



# AMAZING GRACE

Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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Dear Friends in Christ,

St. John writes in his gospel, "From God's fullness, we have received grace upon grace." (John 1:6). Such is the state of our lives when we live under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. This good news encourages us to realize grace touches every aspect of our lives. Our proper response to this grace? Worship and thanksgiving.

Despite COVID-19, Amazing Grace accomplished many things over the last year: 1) A church online presence for worship and learning ministries; 2) a new sanctuary worship space; 3) a newly graded front lawn with improved natural environs; 4) a media recording studio; and 5) redesigned meeting spaces in the annex. Despite unparalleled challenges, we were open, active and in full service to the Lord over the last year.

This summer, as we now regather in person and online, we are on a journey to rediscover what it means to be a grace-centered worshipping community. As we read the Psalms, we are on a quest to hear songs of faith. Each week, Pastor Frank is bringing a message to deepen our participation in worship while sharing inspiring stories of the world's most beloved hymns. Through these special services, we are encouraging you to rediscover the power of worship.

Also, as we enter the second half of 2021, we encourage you to celebrate your discipleship under Jesus Christ with thanksgiving. We write to you today with an appeal to increase your generosity in giving to Christ's ministry at Amazing Grace.

As a congregation we adopted the biblical norm of tithing or 10% first fruits giving and continue to proclaim this standard as a mark of commitment to God's reign in our lives. We are including with this letter a worksheet to assist you in determining your current giving level and your tithe giving level. We encourage you to prayerfully make a commitment to tithing. If you are not currently committed to tithing, we encourage you to increase your giving by 2% to 5% toward the biblical tithe with a plan of periodic increase until you reach first fruits 10% giving.

Our worship and discipleship are not something we do to gain God's favor or to pay our way to a seat in heaven. They are offerings that we make simply in thanksgiving for the grace upon grace we receive from God. We hope you will join us in renewing your worship and your discipleship this summer. May we all grow in faith, in grace and in giving.

In Christ's name,

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# TITHING WORKSHEET

## NET INCOME FORMULA

	Example	My Numbers
HOUSEHOLD YEARLY GROSS INCOME	\$44,511	
MONTHLY GROSS INCOME	\$3,709	
TAX PERCENTAGE OR ACTUAL MONTHLY TAXES	\$556	
MONTHLY NET TITHE OFFERING (10% NET INCOME)	\$315.29	
MONTHLY CHARITY SPENDING (Other Giving)	\$ 100.00	
MONTHLY TITHE AFTER CHARITY SPENDING*	\$305.29	
SUBTITHE OFFERING:		
9%	\$274.76	
8%	\$244.23	
7%	\$213.70	
6%	\$183.17	
5%	\$152.64	
4%	\$122.11	
3%	\$91.59	
2%	\$61.06	
1%	\$30.53	

\*Subtract charity spending from monthly gross income BEFORE calculating tithe / 10%.