

November 2020

# The BEACON

## Holmes Lutheran Church

Dear Friends in Christ,

King David of old was observing Thanksgiving long before it was first observed here in America back in the fall of 1621 when Governor Bradford of the Plymouth Colony proclaimed a day of thanksgiving. In his Psalm 116, verses 12 through 14, David wrote these words:

“What shall I return to the LORD for all His goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.” NIV.

David certainly was a thankful person. His words indicate a spirit of genuine gratitude. He looked back into his past experiences, and he looked around him. Everywhere he looked, he saw the evidence of God’s goodness. And what he saw made him grateful and caused these words of thanksgiving.

We too should be a thankful people. We have every reason to be, even this year with all the problems caused by COVID19. No matter where we look, or from what angle we look at our blessings, the view is one that should stir our hearts. Thanksgiving should be our natural response for the many blessings we enjoy. Let’s count them, and, like the Psalmist, we will be amazed at how many there are.

God wants to pour out His blessings in even greater measure on those who receive them with humble, grateful hearts. Gratitude causes further blessings to flow.

We can’t remain indifferent to the sight that greets our eyes as the picture of God’s goodness is unfolded before us. There must be some response on our part. David didn’t remain indifferent to the view that met his eyes as he counted up all his blessings. He knew that he must do something about it. Thinking of his blessings as a cup filled with the goodness of the Lord, he promises to testify about God’s goodness and to show his own gratitude.

Observing Thanksgiving without giving thanks is a meaningless gesture. In view of all the blessings with which God has enriched our lives, it is only natural that we should join in acknowledging His goodness and to express our own gratitude.

But these vows that we pay should be only the beginning. After all, not a day goes by that God does not bless us. His mercies are new to us every morning. There are the common blessings--food, clothing, shelter, life itself--that we enjoy every day. And many days bring some special happiness into our lives. How can we let these daily blessings pass by unnoticed and then think that we can crowd into one day all the thanks we owe to God for a whole year of His goodness? Let every day be Thanksgiving Day! We shall find, too, that the daily practice of thanksgiving will be a tonic to our soul. It will make us happier and more cheerful; it will make us more content with what we have, and less prone to complain about the things we don’t have.

May we be found to be a thankful people until at last in heaven we lift our voices in an eternal hymn of thanksgiving to the God of our salvation. Amen.

With much Joy in His service,  
Pastor Jerome C. Nikunen.

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*Home Circle*

**Wed, November 4 @ 1:30pm**  
**Thankoffering (going to KJYL Christian Radio)**  
**Devotions/Lesson: Naomi Lette**  
**Hostess: Mary Jane Derscheid**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

*Julie Reed*



**TURN  
YOUR  
CLOCKS  
BACK ONE  
HOUR**

**SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 1ST**

**5 Days per week Bible Reading Program**

Five readings per week gives you room to catch up or take a day off to focus on other Bible readings or spiritual disciplines. Here is your reading plan for November

**Nov 1-7**

\_\_\_ Jeremiah 11-13; 2 Corinthians 12

\_\_\_ Jeremiah 14-16; Psalm 76; 2 Cor 13

\_\_\_ Jeremiah 17-20; James 1

\_\_\_ Jer 22, 23, 26; Psalm 77; James 2

\_\_\_ Jer 25,35,36,45; Psalm 133; James 3

**Nov 8-14**

\_\_\_ Jeremiah 27, 28, 29, 24; James 4

\_\_\_ Jer 37, 21, 34; Psalm 79; James 5

\_\_\_ Jeremiah 30-33; 1 Peter 1

\_\_\_ Jeremiah 38, 39, 52; 1 Peter 2

\_\_\_ 2 kings24-25; 2 Chr 36; Ps 126; 1 Pt 3

**Nov 15-21**

\_\_\_ Lamentations; Psalms 137; 1 Peter 4

\_\_\_ Obadiah; Jer 40-42; Ps 147; 1 Pet 5

\_\_\_ Jeremiah 43, 44, 46; 2 Peter 1

\_\_\_ Jeremiah 47-49; Psalm 80; 2 Peter 2

\_\_\_ Jeremiah 50-51; 2 Peter 3

**Nov 22-28**

\_\_\_ Ezekiel 1-3; John 1

\_\_\_ Ezekiel 4-6; Psalm 82; John 2

\_\_\_ Ezekiel 7-9; John 3

\_\_\_ Ezekiel 10-12; Psalm 83; John 4

\_\_\_ Ezekiel 13-15; Psalm 136; John 5

**Nov 29-Dec 5**

\_\_\_ Ezekiel 16-18; John 6

\_\_\_ Ezekiel 19-21; Psalm 84; John 7

\_\_\_ Ezekiel 22-24; Psalm 134; John 8

\_\_\_ Ezekiel 25-27; Psalm 85; John 9

\_\_\_ Ezekiel 28-30; John 10



# NOVEMBER

## Birthdays

### HOLMES

**November 2 ~ Elise Gangestad**

**November 4 ~ Ann Leadley**

**November 8 ~ Nancy Rosendahl  
Tom Romsey**

**November 14 ~ Phyllis Berkenes**

**November 15 ~ James Larson**

**November 17 ~ Dan Prehm  
Gale Manning**

**November 18 ~ Sharon Montgomery**

**November 22 ~ Colin Odland**

**November 23 ~ Gary Rosendahl**

**November 28 ~ Dave Odland  
Andrew Odland**