

FINAL THOUGHTS Luke 24:28-31p. 1,643  
“Jesus Recognized In Our Blessing?”

Emmaus Road account (3 days after his death)

They did NOT recognize him through his physical appearance.

They did NOT recognize through his teaching.

They DID recognize him through his action of breaking bread  
AND giving thanks (**eulogeo**).

Why this? No explanation is given.  
BUT it begs the question....

**Are there particular actions accompanied by thanks to God,  
Or perhaps thanks to God alone,  
that will enable others to see Jesus in us?**

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** The meeting **will be held TODAY following the 10:15 service**. The meeting is to elect Deacons and Elders, and members to the Nominating and Auditing Committees. The Session will provide information pertaining to the approved 2024 budget and present the recommended 2024 Pastor’s Terms of Call to the Congregation for approval. Budgets are available at each door to the Sanctuary.

**Poinsettias 2023:** If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia to be placed in the Sanctuary for Christmas, please fill in the following form and give to Elisabeth Gauthier **no later than Sunday December 3rd**, along with cash, or a check made out to the **First United Presbyterian Church**. Poinsettias will be here for December 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

**Mitten Tree:** Mittens, gloves, scarfs, and hats for people of all ages will be received until December 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be given to the Carlisle Salvation Army to distribute. Talk to Doris Mae Kennedy if you have any questions.

### Sermon Notes 11/12/23

FIRST THOUGHTS Psalm 28:6-7 p. 866  
“Giving Thanks as Praise”

Psalmist says that God has heard his cry for mercy, that the lord has been his strength and his shield (i.e. protected him from harm), and that God has truly helped him.

What about you? Has God been any of this for you?

If so, the Psalmist invites you/us to give thanks (**yahdah** = give thanks through praise)

FURTHER THOUGHTS Luke 11:1-4, 22:17-19, and 9:14-17  
“Giving Thanks for ‘Our Daily Bread’”

**Jesus teaches his disciples that they should pray  
for their “daily bread.”**

**artos** = (literal, bread) (figurative, that which gives sustenance)

Jesus goes on to teach through a story that they should be persistent/bold in asking God as well.

Luke 11:8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

Also note, asking for daily bread comes only after we pray that God’s will be done on earth as it is in heaven (i.e. our lives too).

**Jesus says nothing about giving thanks for our daily bread.**  
YET in his own life he gives example of doing so.

Except for 2 instances Jesus giving thanks is connected to the breaking of bread (Passover and Feeding Miracles)

Luke 22:17-19 **eucharisteo** (Eucharist) thanks/gratitude...  
(saying grace at a meal)

Luke 9:14-17 **eulogeo** (Eulogy) blessing/praise  
relates closely to **yahdah**.

What do you have to give thanks to God for, that is “daily bread” in your life (all that which sustains your life)?

*Prayerfully, openly engage in relationships  
through Christ's love."*

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **Family Christmas Festival:**

Calling all who are interested in helping with the Family Christmas Festival--**Walk to Bethlehem** with Mary and Joseph. Please meet with the Community Life committee and Debby Madden **after worship on November 19**. We are looking for folks to play Mary, Joseph, an Angel and a Roman soldier... That involves a short skit and helping the children on the walk. And we always need Christmas cookies/goodies. Questions? Call Rausa at 717-776-9142

##### **Thanksgiving Community Service:**

First United will be hosting the Community Thanksgiving Service on **Monday, November 20, at 7 p.m.** Pastor Steve of Big Spring Presbyterian will be leading the service. There will be a reception following the service.

##### **Truck Stop Cookie Packing:**

**NEW DATE AND TIME!** We will be packing cookies for the Truck Stop Ministry on **Saturday Dec 2 at 4:30 pm.** Please have your cookies to the church by 3:00 pm that day marked for the TSM. All cookies are welcome (no bar cookies), or individually wrapped holiday candies. Questions: Kathy (717) 580-3874. PS: **stay after for Dan Dorthy's organ concert!**

##### **Sunday Worship Services:**

Our congregation went from one Sunday morning worship service to two about 30 years ago when Session was told that the one service had reached its capacity. Session was advised to create an additional service to encourage growth, which it did. 30 years later times have changed. We have become much smaller in membership, with the original reason to have two worship services no longer existing. With this in mind, Session would like to have a conversation over the future of our having two worship services?

While Session welcomes input from all our members, Session desires most to speak with those who currently attend the 8:30 a.m. service on a regular basis. If the 8:30 is the service you regularly attend you will be contacted by a Session member soon to hear your thoughts in regards to the possibility of discontinuing the service. If your regular service is the 10:15 a.m., then please contact any Session member with thoughts you may have in regards to this topic.

Session realizes that there are pros and cons to reverting to one service. We believe that by engaging in conversation with our members we can reach a decision that will be best for the congregation going forward. Thank you.