



St. Paul's Lutheran Church Messenger

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Paul's,

Thanksgiving is coming. Time with family, and time to eat special foods with practiced traditions. Time to think about the year and all that God has blessed and given. Time to remember love ones who have passed and how they have blessed and shaped me and my family as well. Thanksgiving is a time to be grateful. To pause for a moment and look over the road the Lord has taken us down and all the many turns and changes.

So I want to ask, are you thankful? Do you find joy in what the Lord has done?

King David writes in Psalm 109:30 *But I will give repeated thanks to the Lord, praising him to everyone. 31 For he stands beside the needy, ready to save them from those who condemn them.*

Paul ends his first letter to the Thessalonians 5:16 *Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

I have chapel with the preschoolers on Wednesday mornings and it has been good for me as a pastor. I have been teaching on the *Attributes of God*. The word this week was **Omnipotent**. God is all powerful. One idea given is that we should make a list of all the obstacles in our life that seem impossible to overcome. Then we are to pray that our all powerful God will take care of all those things on our list. And that is why I am thankful. I don't always know what the next thing is, I don't always know what to do, but scripture tells us all that God is faithful. He will deal with things in His time. I will need to watch and wait and be ready to act. Often my job is to trust, and thank him for all He has done and wait to see how He will work next. Trust in the Lord always and again I say rejoice!

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor David Hardin