

“Money Matters”
Mission and Stewardship Emphasis 2
Last Sunday of the Church Year

8:15 a.m. Sunday Worship
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Welcome! We go to schools to become equipped to earn it. Then we spend the rest of our lives getting it. We invest countless hours in thought and discussion on how we’re going to handle it. We dream about how we’re going to spend it. We get caught up worrying that we won’t have enough of it. No matter how much we have, we seem to figure out ways to acquire more of it. Arguments about it cause marital disintegration, business partner breakups and government shutdowns. The obsession over it destroys many lives. Its absence causes endless nightmares. The Bible calls the love of it the root of all evil. Others call it the means for great good. But we cannot afford to ignore the reality or the importance of money. This year, our fall mission and stewardship emphasis will explore St. Paul’s most thorough teaching about money is in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 in a three-week campaign called “Money Matters.”

Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. We teach and confess that we receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We also hold that those who commune with us are making a public confession of the Christian faith as it is taught by our congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you are visiting, please speak with a pastor before participating in the Lord’s Supper.

+ Order of Worship: Divine Service, Setting One, p. 151 +

Song

“Majesty”

Invocation

(P = pastor; C = congregation)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart;**

C: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit *(Psalm 143:2,5-6, 10-11; antiphon, v. 1)*

P: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my plea for mercy!

C: In your faithfulness, answer me in your righteousness!

P: Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.

**C: I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done.
I ponder the work of your hands.**

P: I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

**C: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

P: For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!
In your righteousness, bring my soul out of trouble.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my plea for mercy!

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray
to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church
of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and
praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Let us pray. O God, almighty Father, you have
shown to the world your love in the most glorious sacrifice of
your beloved Son. Fill us with your same sacrificial love that we
may offer our financial resources for the sake of your kingdom
and the salvation of many; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

Song of Praise

“All The Earth Will Sing”

First Reading

Exodus 36:1-7

“Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whom the LORD has
put skill and intelligence to know how to do any work in the
construction of the sanctuary shall work in accordance with all that
the LORD has commanded.”

And Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in
whose mind the LORD had put skill, everyone whose heart stirred him
up to come to do the work. And they received from Moses all
the contribution that the people of Israel had brought for doing the
work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings
every morning, so that all the craftsmen who were doing every sort of
task on the sanctuary came, each from the task that he was doing, and
said to Moses, “The people bring much more than enough for doing
the work that the LORD has commanded us to do.” So Moses gave
command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp, “Let no man
or woman do anything more for the contribution for the sanctuary.” So
the people were restrained from bringing, for the material they had was
sufficient to do all the work, and more.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

**C: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and make them white
in the blood of the Lamb.
Blessed are those whose strength is in You,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 9:1-7

Now it is superfluous for me to write to you about the ministry for the saints, for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year. And your zeal has stirred up most of them. But I am sending the brothers so that our boasting about you may not prove empty in this matter, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be. Otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—for being so confident. So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction.

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“He is Exalted”

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the

five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Song

“Grace Alone”

Sermon

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P: O Christ, our King, You live forever! You have made peace for us by the blood of Your cross. You have pleaded with the Father for our pardon, and through You, all things are reconciled to God. By Your Spirit, lead us to never-ending joy and thanksgiving that You have redeemed us by Your Passion from wrath and damnation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: O Christ, our King, You have delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into Your kingdom. In You, we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Guard Your congregations and Your ministers, and preserve Your Word among us. Rule over Your Church with the forgiveness of sins and work all things together for our good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Christ, our King, by Your atoning death, we are received as sons and estimated as treasured possessions of the Father. Bless all Christian homes, that as the children of Your kingdom, we would grow in the fear of the Lord, esteem Your name, serve You faithfully and walk in Your ways, until all is revealed at the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: O Christ, our King, let the earth fear You and all the world's inhabitants stand in awe, for You alone are King of kings and Lord of lords. Preserve those who fear You and serve You in the midst of this fallen world, and maintain good government among us. Nevertheless, come quickly Lord Jesus, for Your kingdom is not of this world, and our citizenship is with You in paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.



P: O Christ, our King, have mercy and deliver us from evil! For our sins, we deserve only condemnation and calamity; yet, You have remembered us from Your cross and given us access to the Father in Your name. Deliver the troubled, the sick and the dying, and preserve them in Your kingdom forever. We pray especially for _____ . Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: O Christ, our King, You saved us and not Yourself, for You are indeed the Christ of God, His Chosen One! Your body was given for us and Your blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins. In Your holy Supper, do not let us weep in remembrance of You but, mourning our own sins, let us taste Your kingdom's pleasure in faith and be strengthened to life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: *(Other specific petitions)* Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: O Christ, our King, in Your blood the saints of all ages wash their robes and find entrance to paradise with You. Bring us also with them out of death and the grave and into resurrection and eternal life at the Last Day, when we will see You crowned with glory; for You are the Lamb who was slain and now lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Offertory

“Give Thanks”

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Preface to the Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

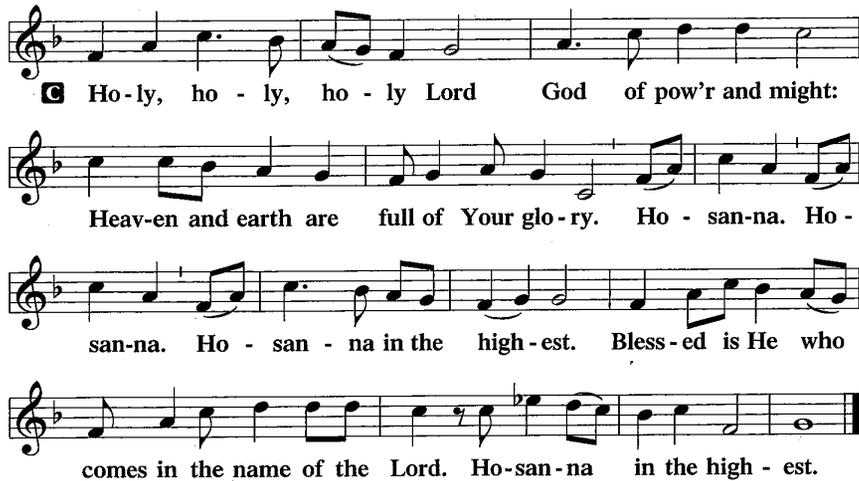
C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



Proper Preface

P: It is truly, good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom You created all things and who took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake, He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of Christ's body and blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and worship; with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.**

Words of Institution

(Spoken by the pastor)

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

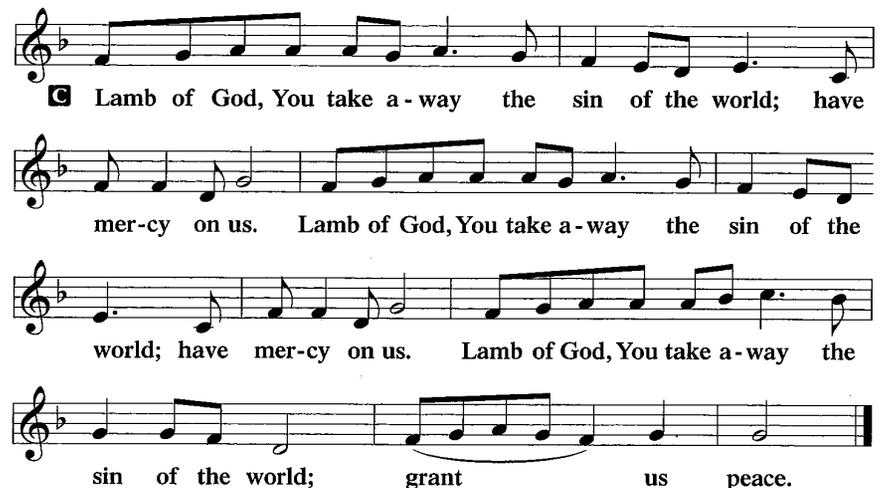
In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Song

“White as Snow”

“You are My All in All”

“There is Joy in the Lord”

Post Communion Canticle



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that, for His sake, You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.