

**Sermon**  
**Those Healed Give Thanks**

Luke 17: 11-19  
But To Whom?  
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- I. The call to thankfulness
  - a. The world is full of calls to thankfulness
    - i. Hallmark and TV: We should be more thankful.
    - ii. Luke 17:11-19: another call to thankfulness?
  - b. Thankfulness: a happiness strategy
    - i. The world's thankfulness is inherently selfish
    - ii. Thankfulness is a means to an end
  - c. Thankfulness in contemporary nihilism
    - i. Inspired by and an enlightened form of Homeric polytheism
    - ii. Dreyfus and Kelly use metapoiesis to cultivate thankfulness

Who are we thankful to?

- d. It matters who we're thankful to.
    - i. Where we direct thanks affects our behavior
    - ii. Luke 17:11-19: who should you thank?
  - e. "Your faith has made you well" (v 19).
    - i. Not merely "healed" (cf. 17:17, 19:10)
    - ii. Indicator that the topic is the identity of Jesus (cf. 7:36ff, 8:40ff, 18:35ff)
- II. Thankful to Christ
    - a. Giving thanks to Christ changes our behavior
      - i. Moderation and generosity
      - ii. Scripture and Catechism at the dinner table

b. Giving thanks to God in the flesh

i. *Eucharist* is from the Greek Εὐχαριστία “thanksgiving”

We thank God in the most direct and personal way.