

CHESHIRE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Cheshire, Connecticut
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THANKSGIVING EVE FESTIVAL WORSHIP
Wednesday, November 25, 2020

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE – “*Allegro*” Sonata number 5 by
J. S. Bach. Soloist, Frank Vasi

HYMN 892 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LITANY

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.
For His mercy endures forever!

O give thanks unto God the Father, who has
made us and all creatures: **Who has given us
body and soul, eyes, ears, and all our
members, our reason and all our senses
and still preserves them.**

Who gives us clothing and shoes, food and
drink, house and home, spouse and children.
**Who daily and richly provides us with all
that we need to support this body and life.**

O give thanks unto Christ Jesus, His Son,
who has redeemed us, although we were lost
and condemned creatures. **Who purchased
and won us from all sin, death and the
power of the devil.**

Not with gold or silver, but with His holy
precious blood and His innocent suffering

and death. **That we may be His own and
live under Him in His kingdom.**

O give thanks unto the Holy Spirit, who has
called us to faith by the Gospel, enlightened
us with His gifts, sanctified and kept us in the
true faith; **Even as He calls, gathers, en-
lightens and sanctifies the whole Christian
church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus
Christ, in the one true faith.**

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:
**O give thanks to our God, Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit. For His mercy endures
forever! Amen.**

GREETING and PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Almighty God, Your mercies
are new every morning and You gracious-
ly provide for all our needs of body and
soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we
may acknowledge Your goodness, give
thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in
willing obedience all our days; through
Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON - Deuteronomy 8:1-10
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to
God!**

PSALM 67 - *we speak in unison*

SECOND LESSON - Philippians 4:6-20
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to
God!**

Page 173 - **ALLELUIA VERSE**
all standing

GOSPEL - Luke 17:11-19
Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!
After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 785 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - *all standing*
(inside back cover of hymnal)

OFFERTORY - *see insert - we sing, seated*
“We Plow the Fields and Scatter” text by
Claudias tr. Jane Campbell; tune Wir Pflu-
gen by JoHann Schultz

PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to Almighty God for all
His gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

HYMN 894 vs 1 and 3

For all that is gracious in the lives of men
and women, revealing the image of Christ,
Thanks be to God.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and
families, and our friends, **Thanks be to God.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and

hands to serve, **Thanks be to God.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure
to rest and play, **Thanks be to God.**

For the faithful, who are patient in suffering
and steadfast in adversity, **Thanks be to
God.**

For all who promote truth, liberty, and jus-
tice, **Thanks be to God.**

For the communion of saints, in all times and
places, **Thanks be to God.**

Above all, we give thanks to God for the
great mercies and promises given to us in
Christ Jesus our Lord; **to Him be praise and
glory, with the Father, and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION - *all standing*

May God be gracious to us and bless us and
make His face shine upon us. **May Your
ways be known on earth, Your salvation
among all nations. May the peoples praise
You, O God; May all the peoples praise
You!**

May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for
You rule the people justly and guide the na-
tions of the earth. **May the peoples praise
You, O God; may all the peoples praise
You. Then the land will yield its harvest,
and God, our God, will bless us and all the
ends of the earth will fear Him.**

May God the Father, the Son + and the Holy
Spirit be gracious to you and bless you and
make His face shine upon you. **Amen.**

HYMN 895 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - “*Exultate Deo*” by *Vincent Williams*

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The Thanksgiving Cornucopia on the table adjacent to the pulpit is a special offering from Martha Henderson and is intended as a visual aid to remind us how blessed we are. We should always remember God’s generous nature towards humanity and respond with praise and thanksgiving.