ThanksLiving
"Giving thanks in life's challenging times"

PART 4 (Nov 22)
"When You Feel Insignificant"

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship
Pastor: When we look out at a vast world, we feel small.
People: When we look at a corporate spreadsheet, we feel replaceable.
Pastor: When we look at the starry night sky, we cry out, "What is man that You are mindful of him?"
People: Yet God has crowned humanity with glory and honor!
Pastor: The world measures your value by your productivity, your bank account, and your status. If those things slip away, the world casts you aside.
People: But the Lord looks at the heart; He knows us by name.
Pastor: You are not a face in the crowd or a number on a layoff list to your Creator. You are fearfully and wonderfully made, bought with the precious blood of Christ.
People: Therefore, we will praise You, for we are marvelously made! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Hymn
"Praise to the Lord (Joyful, Joyful)" (Shane & Shane)

Prayer of the Day
Pastor: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
People: When the pressures of this world make us feel invisible and insignificant, remind us of our true identity.
Pastor: You have engraved our names on the palms of Your hands.
People: Help us to give thanks not because of our achievements or our worldly status, but because we belong to You.
Pastor: Let Your love be the anchor that gives our lives ultimate meaning and value. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
People: Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 8:3-9

[3]When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, [4]what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? [5]Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. [6]You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have

put all things under his feet, [7]all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, [8]the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. [9]O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

[26]For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. [27]But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; [28]God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, [29]so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. [30]And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, [31]so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Gospel: Luke 12:1-7

[1]In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. [2]Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. [3]Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops. [4]"I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. [5]But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! [6]Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. [7]Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Creed: Apostles

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. On 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

"God of the Living" (Kip Fox)

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

"I Need Thee Every Hour" (Worship Initiative)

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (LSB739)
Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone,
At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (LSB761)
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn/Song
"Almighty Father, Bless the Word" (LSB923)
Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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