

CHESHIRE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Cheshire, Connecticut  
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THANKSGIVING EVE FESTIVAL WORSHIP  
Wednesday, November 23, 2022

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** – *The Bell Choir plays*  
*“Reflections of Thankfulness”*  
*Tunes Nun Danket/Windsor; arr. Eithun*

**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, enlight-**  
**ens 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** - *The Parish Choir sings*  
*“Thanksgiving” by John Beck*

**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 Almighty 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** - “*Allegro*” by Scarlatti

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**The Thanksgiving Cornucopia** on the table adjacent to the pulpit is a special offering from Arta Dobbs 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.