At one point in his life, President John F. Kennedy said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

And it seems appropriate that as we approach Thanksgiving Day, God summons us not to simply utter words, but to actually display our gratitude through the way we live our lives.

Because we are members of Christ's church, we can glorify God in appreciation for all that God has done for us and for the many blessings we have received. As we embody our thanksgiving in our church and in the world, we become willing and eager to contribute to the best of our ability, regardless of what it may be, so that we may achieve the desired goal and work for the common good.

As the Lord continues to inspire us, let us gratefully consider how we may offer our gifts to glorify God, to support the work of the church, and to serve our brothers and sisters in the world. Our Lord has bestowed upon us an abundance of blessings, and in sharing them for God's work, all people will have opportunity to taste and see that the Lord is good. I hope that you'll be able to join us for one of our worship services (at either 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.). May God's peace surround you.