



# Trinity Lutheran Church

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A Reconciling in Christ and a Stephen Ministry Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

"From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another." (John 1:16)  
God abundantly blesses us and wants us to use those blessings to his glory.  
How have you glorified God with the blessings you have received?

Stewardship of our lives is our commitment to God and God's people. Each Fall we renew our commitment with pledges of Time, Talent and Treasure. Please renew your commitment by completing the enclosed financial pledge card and a Time and Talent form and present them at the service on Sunday, November 12. This envelope contains a financial pledge card, two Time and Talent forms and an envelope, addressed to the Financial Secretary, to return these items confidentially.

This year's theme is "Joyful Generosity". We often speak of sacrificial giving, to give back to God a portion of what he has first given us: the food on our table; the roof over our heads; the Christian fellowship we enjoy; and the means to help others. Sacrificial giving is not a burden we must bear, but rather a joyous opportunity to give thanks for all that God has first done for us. It is an opportunity, as part of God's Community in Christ, to give willingly of ourselves and teach our children to give willingly of themselves, with joy in our hearts, to show compassion to those in need, to ease their suffering and to lead them to God's Word.

The scriptures tell us that our gifts reflect our desire to give to God the first portion of what we have received. We ask you to consider this as you make your pledge and, if you do not tithe already, we urge you to give a larger percentage of what you receive each year as you move toward a full tithe (10%).

After praying for God's guidance, please:

- Complete the enclosed financial pledge card,
- Complete a Time and Talent form,
- Seal the pledge card and Time and Talent forms in the envelope marked "Trinity, Attn: Financial Secretary", and place it in the offering plate on November 12, Commitment Sunday, or
- If you prefer, you may add postage and mail it to Trinity.

We are praying for pledges from 100% of the congregation this year. Not all can be prophets or teachers, but there are many ways that you can serve. Experience the true joy that sacrificial giving can bring.

Yours in Christ,

Michael Jacobson

Stewardship Committee Chair