

Tracking our times
Too often becomes an exercise in numbers:
700 billion to bail out Wall Street,
Polls tell us who is leading in the presidential race,
The impact of a movie is measured in millions of dollars,
Keeping track of the hours we've accumulated to graduate,
Watching the GPA go up or down,
Taking the MCATs and the LSATs and the GREs,
Seeing our debt mount up for each year here at the U,
Counting victories and lamenting defeats,

I've often wondered what this ability to count has done to us:
We tend to assess our value on the basis of these numbers,
We certainly have a sense of self worth connected to money
And what we count has something to do with our sense of worth.

What does count?
That is what we are here for,
To make a difference –
To count –
In how we live and the choices we make.

That is a primary reason for gathering to love God together,
For it makes a difference,
Loving God,
Loving God with our neighbors,
Loving God in our neighbors –
The ones we choose and the ones God sends us.

Gather in this community,
Be counted among those who gather,
Invite, share, be one of those counting differently.

Sundays with **Grace University Lutheran Church at 8:30 or 10:30 AM and/or 6:30 PM.**
University Lutheran Church of Hope at 8:30 and 10:30 AM
Trinity Lutheran Church (at Augustana's Chapel) at 8:45 or 11 AM.

Peace, friends
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