

**Stewardship
Two**

**Proportionate
Giving**



Our acts of worship including our offerings and tithes are and should always be motivated by the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.



**Never by
the law!**

Proportionate Giving

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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Deuteronomy 16:16-17

"Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God at the place that he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Booths. **They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed.** ^[17] Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

Prelude

Hymn "When All Your Mercies, O My God" TLH 31

- 1 When all Thy mer-cies, O my God, My ris-ing soul sur-veys,
Trans-port-ed with the view, I'm lost In won-der, love, and praise.
- 2 Ten thou-sand thou-sand pre-cious gifts My dai-ly thanks em-ploy;
Nor is the least a cheer-ful hart That tastes those gifts with joy.
- 3 Thro' ev-ry period of my life The good-ness I'll pur-sue
And af-ter death, in dis-tant worlds, The glo-rious theme re-new.
- 4 When nature fails and day and night Divide Thy works no more,
My ever grateful heart, O Lord, They mercies shall adore.
- 5 Through all eternity to Thee A joyful song I'll raise;
But, oh! Eternity's too short To utter all Thy praise.

Please Stand

Invocation

P Blessed be God: the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen

P The Lord is righteous in all His ways:

C And loving toward all He has made.

P The Lord is near to all who call on Him:

C To all who call on Him in truth

P Let every creature praise His holy name:

C For ever and ever. Amen

(Liturgical antiphon; Psalm 145:17, 18, 21)

Praise

(Melody: Regent Square)

Praise and honor to the Father,
Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in might and one in glory,
While unending ages run. Amen.

Please Be Seated

The Old Testament Reading - Deuteronomy 14: 22-29 — God's Will Concerning the Tithe

A "You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. ^[23] And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. ^[24] And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, ^[25] then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses ^[26] and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household. ^[27] And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you. ^[28] "At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. ^[29] And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual (Read Responsively)

Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel,

Who alone does marvelous deeds.

Praise be to His glorious name forever;

May the whole earth be filled with His glory. (Psalm 72: 18-29)

The Epistle Lesson - 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 — God's giving plan

A Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. ^[2] On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. ^[3] And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. ^[4] If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

A This is the Word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

We sing the Verse (TLH 572:4)

As your prosp'ring hand has blest,
May we give you of the best
And by deeds of kindly love
For your mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days:
"Lord, to You immortal praise."

The Holy Gospel - Luke 12:13-21 — The Foolish Farmer

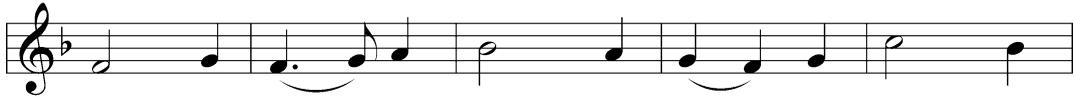
P Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ^[14] But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ^[15] And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ^[16] And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ^[17] and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ^[18] And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ^[19] And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ^[20] But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ^[21] So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

G Thanks be to God.

Please Be Seated

The Hymn of the Day LSB 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
 hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

Sermonic Bible Study on Proportionate Giving by Pastor Dan Domke

Hymn of Response **Come, All Christians, Be Committed** TLH 442

1. Come, all Christians, be committed
To the service of the Lord.
Make your lives for Him more fitted,
Tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into His courts with gladness,
Each His sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness,
Be transformed with life anew.
2. Of your time and talents give ye,
They are gifts from God above.
To be used by Christians freely
To proclaim His wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Savior,
Tithes and off'rings with you bring.
In your work, with Him find favor,
And with joy His praises sing.
3. God's command to love each other
Is required of every man.
Showing mercy to a brother
Mirrors His redemptive plan.
In compassion He has given
Of His love that is divine;
On the cross sins were forgiven:
Joy and peace are fully thine.
4. Come in praise and adoration,
All who on Christ's name believe.
Worship Him with consecration,
Grace and love will you receive.
For His grace give Him the glory.
For the Spirit and the Word,
And repeat the gospel story
Till all men His name have heard.

(Eva B. Lloyd, 1966)

The Offerings and Tithes of God's people for the work of the kingdom

Please Stand

Litany and Prayers

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, the God of our salvation and the Source of all goodness:

C **We praise You and we bless Your holy name.**

P For the Holy Scriptures in which you reveal Your love for all people:

C **We praise Your name, O Lord.**

P For Your changeless grace in Christ Jesus by which You offer us pardon and peace and eternal life:

C **We magnify Your name, O Lord.**

P For Christian homes, for our congregation, for Christian schools, for faithful pastors and teachers, and for all the blessings You give us as we work together in District and Synod:

C **We glorify Your name, O Lord.**

P For Your saving Gospel, for the spirit's power, for time to work, and for money to do the work — blessings You have given us to fulfill Your mission:

G **We thank You, O Lord.**

P We are unworthy of all Your of gifts. Our past unfaithfulness, our lukewarm discipleship, our feeble faith:

G **O Lord, forgive us.**

P Our careless hearing of Your Word, our slowness to respond, our selfishness, and our lack of love and concern for others:

G **O Lord, forgive us.**

P Today we rededicate ourselves to Your mission. Increase our loyalty and love. Strengthen our faith through Your Word and Sacrament. Inspire us by Your Spirit to live for Christ. Give us a love for people that moves us to share with them the hope that we have:

G **We implore You to hear us, O Lord.**

P Give ear, O Lord, to the petitions we bring before You. Grant that we may trust in You for all good things, knowing that You alone provide for our every need of body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, because we live in a fallen world, we are continually faced with temptation from the devil, the world and our own sinful nature. Grant that these temptations may not overcome us. Guide us, that we may help those who are tempted and be forgiving to those who have sinned against You. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** **hear our prayer.**

P Incline Your ear, O Lord, to all who cry to You for help, comfort and protection. Just as You feed the birds of the air and protect them, grant Your protection on all the hurting, the lonely, the depressed and the sick, especially for Cindy Alter, Rosanne Spiehs, Wanelda Merriam, Doug Greenwood, Fred Stolt, Gatlun Brueggeman, Gary Doering, Audrey Davis, and Darren Thorsteinson, son-in-law of Tammy and Wayne Cramer. Grant them relief from their suffering or strength to endure their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, receive our thanks for clothing us in the very righteousness of Christ and declaring us to be members of Your Kingdom. Grant that we may remain faithful until we join You and all the saints who have gone before us in paradise. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** **hear our prayer.**

P Remember those serving in our military and their families: Especially those having been deployed with the 153rd Engineer Battalion: Drew Borkowski, Kenneth Busch Jr., Justin Frank, Ben Machtemes, Don Zavesky, and Justin Jury. David Siedschlag serving in Iraq with the 182nd Airborne. Roger Fringer stationed at NAS Point Mugu, CA. Dallas McLeod stationed at Ft. Eustis, Newport News, VA. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Father, hear and grant all of our prayers in Your goodness and mercy. Accept our promise to rededicate ourselves to You and do the work that You have given to us, and strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may keep this promise; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **C** **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer

P & **C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Salutation and Benedicamus

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

Please Be Seated

Closing Hymn LSB 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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Text for Sermonic Bible Study

Deuteronomy 16:16-17

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Exodus 23:17

Three times in the year shall all your males appear before the Lord GOD.

Psalms 96:8-9

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!
^[9] Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

1 Chronicles 16:29

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;

James 2:17

So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

James 2:26

For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

1 Corinthians 16:2

On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ^[20] for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Deuteronomy 16:10

Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the Lord your God blesses you.

Deuteronomy 16:17

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

2 Corinthians 8:11-12

So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. ^[12] For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.

Deuteronomy 12:6

and there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, your vow offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock.

Deuteronomy 16:10

Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the Lord your God blesses you.

Leviticus 27:30

"Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord.

Leviticus 27:32

And every tithe of herds and flocks, every tenth animal of all that pass under the herdsman's staff, shall be holy to the Lord.

Mark 12:42-44

And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ^[43] And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ^[44] For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Luke 19:8

And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold."

2 Corinthians 8:3

For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will,

2 Corinthians 9:6

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Luke 12:48

But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

Malachi 3:8

Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions.

1 Chronicles 29:12-16

Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. ^[13] And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

^[14] "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For

all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. ^[15] For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. ^[16] O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18

Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' ^[18] You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Genesis 3:15

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

John 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Ephesians 2:8-9

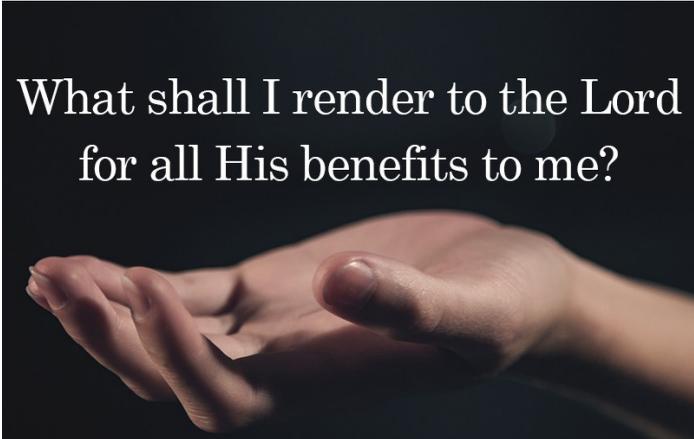
For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ^[9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Acts 10:43

To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.



What shall I render to the Lord
for all His benefits to me?