ThanksLiving

"Giving thanks in life's challenging times"

PART 3 (Nov 15)

"When Exhaustion Sets In"

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: Come into this sanctuary, all you who labor and are heavy laden. Bring your weary bodies, your exhausted minds, and your spent spirits into the presence of the Lord.

People: Our souls find rest in God alone; our salvation comes from Him.

Pastor: We confess that the relentless pace of life has drained us.

People: Running from bills to duties.

Pastor: Coping with the fear of layoffs.

People: Our souls running on empty.

Pastor: Spent.

People: Nothing left to give. Exhausted.

Pastor: We have crawled to the broom tree of despair, crying out that we have had enough.

People: Lord, strengthen our weak knees and revive our fainting hearts.

Pastor: God did not abandon Elijah in his burnout, and He will not abandon you. He meets us here not in the roaring wind or the earthquake, but in a gentle, whispering voice of peace.

People: We give You thanks, O Lord, for refreshing our souls and giving power to the faint!

Hymn

"God So Loved" (Worship Initiative)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Great Shepherd of the weary, You know how deeply the relentless demands of this life can drain us.

People: When exhaustion sets in and our willingness to give thanks feels entirely empty, find us in our desert places.

Pastor: Feed us with Your Word, sustain us with Your Sacraments, and whisper Your grace into our anxious hearts.

People: Teach us to rest in Your finished work, that our weariness may be exchanged for a quiet garment of praise.

Pastor: For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: 1 Kings 19:9-18

9There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and
he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” 10He said, “I have been very jealous for the
Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down
your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek
my life, to take it away.” 11And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord.”
And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in
pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an
earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. 12And after the earthquake a fire, but
the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. 13And when Elijah
heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.
And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” 14He said,
“I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have
forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword,
and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” 15And the Lord said to him,
“Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall
anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. 16And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king
over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in
your place. 17And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and
the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. 18Yet I will leave seven
thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not
kissed him.”

New Testament: Galatians 6:1-10

1Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him
in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2Bear one another's
burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is
nothing, he deceives himself. 4But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to
boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. 5For each will have to bear his own
load. 6Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. 7Do
not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8For the
one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to
the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in
due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10So then, as we have opportunity, let us do
good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

25At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have
hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children;
26yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27All things have been handed over to me by my
Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the
Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28Come to me, all who labor and are
heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am
gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30For my yoke is easy, and my
burden is light.”

Creed: Apostle's

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day
"Peace" (Songwriter Initiative)

Message

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Confession/Absolution

Words of Institution & Communion
"Lamb of Sacrifice" (Songwriter Initiative)

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (LSB702)
My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine,
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart

Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm and changeless be,
A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrows's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

"On Eagles' Wings" (LSB727)
You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge, my Rock in whom I trust.

Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. (Refrain)

For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,

Lest you dash your foot upon a stone. (Refrain)

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn/Song
"Because He Lives" (Worship Initiative)

Sending
P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God. Amen.