**Thanksgiving November 19, 2023**

**Let’s Be Thankful – Psalm 116**

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Psalm 116:5-7

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3. Thanksgiving for **deliverance from death** Psalm 116:8-11

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4. Thanksgiving for **salvation** Psalm 116:12-14

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