ThanksLiving

"Giving thanks in life's challenging times"

PART 5 (Nov 25)

"When You're Spiritually Dry"

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: Welcome to the house of the Lord on this Thanksgiving Eve. We come together to remember God's goodness, yet some of us enter this place feeling like a parched, dry desert.

People: Our souls thirst for You, O God, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Pastor: It is easy to praise God in seasons of abundance, but when our hearts feel numb and our spirits feel barren, giving thanks feels like an uphill climb.

People: Lord, restore to us the joy of Your salvation!

Pastor: Remember the wilderness journey of God's people.

People: He did not let them perish in the desert; He rained down manna from heaven and brought water out of the rock.

Pastor: He is the provider who sustains us through every drought.

People: We will sing to the Lord a new song! We will bless His name and show forth His salvation from day to day!

Hymn

"Come Ye Thankful People Come" (Worship Zone)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Father of Mercies and God of All Comfort, on this Thanksgiving Eve, we bring to You both our harvest praises and our hidden droughts.

People: Forgive us for the times we forget Your past faithfulness the moment we enter a wilderness season.

Pastor: When our spirits are dry, crack open our hardened hearts with the refreshing water of Your Word.

People: Feed us with the bread of life, and grant us a spirit of true ThanksLiving that relies entirely on Your daily grace,

Pastor: recognizing that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word from Your mouth. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Readings

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 8:1-6

[1]"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your

fathers. [2]And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. [3]And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. [4]Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. [5]Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. [6]So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him."

Reading 2: John 7:37-39

[37]On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. [38]Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" [39]Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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.

Hymn of the Day

"Enough" (Chris Tomlin)

Message

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Confession/Absolution

Words of Institution & Communion

"Now, Thank We All our God" (Nathan Drake)

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer Creator" (LSB785:1)
We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You,
we kneel and adore You;

We bless your holy name,
glad praises we sing.

“Give Thanks, with a Grateful Heart” (LSB806)
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given
Jesus Christ His Son.

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And now let the weak say “I am strong,”
Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
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Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, Give thanks.

“Praise and Thanksgiving” (LSB789)
Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.

Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling For daily bread.

Father, providing Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing
With us, all others May know Your care.

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn/Song
“How Great Is Our God” (Chris Tomlin)

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