CHESHIRE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Cheshire, Connecticut
The Rev. Dr. David Rowold, Pastor

THANKSGIVING EVE FESTIVAL WORSHIP
Wednesday, November 25, 2026

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *"Andante Con Moto"* by G. F. Handel.

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, enlightens 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 graciously 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 -** *we sing, standing*

GOSPEL - St. Luke 17:11-19 - *all standing*
Before, all say: **Glory to You, O Lord!**
After, all say: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN 785 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - *hymnal, back cover all standing*

OFFERTORY - The Parish Choir sings *"Lord Of Harvest"* by Leavett.

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 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 justice, **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

COLLECT

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 nations 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 - *"Thanksgiving Praise"* by Donald Callendar.

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The Thanksgiving Cornucopia on the altar 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.