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Money affects all of us
Especially here at the U
Where 100 million dollars needs to be cut
The conversation out of Washington sounds as divisive as ever
Each critiques the other as wrong and bullheaded
Here in Minnesota there is talk of a 6 Billion deficit over the next two years
(hence, the \$100,000,000 reductions here at the U).
Money, too much or too little, changes us
The question, then, becomes:
How much is just right?
Or, how much is enough?

When asked about paying the occupation taxes to Rome
Jesus asked to see a coin;
“Whose picture is this on the coin?” He asked.
Upon hearing the answer “Caesar”
Jesus answered: “Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar’s
and unto God that which is God’s.”

What a great answer
Except. . .
What is not God’s?

Too often we think of money as belonging to us:
As something we “make”
As something to spend (on what for whom?)
We exchange our time and energy for money
During this time of economic turmoil
We know of scarcity of money

I have no solutions that are easy or immediate
I do know we are in this together
And that the life we have is filled with abundance
That too is one of the things Jesus said:
“I have come to bring you life abundantly.”

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Abundance

Humph

Maybe there is something to pay attention to
Find that possibility in the faithful communities around you
Rendering ourselves to God and living abundantly for the sake of the world
Join together:

Grace University Lutheran Church at 8:30 or 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM.

University Lutheran Church of Hope at 8:30 and 10:30 AM

Mercy Seat at 5 PM (at ULC Hope)

Trinity Lutheran Church (at Augustana’s Chapel) at 8:45 or 11 AM.

Peace, friends

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