

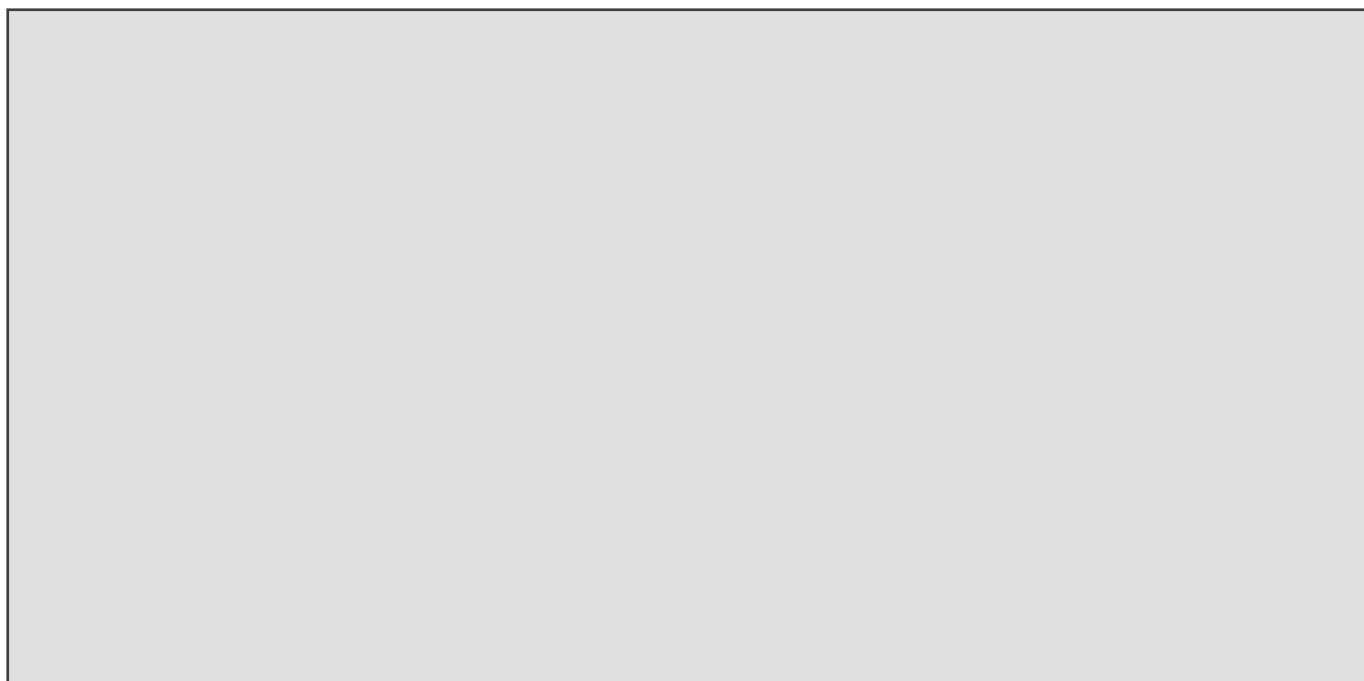
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
FEBRUARY 15, 2025 ✕ 8:00 AND 10:15 AM

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- * Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- * The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as you're comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- * We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- * If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!



OUR OFFERING APP/ELECTRONIC GIVING IS CHANGING!

Please note that we are rolling out a new app that will be a home for much of the communication and scheduling and giving we do here at PoP.

Here's a QR code that takes you to our church center app: Please get the app and look around! It's easy to sign up and this will also be our new church directory.



If you currently have a recurring gift set up through Pushpay (our former system), you will need to cancel recurring gifts there. You can find your Pushpay account at pushpay.com/g/popslc

THE DIVINE SERVICE

*☞ The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD** type. ☞*

HYMN 388 Down from the Mount of Glory

Please stand.

INVOCATION

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

Matthew 28:19

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our
loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed - for your
grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your glo - ry,
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and ho - ly,
might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our joy - ful
Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the glo - ry
ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:9-18

On Mount Sinai, Moses saw the glory of the Lord as a terrifying fire. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Moses saw the glory of the Lord as the Savior who takes our fear away.

Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu,
and the seventy elders of Israel
went up ¹⁰and saw the God of Israel.

Under his feet was something like a
pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright
blue as the sky. ¹¹But God did not raise his

hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

¹³Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

¹⁵When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM - SIYAHAMBA

Our 1st-4th grade choir will sing a version of a Zulu hymn, originating in South Africa.

Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos (translation: "We are marching in the light of God")

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

St. Peter testifies to the reliability of the Christian faith. Peter was an eyewitness to the majesty and glory of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will

do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 9:7

Alleluia. A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

The glory of God, hidden in Christ, shines through on the Mount of Transfiguration..

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high

mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as

white as the light. ³Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

⁵While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷But

Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” ⁸When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to You, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY 390 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

SERMON

Please stand

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.**

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

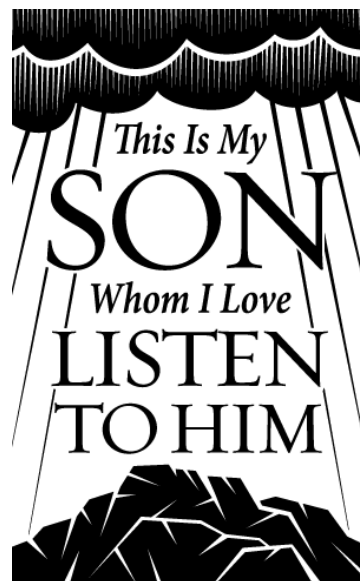
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Glorious Father, at Your Son’s transfiguration, You called us to listen to

Him. Open our reluctant ears to hear His Word, and give us faith to believe it.



Guide and empower those You call to preach Your Gospel, and give to Your ministers humility, boldness and love for Your people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, Peter, James and John saw Your Son's glory on the mountain. Teach us to see His glory in the promises of Holy Baptism and Your Word and Supper, so that in the midst of this troubled world we look forward to the glory that He will share with us on the Last Day. By Your Holy Spirit, create in us repentant faith to receive Your free forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, fix our thoughts on Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest whom we confess. Even at His Transfiguration,

His eyes were focused on His departure at Jerusalem, so set our hearts on His crucifixion, resurrection and ascension for us, so that we joyfully welcome Him when He returns with the full glory that was glimpsed at His Transfiguration. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for...

Into Your hands, dear Father, we place ourselves and all those for whom we pray, trusting that You are merciful because of Your Son who was transfigured, died and rose to life for us, who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

OFFERING



Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.

One time or recurring GIFTS can be given through an account on our app: Church Center (QR Code on the left.)

*Or, for a one time gift, text **Give + dollar amount (example: Give\$5)** to **1 (844) 791-0302**. You'll receive a link to follow in response.*

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS *Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.*

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!**

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**Sing, “Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of hosts on high,
your everlasting glory
fills earth and sea and sky.”
Our voices cry, “Hosanna!”
Lord, hear our humble plea:
in mercy, come and save us;
in love, come set us free.**

**Hosanna in the highest!
How blest is Christ our King,
who died as our Redeemer,
eternal life to bring!
How blest are you, Lord Jesus,
now coming in God’s name!
“Hosanna in the highest!”
our grateful hearts proclaim.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil’s power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with

repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ’s body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my ☩ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my ☩ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

**O Lamb of God, once lifted high
upon a cross to bleed and die,
in perfect love you took our place—
bestow on us your saving grace.**

**O Lamb of God, your sacrifice
has cancelled sin, has paid its price;
your perfect love will never cease—
have mercy, Lord, and grant us peace.**

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN 522 Beautiful Savior

HYMN 385 Christ Begins

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Your ✝ sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Stand

PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Lent begins this Wednesday. We give up Alleluia today as part of our custom, with centuries of Christians, as a reflection of a journey that is serious. We don't want to pretend that we don't know the end, we do and it is good and we'll sing alleluia after alleluia on a Sunday morning seven weeks from now. But we want to walk with Jesus in the sort of way that those disciples did, taking it all in, staring in wonder and amazement at the pains that He will endure. While we don't need to be sad, we aren't here for a party in Lent, we're here for grace and repentance and a new way of life. We're

here to see how far He will go, what He'll give up. We're here to be shocked by the love of God and changed by His glory.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word alleluia, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to alleluia. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The alleluias will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

**Alleluia, song of triumph,
sound of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem
ever dear to choirs on high;
saints adorned in robes of glory
join the great angelic cry.**

**Alleluia we are singing,
voicing hymns in pure accord,
with Christ's holy Church united,
justified, redeemed, restored,
and with all his faithful people
raise our songs to praise the Lord.**

**Alleluia cannot always
be our song while here below;
alleluia our transgressions
make us for a while forgo.
For the solemn time is coming
when our tears for sin must flow.**

**May our hymns be filled with longing—
hear us, Holy Trinity—
as we look to your blest Easter,
here, and then eternally,
when we shall once more be singing
alleluia joyfully!**



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - 6:30 pm this Wednesday

There will not be a Thursday evening service this week.

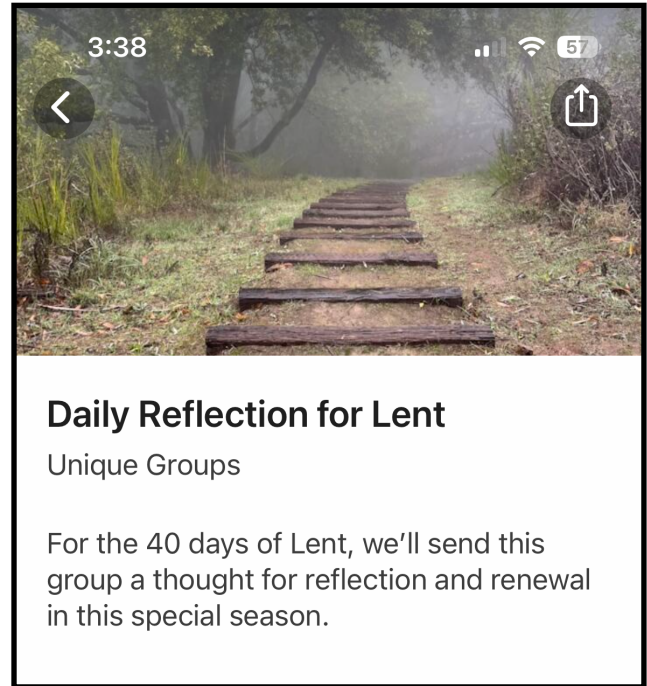
Lent begins this Wednesday!

If you'd like a daily thought for reflection tied to God's Word, join the "Daily Reflection for Lent" group on Prince of Peace's church center app.

To sign up:

1. Go to church center app
2. Go to the "Groups" tab at the bottom of the screen
3. Go to "Unique Groups"
4. Press on the "Daily Reflection for Lent" Group
5. Press "Join Group"

(If you don't have the app yet, use the QR code below.)



Setting One from Christian Worship

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide.

Liturgical and musical settings of Scripture based on text from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide.

Siyahamba: English words: Jeff Reeves (ASCAP) Tune: African Folksong, Arranged by Brad Nix (ASCAP); Copyright 2019, HAL LEONARD LLC. All rights reserved.

Alleluia! Song of Triumph: Text: public domain; Tune: Latin, c. 11 century; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-166, alt.

1010
for
Stewardship Emphasis



Week 2 of 10

First Things First

Giving was rather cut and dried in the Old Testament. Believers were commanded, as a matter of law, to give their tithes to support the Lord's temple. New Testament Christians are called to give, not as a matter of law, but as a matter of Christian freedom.

The Bible says a lot about giving. Solomon, the writer of Proverbs, said: "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine" (Proverbs 3:9). The Apostle Paul encouraged us to bring our gifts to the house of God on a regular basis, "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made" (1 Corinthians 16:2). Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Giving is not our natural inclination. Greed, not God, once reigned in our hearts. Because of our sinful self-interests, we are inclined to take care of ourselves first and others second. Our natural default is to "get" rather than give. Our Father in heaven knows that giving helps us break the grip that money and possessions has over us. When we give to God first and give him our best, we

are showing—in a tangible way—that God, not possessions, comes first in our lives.

Behind our gifts, however, lies a deeper truth. The God who desires mercy instead of sacrifice is the God who wants the GIVER, not just our gifts. He doesn't need our work. We need our work. He doesn't need our gifts. We need to give. When Jesus asked the rich young man to give all that he had to the poor and follow him, he went away sad (Mark 10). He liked the thought of following Jesus. Tragically, he liked the feel of silver in his fingers far more. Simply put: The rich young man didn't possess his possessions. They possessed him!

God is, at heart, a giving God. The most famous passage in Scripture has the gifts of God at the center: the gift of salvation through the gift of his Son. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16) God's gifts are not without effect on us! We ourselves now express love through giving because of his great love for us! (1 John 4:19) As recipients of God's grace and love. We are empowered to share God's gifts with him and others.

May God enrich us as we grow in our giving during our Ten-for-Ten effort.