

WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Why do we have an Offering? And what is a “tithe”?

From the very beginning, God’s people brought offerings to Him (Gen. 4:3-4; 14:21; 28:22). In doing so, they were confessing that all they had ultimately came from God and actually belonged to Him. Offering a portion was a way of showing gratitude. It was also a way of paying tribute, of giving honor to God as the Sovereign Lord of All.

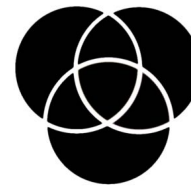
As we see in the stories of Abraham and Jacob, it was common to give God a tenth (or “tithe”) of one’s income. This principle was later codified in the Law given to Moses. God told the people of Israel to give a tenth to provide for the livelihood of His priests, to maintain the work of the Tabernacle/Temple, and to provide for the poor (Deut. 14:28-29).

For the Israelites the offerings were usually animals, crops, or prepared food. They were elements of God’s creation which the people had cultivated by long hours of labor and care. As the fruit of human labor they symbolized the life of the people. Thus, in offering the work of their hands, the people were offering their very lives to God that He might use them to accomplish His purposes.

These principles were carried over into the New Covenant. The Early Church was known for sacrificial generosity (Acts 4:32-37). Recognizing that God had offered His own Son for them, they gladly gave all they had to Him.

For these reasons the offering is a significant part of our worship service. It is not simply a way for the church to keep the lights on. Nor is it payment for spiritual services rendered or dues for a holy club.

When we drop our tithes into the plate, we must remember that we are offering our very selves to God. He accepts our tribute, not because of anything within us, but because we are united to His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. In Christ our lives and our work have been made pleasing to God and useful for the advancement of His Kingdom in our community and throughout the world.



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 2nd, 2022

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

†Congregational Singing

“Come People of the Risen King”

†Responsive Scriptures

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

†Collect

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Isaiah 1:18

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son

Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing "Ancient of Days"

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Hosea 6:1-6

Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

†Gospel Reading Luke 15:11-32

†Profession of Faith The Philippian Hymn

Sermon Pastor Jason Schafer, *Mission to the World - Japan*

"The Parable Of The Lost Sons"

Offertory

†Doxology #625 (*a cappella*)

†Prayer of Dedication

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, and then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: "May the Peace of Christ be with you" (Jn. 14:27), and the response: "And also with you."

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing "O Church Arise"

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor Chad Anderson

Nursery Volunteers: Julie LeFeber, Sylvia LeFeber

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, October 2nd - *The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School

10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

Monday, October 3rd

5:00 p.m. . . . Session Meeting

Thursday, October 6th

7:15 p.m. . . . Women's Bible Study

❖ **Ladies Bible Study** will meet at the church at 7:15 p.m. every Thursday to study the book of Luke. Contact Anika Fong for more info.

❖ **Financial Report:** Budgeted need each week: \$3,789.04. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$140,194.48. Received 9/11: \$1,841.17. Received year-to-date: \$138,786.80.

❖ **October Birthdays:** (2) Rene Sykes, (3) David Lano, (11) Isaac Hooton 2008, (14) Joe Barber, Josiah Holl 1995, (15) Phoebe Williams 2015, Karen Salyer, (24) John Lanka 2010, (25) Deb Elliott, Bethany Remm, (28) Ana Beerman, (29) Ahren Goodbrake 2018, (30) Mary Parish, (31) David Salyer

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

❖ That God would bring people in need of a church family to Trinity, and that we would minister to them in love.

❖ **Presbytery:** Grace Chapel in Lincoln - Pastors Ben Loos, Isaac Terwilliger, Victor Mallin; and Redeemer Church in Lincoln - Pastors Matt Odum and Adam Odell.

❖ **Missions:** Collage Center

❖ For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Rachel Goodbrake (Andrew David Arthur born 7/22), Rachael Hajda (Eliza Jane born 5/13), Kristin Holl.

STAFF

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)

Elders: Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, David Lano

Deacons: Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Sam Lanka (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)

WIC: Annie Hooton (President), Anika Fong (Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman (Missions/Outreach), Karen Salyer (Kitchen), Kacia Hughett (Nursery), Julie LeFeber (Servant Support), Deborah Anderson (Women's Fellowship), Julie LeFeber & Carol Holl (Church Fellowship)

Custodians: Eleanor Hajda, Charis Wood

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