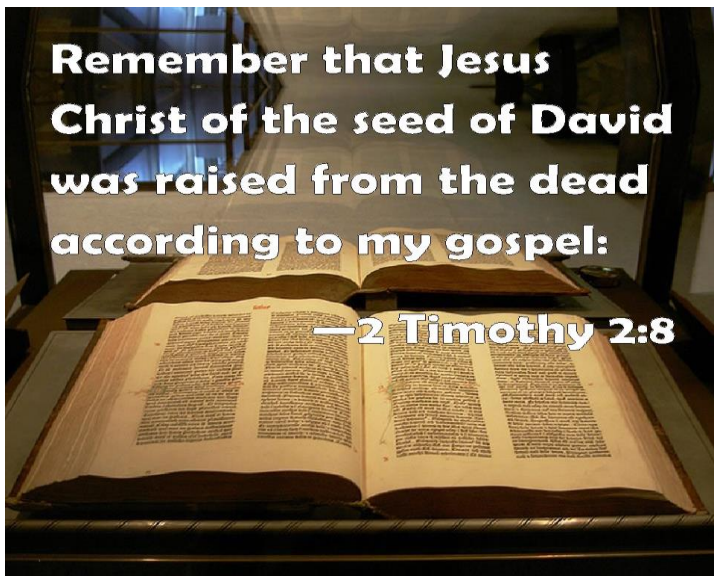


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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 2022

Matins (p. 219ff in LSB)

The Preservice Music, Call to Worship, and Welcome

The Opening Hymn: 915 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



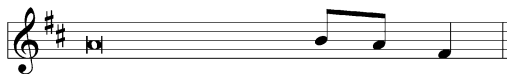
Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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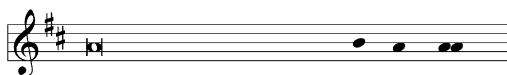
The Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.



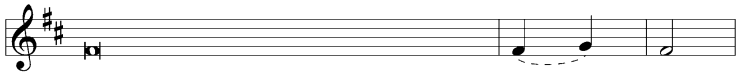
L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

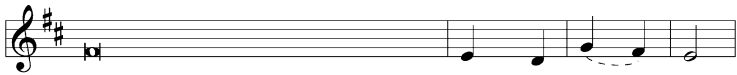
The Venite

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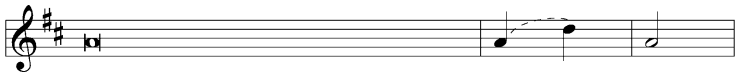
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

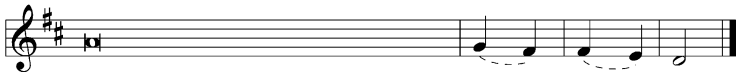


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



☪ Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



☩ O come, let us wor-ship Him.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 111 (Chanted by all)



¹Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,*
in the company of the upright, in the congre- |
gation.

²Great are the works | of the LORD,*
studied by all who de- | light in them.

³Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,*
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be re- |
membered;*
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who | fear him;*
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.

⁶He has shown his people the power | of his works,*
in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just,*
all his precepts are | trustworthy;

⁸they are established forever and | ever,*
to be performed with faithfulness and up- |
rightness.

⁹He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.*
Holy and awesome | is his name!
¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good under- |
standing.*
His praise endures for- | ever!

The Old Testament Lesson: Ruth 1:1–19a

L A reading from Ruth, chapter 1.

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say

I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me.” ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. ¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:1–13

L A reading from 2 Timothy, chapter 2.

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. ⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Verse

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus

*You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high*

(Repeat verse and chorus)

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The Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:11–19

P A reading from Luke, chapter 17.

11On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. 12And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance 13and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” 14When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. 15Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; 16and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. 17Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? 18Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” 19And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

The Responary

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Verse *To Refrain*

- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

Refrain

- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

The Sermon Hymn: 561, "The Tree of Life"

- 1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's
- 2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken,
- 3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of
- 4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -

ho - ly or - chard stood, And of its fruit so pure and
 as the ser - pent strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -
 res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's
 ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -

sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this
 guile And Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of
 seed, The One to fill our great - est need— For on a
 lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this

gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er tree, of which they
 sad - ness when the breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and
 tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would
 fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to

knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -
 death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -
 die, Would drink the cup of scorn and
 eat, To find with - in this cross of

dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.
 played With - in the world so new - ly made.
 dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
 wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

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The Sermon

The Offering *(Please sign the burgundy Friendship booklet and pass it to other people sitting in your pew. When completed, pass it back to the center aisle and be sure to greet the people next to you! Those sitting by the center aisle: please tear off the completed sheet and place it on the pew. Thank you!)*

A Hymn: "My Jesus I Love Thee"

Verse 1

My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art mine
 For Thee all the follies of sin I resign

My gracious Redeemer my Savior art Thou
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

Verse 2

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

Verse 3

I'll love Thee in life I will love Thee in death
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

Verse 4

In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

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The Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

The General Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

C 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.**

A Hymn: 720 "We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight"

1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un-belief; And
4 For You, O res-ur-rect-ed Lord, Are
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In

gra-cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
fol-low where He trod; But in His prom-ise
may our faith a-bound To call on You when
found in means di-vine: Be-neath the wa-ter
realms of clear-er light We may be-hold You

none e'er spoke, But we be-lieve Him near.
we re-joice And cry "My Lord and God!"
You are near And seek where You are found.
and the Word, Be-neath the bread and wine.
as You are, With full and end-less sight.

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The Collects

P Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Collect for Grace

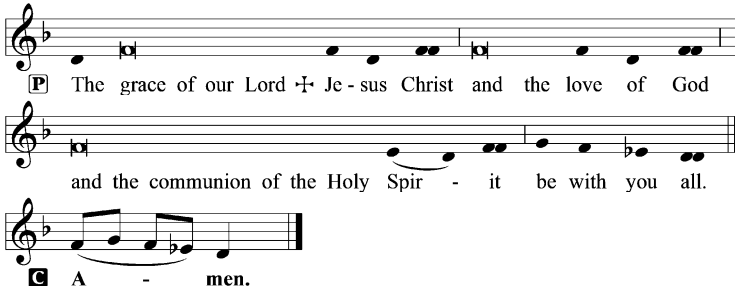
P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A Choir Anthem: "A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig.

Benediction

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The Hymn to Depart: 920 “Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go”

1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
 2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
 3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth speak;
 4 Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;
 5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show

Christ to the world with joy we bring;
 King-ship with Him His ser-vants gain;
 This world of time to con-se-crate,
 Proph-ets are we whose deeds pro-claim
 That in His Church all na-tions find

Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
 With Christ the Ser-vant-Lord of all,
 This world of sin by grace to heal,
 Christ's truth in love that we may be
 Their hearth and home where Christ re-stores

Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.
 Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
 Christ's world in Christ to re-cre-ate.
 Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.
 True peace, true love to all man-kind.

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Events of the Week: October 9-16, 2022

Pastor will be attending the Michigan District Pastors' Conference from Sunday afternoon to Wednesday afternoon.

Today	11:00 a.m. Bible study 1:00 p.m. Planned Giving Seminar
Monday	6:30 p.m. Worship service
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Bible study
Thursday	1:30 p.m. Dorcus Social 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:15 p.m. Choir
Friday	Pastor's Day off
Saturday	10:00 a.m. ISJ Academy 5 K Run/Walk
Sunday:	8:00 a.m. Gizmo devo on FB 9:30 a.m. Worship service 11:00 a.m. Bible study

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: October 2/3, 2022

General Fund	7588.00
Carpet (Friends in Faith)	817.13
ISJ Academy	250.00
Tessaro LBT Ministry	125.00
Memorials	<u>190.00</u>
TOTAL	8970.13

Announcements

We welcome Julie Burgess to St. James today. Julie will lead a seminar called **“The Lifetime Plan for Giving Workshop”** during which she will share information about planned giving for our estate plans. We will have a pizza lunch starting at noon and the workshop will get started around 1:00 p.m. All are invited.

Thank you to all who volunteered their time to make the 2nd Best Sale take place and who donated items for the sale. We were able to provide much needed clothing to many people.

We need about 4-8 volunteers to serve supper at NECM on Tuesday, October 11th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If interested, please speak with Dale Rosema.

The Dorcas Society will meet on Thursday, October 13th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Gathering room (Note the time and location is incorrect in the newsletter) for a fun time of playing games and sharing time together in Christian fellowship. All women of our congregation are invited. Please see Phyllis Schultz with any questions.

It's time...to welcome back the community to St. James! TRUNKS of TREATS is scheduled for 2:30-4:00 pm on Saturday, Oct. 29th. So, it's time to think and plan how you would like to participate in this outreach. Please take a look at the sheet by the office to see the opportunities and sign up. Clearly our emphasis is always Christ-centered in all we do, so if you decorate your car feel free to express your Christian faith to our visitors! Questions/suggestions can be directed to Cindy, Marjie, and John. Thank YOU 😊

The Four Ps of Christian Discipleship, a four-week, Bible study begins the week of October 16th. There are several Bible study groups to join:

- **Sunday morning** (after worship): Carol Bifulco and Kim Urbanski
- **Tuesday: 2:00 p.m.** Facilitators are Mary Ward and Dr. Rachel Palmer
- **Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.** Facilitators are John and Marjie Weiss

We encourage every member to participate in a group and to be blessed by your participation!

Attention Ladies! St. James' LWML invites you to join them for fellowship and encouragement from God's Word. **Sign Up by October 16th for the Grand Rapids' Zone Rally – My Sheep Hear My Voice!** - will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 22nd. Pastor Berg from Good Shepherd, Middleville will lead a Bible study exploring the relationship of the Good Shepherd and His flock and what it means to follow the voice of the Good Shepherd. Registration and a continental breakfast begin at 8:45 and the rally will run until noon. The ingathering will be items for Allendale's Positive Options, a service of Lakeshore Pregnancy Center. Desired ingathering donations include: size 4,5,6 diapers, wipes, and quality new teething rings. If you are unable to attend, but wish to make a donation, please give your donations to Grace Rosema or Carol Bifulco.

Lifting our Hands in Prayer Painting Event- St. James LWML invites you to join them for an evening of fun on **Sunday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m.** Sticking with our Fall prayer emphasis, we will contemplate David's words recorded in Psalm 141:2: Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice! Kim Urbanski will be leading us as we create a visual prayer reminder. Each participant will be guided to create an image of praying hands on a 9x12 canvas. A charge of \$10 per person will cover the cost of supplies. We hope you will join in the fun. Sign up outside the office door by November 6th.

Lectors are needed. If you would like to read the appointed Scripture readings at the Sunday morning worship services, please sign up for a Sunday on the sheet in the foyer by the church office.

THANK YOU!

Dear St. James

I thank you for all the well wishes, prayers, and calls during my surgery and healing. I appreciate it so much and felt God's love through you all.

Marty Butler

VOTE NO ON PROPOSAL 3

A message from Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans for Life of Michigan

The *Reproductive Freedom For All Abortion Amendment* will now appear on the ballot for the November 8 elections. If passed by a majority of Michigan voters, the State Constitution would be amended, authorizing abortions up until the moment of birth, while sweeping away every law designed to impose common sense limits on abortions, such as parental consent, and health and safety regulations on abortion clinics. This would make Michigan one of the most radically pro-abortion states in the nation. For the sake of our children, our grandchildren, our mothers and fathers, our nation, and our Church – we must stand against this moral, ethical, and spiritual evil. ***Christians cannot and must not be silent.*** Fliers, bulletin inserts, and other resources are available from - www.supportMIwomenandchildren.org

Please – get out the word! Vote *NO* on Proposal 3!

Would you like to help the victims of Hurricane Ian? You can do so by making a financial contribution to the LCMS disaster relief efforts. Individuals, congregations, and groups wanting to donate to the relief and recovery effort may give:

- By mail — Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and write “*Hurricane Relief*” on the memo line. Send to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.
- By telephone — Call 888-930-4438.
- Online — Visit lcms.org/givenow/hurricane.
- By text message — Type the keyword LCMSHURRICANES and send to the number 41-444 from your text-enabled smartphone or tablet.

For additional assistance or to ask questions about donating, please call LCMS Mission Advancement’s Contributor Care Line at 888-930-4438.

Disaster Response teams are coordinating to assess damages and those impacted by the hurricane. If you are interested, please donate to Hurricane Ian Relief at <https://flgadistrict.org/give/> or collect gift cards for stores like Lowe’s, Home Depot, Walmart, and chain restaurants, and mail them to: Florida-Georgia District; 5850 T G Lee Blvd Suite 500; Orlando FL 32822.

Those who serve Today:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer

The Lector: Charlie Kirt

Organist: Beth McKay

Deacons: Bryan Ensing

Ushers: Dale and Grace Rosema

Video/Sound/Recording: John and Margie Weiss and Nathan Urbanski

October Altar Guild: Sherry Schmidt

Luke 17:11-19

For What Are You Thankful?

(Make a List as Pastor Preaches)