



Midweek Meditation



"Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back...and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. And He said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has saved you.'"
Luke 17

It's entirely possible that we will stuff ourselves full this week with too much turkey, dressing, and pumpkin pie. We do it every year. I suppose it's our way of showing thanks: eat more. And actually when it comes to the greater gifts God gives, this is how He wants us to show our thanks: stuff ourselves with them. He doesn't want us to push our plate away. We can never have too much grace, too much forgiveness, too much of God's words of life, too much of His Sacrament. The Samaritan leper returned to Jesus because he wanted more. Not more physical gifts for his body. He returned in faith as our Lord points out. And faith always wants more of Jesus. And Jesus always has more to give.

As we enjoy God's good gifts this Thanksgiving and throughout our life, may we like that Samaritan leper, always take the time to come back to our Lord and worship Him. It's what faith does. We will not be disappointed, for we will be blessed as the leper was, receiving gifts for our salvation.

Lord Jesus, let me always be like the leper who was blessed in returning to You, for You always have more to give. Amen.