

**CHESHIRE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Cheshire, Connecticut  
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**THANKSGIVING EVE FESTIVAL WORSHIP**  
Wednesday, November 27, 2024

**THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE** – *The Bell Choir plays*  
*“Come Christians, Join to Sing” tune*  
*Madrid, setting by Dan Edwards.*

**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*

*“The Lord of Harvest” tune Wie Herlich ist*  
*der Maien, setting by John Leavitt.*

**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 sal-**  
**vation among all nations. May the peo-**  
**ples 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** - *“God the Omnipotent” tune*  
*Lvov, setting by Powell.*

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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.