



“Money Matters” Mission and Stewardship Emphasis 3

10:45 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. Our fall mission and stewardship emphasis concludes today as we finish St. Paul’s most thorough teaching about money is in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 in a three-week campaign called “Money Matters.”

+ Order of Worship +

Hymn

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

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Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Opening Versicles

P: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that we by his poverty might become rich.

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

P: Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

C: **And God is able to make all grace abound, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, we may abound in every good work.**

P: So we will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way.

C: **For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.**

P: Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit

(Psalm 145:14-19; antiphon, verse 13b)

P: The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

C: The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

P: The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

**C: You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

P: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

**C: The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.**

P: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
to all who call on him in truth.

**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: The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

Hymn

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

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Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 11:24-28

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

The people curse him who holds back grain, but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it.

Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor, but evil comes to him who searches for it.

Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 9:8-15

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us, will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsory

P: Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a Righteous Branch.

C: This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord is Our Righteousness.

P: He shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

C: This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord is Our Righteousness.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord is Our Righteousness.

The Ten Commandments

C: You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or his maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will 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 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.

Hymn

“Hark the Glad Sound”

Sermon

“Sowing and Harvesting”

Prayer of the Church

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the holy Christian church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For seasonable weather, and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the Holy Spirit to grant holy desires, good counsels and just works that we may live in peace and quietness, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those in distress of mind, body or soul, for the sick and the dying, and all those who have requested our prayers, including _____, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: (*Other various petitions*), let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Collect of the Day

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the coming of Your Kingdom through the preaching of your cross and victory over sin, death and the devil. Forgive us our offenses that we, being governed by your bountiful goodness, we may demonstrate with our lips and our lives trust in You and generosity toward others; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Stewardship Prayer

P: O God, we pause to reflect on what we have let go, what we have kept back, what we have given in the past and what we plan to give in the future. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to also reflect upon the overwhelming truth that You have given us all that we possess. Make us more faithful, more generous, and more cheerful in our giving. Empower our stewardship with the promise: “You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us, your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” *(2 Corinthians 9:11)*

C: Amen.

Luther’s Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger, and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings in life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

Hymn

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”