truly life.

Luke 16:19-31 ESV

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was clothed in
purple and fine linen and who feasted
sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was
laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with
sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from
the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs
came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died
and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side.
The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and
in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes
and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his
side. ²⁴ And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have
mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of
his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in
anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said,
‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime
received your good things, and Lazarus in like
manner bad things; but now he is comforted
here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all
this, between us and you a great chasm has
been fixed, in order that those who would pass
from here to you may not be able, and none may
cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ And he said, ‘Then I
beg you, father, to send him to my father's
house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he
may warn them, lest they also come into this
place of torment.’ ²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They
have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear
them.’ ³⁰ And 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 hear
Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be
convinced if someone should rise from the
dead.’”



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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

As We Gather: Our help is not in worldly riches. “The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side,” and “the rich man also died and was buried” (Luke 16:22). The poor man Lazarus, who knew many bad things on earth, began to be comforted forever, whereas the rich man, after a lifetime of good things, began to be “in anguish” (Luke 16:25). Therefore, “woe to those who are at ease in Zion” (Amos 6:1), for “the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away” (Amos 6:7). The wealthy are urged “not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,” but “to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share” (1 Tim. 6:17–18). Covetous desire for what God has not given is idolatry and “a root of all kinds of evils” (1 Tim. 6:10). Contentment belongs to faith, by which the Christian has “great gain” in godliness (1 Tim. 6:6).

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**“To gather with God’s people in united adoration of the Father
 is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer.”**
Martin Luther

Pastor	Larry Warsinski
Organist	Carolyn Laurenz
Elder/Reader	Dale Rohde
A/V	Pam Gilbert
Ushers	Dale Rohde and Kevin Ross
Altar Guild	Troy & Michelle Beyersdorf

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 46 Needed for *The Lord’s Work at Zion* \$4,316
 ~ Received for the *Lord’s Work* \$1,485; Capital Projects \$20; God’s Helping Hands \$370.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: October 2- Amber LaLonde; October 4- Alan Reno.

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.” 2 Peter 1:3

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Bible Quiz

In a parable of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, someone named Lazarus features prominently while other characters go unnamed. Who is Lazarus in this story?

- A. a friend Jesus raised from the dead
- B. a rich man dressed in fine linen
- C. a poor beggar at the rich man’s gate
- D. the brother of the poor man
- E. an angel who carried the poor man to heaven



Answer: C (See Luke 16:19-31.)