



The Shepherd's Voice

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Rejoice in the Good Things God has Given to You!

What are you thankful for today? Looking back over the last year, what can you give thanks to the Lord for? Honestly, some of us would say that we don't have much to be thankful for. Take a second look! Sometimes we take it for granted how blessed we really are! What are you thankful for today? Are you thankful for your body and soul, eyes, ears, and all your members, your reason and all your senses? How about clothing and shoes? Food and drink? House and home? Wife, children, land and animals? For all these things it is our duty to give thanks to God! Moses writes, **"you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household"**. (Deuteronomy 26:11) These words were spoken to the children of Israel in preparing to enter the promised land, a land flowing with milk and honey. In bringing an offering of first-fruits, an act of worship, the children of Israel recounted their history beginning with Abraham, their slavery in Egypt, God's rescuing them from Egypt and leading them with His mighty Hand through the Red Sea and now entering the promised land. They were to rejoice in all the good things the Lord their God has given to them and their household!

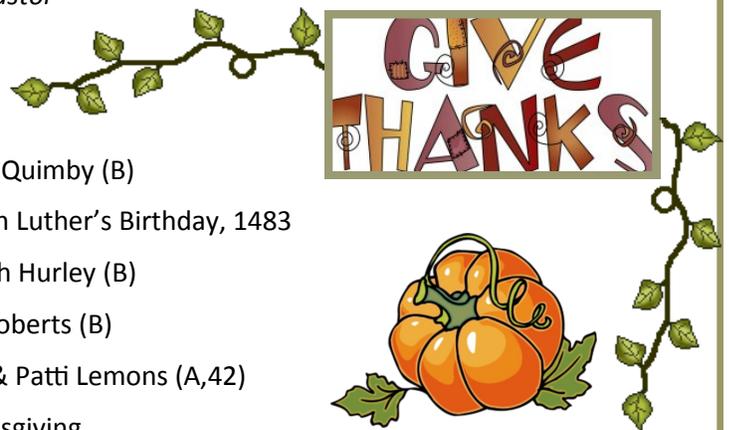
I believe these same words are given to all of God's people, including you and me, **"you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household"**. The traditional Gospel lesson for the festival of Thanksgiving is Jesus healing ten lepers. Ten lepers were healed, but only one returned to give thanks! Ten lepers saw their healed bodies, but only one saw his Healer! Ten received a gift, but only one returned thanks to the Giver and rejoiced before Him! Be forever thankful for all the good things that God has given you! God sent His Son to redeem you from sin, death and hell by His dying on a cross and then being raised again on the third day! God gives Himself to us in His Holy Word and sacraments! Through the means of grace our faith is strengthened, our sins forgiven and our lives well up with thankfulness and praise! We should remember to give thanks every day of our lives!

There is an old European story about a traveler who came upon a barn in which the devil had stored seed that he planned to sow in the hearts of people. There were bags of seeds marked 'Hatred', 'Fear', 'Doubt', 'Despair', 'Unforgiving', 'Pride', and 'Greed'. The devil appeared and struck up a conversation with the traveler, telling him how easy the seeds sprouted when he sowed them in the hearts of the people. "Are there any hearts in which these seeds will not sprout?", the traveler asked. A melancholy look appeared on the devil's face. "These seeds will not sprout in the heart of a thankful and joyful person," he said.

Remember and rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given you! Give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and His mercies endure forever! My family and I wish all of you a most blessed and joyful thanksgiving! - Rev. Timothy J. Henning, Vacancy Pastor

Special Days in November

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|------|--|-------|--------------------------------|
| 11-1 | All Saints' Day | 11-9 | Laura Quimby (B) |
| 11-2 | Monty Anderson (B) Jeremy Ausburn (B) | 11-10 | Martin Luther's Birthday, 1483 |
| 11-3 | Cookie Higgins (B) Jason & Carol Smith (A,14) | 11-14 | Parrish Hurley (B) |
| 11-7 | Debbie Steiner (B) | 11-19 | Lisa Roberts (B) |
| 11-8 | Audrey Flakoll (B) | 11-21 | Fred & Patti Lemons (A,42) |
| | | 11-27 | Thanksgiving |



NOVEMBER 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 All Saints' Day Worship, 9a Bible Hour, 10:15a | 2 Quilters, 10a | 3 | 4 Choir, 7p | 5 Study, 10:30a Teens, 6:30pm | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Worship, 9a Bible Hour, 10:15a | 9 Quilters, 10a Wor. Comm. 3p BoD Meet, 6:30p | 10 | 11 | 12 Study, 10:30a Teens, 6:30pm | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Worship, 9a Bible Hour, 10:15a Voters' Meeting | 16 Quilters, 10a | 17 Servant Event, 5:30pm | 18 Choir, 7p | 19 Study, 10:30a Teens, 6:30pm | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Worship, 9a Bible Hour, 10:15a | 23 Quilters, 10a | 24 | 25 Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 7pm | 26 Happy Thanksgiving | 27 | 28 Men's Brkfst, 8:30a |
| 29 Worship, 9a Bible Hour, 10:15a | 30 Quilters, 10a |  | | | | |

November Events

- * Sundays, 9am, Worship
- * Sundays, 10:15am, Family Bible Hour
- * Mondays, 10am-4pm, Peace Quilters
- * Wednesdays, Nov. 4 & 18, 7pm, Choir Practice
- * Thursdays, 10:30am, Bible Study
- * Thursdays, 6:30pm, Midweek Teens
- * Sunday, Nov. 15, 10:15am, Voters' Meeting
- * Tuesday, Nov. 17, 5:30pm, Dinner Servant Event
- * Wednesday, Nov. 25, 7:00pm, Thanksgiving Eve Worship
- * Saturday, Nov. 28, 8:30am Men's Breakfast



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