

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 25, 2020



+ PRELUDE+

"We Gather Together"

+ WELCOME +

GATHER

+ GATHERING + Together with God the creator, Jesus our Redeemer (+), and the fire of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

+ GATHERING HYMN+

"Come Ye, Thankful People, Come" (vs. 1,2,4)

ELW #693

+ CALL TO WORSHIP FOR THANKSGIVING+

L. Give thanks to the Lord, for Lord is good.

C. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

Make known God's deeds among the peoples!

God blesses us with gifts of love:

With food and clothing, home and family.

God calls us into relationship:

And forms us into one holy people, the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.

Therefore let us offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY+

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+HYMN OF FAITH +

"Now Thank We All Our God"

ELW #840

WORD

+READING FROM SCRIPTURE +

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (*The Message*)

⁶⁻⁹So it's paramount that you keep the commandments of GOD, your God, walk down the roads he shows you and reverently respect him. GOD is about to bring you into a good land, a land with brooks and rivers, springs and lakes, streams out of the hills and through the valleys. It's a land of wheat and barley, of vines and figs and pomegranates, of olives, oil, and honey. It's land where you'll never go hungry—always food on the table and a roof over your head. It's a land where you'll get iron out of rocks and mine copper from the hills. ¹⁰ After a meal, satisfied, bless GOD, your God, for the good land he has given you. ¹¹⁻¹⁶ Make sure you don't forget GOD, your God... the God who delivered you from Egyptian slavery; the God who led you through that huge and fearsome wilderness, those desolate, arid badlands crawling with fiery snakes and scorpions; the God who gave you water gushing from hard rock; the God who gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never heard of, in order to give you a taste of the hard life, to test you so that you would be prepared to live well in the days ahead of you. ¹⁷⁻¹⁸ If you start thinking to yourselves, "I did all this. And all by myself. I'm rich. It's all mine!"—well, think again. Remember that GOD, your God, gave you the strength to produce all this wealth so as to confirm the covenant that he promised to your ancestors—as it is today.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION+

"How Great Thou Art" (vs. 1)

ELW #856

+ GOSPEL READING +

Luke 17:11-19 (*The Message*)

¹¹⁻¹³ It happened that as he made his way toward Jerusalem, he crossed over the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men, all lepers, met him. They kept their distance but raised their voices, calling out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

¹⁴⁻¹⁶ Taking a good look at them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." They went, and while still on their way, became clean. One of them, when he realized that he was healed, turned around and came back, shouting his gratitude, glorifying God. He kneeled at Jesus' feet, so grateful. He couldn't thank him enough—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷⁻¹⁹ Jesus said, "Were not ten healed? Where are the nine? Can none be found to come back and give glory to God except this outsider?" Then he said to him, "Get up. On your way. Your faith has healed and saved you."

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+ GOSPEL RESPONSE+

"How Great Thou Art" (vs. 4)

ELW #856

+ SERMON +

+HYMN OF THE DAY+

"Praise and Thanksgiving" (vs. 1,3)

ELW #689

+LITANY FOR THANKSGIVING +

L: As the pioneers, we gather on this Eve of Thanksgiving to offer thanks for all those gifts which the Lord has seen fit to give us, especially for our country, our state, our community, our congregation and our families.

C: We praise you, and we thank you, O God.

Lord, there is much to be thankful for. May our lives reflect your love.

Help us, O God, to be faithful.

Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Guide us by your will, give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

+ BLESSING FOR THANKSGIVING +

May the Lord of the harvest grace your Thanksgiving table with His presence and fill your loved ones with peace. And may almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

+ SENDING HYMN +

"Have You Thanked the Lord" (vs. 1, 3)

ELW #829

+ POSTLUDE +

May you and your families have a blessed
Thanksgiving.

Welcoming, equipping and serving in Christ's name,
Julie, Krista, Mike, Tam and Pastor Heather
your church staff

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT

+ **THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH IS OUR FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

+ **WASHBURN COUNTY FOOD PANTY NEEDS:** Winter is coming and there is a community need for coats, jackets and boots. Please consider donating a new or gently used item. Collection boxes are located in the entry of the church, now through December.

