# THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE "HOMES, COUNTRY AND CHURCHES"

November 27, 2025 10:00 a.m.

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## THE LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK pp. 285-287

(See explanation of the Chancel
Thanksgiving Banner and
of this National Day of Thanksgiving)
(\* = all stand)



## THANKSGIVING BANNER

## On the wall of the Chancel behind the Altar.

## **Spiritual Gifts**

Shell - thankful for our Baptism into God's family

**Church** - thankful for our Church - the Bible is the foundation of the Church

Chi Rho- the first letters of the word "Christ" in Greek

**Entwined Circles** - the Trinity and also a marriage symbol of Christ/Church - husband/wife

## **Material Gifts**

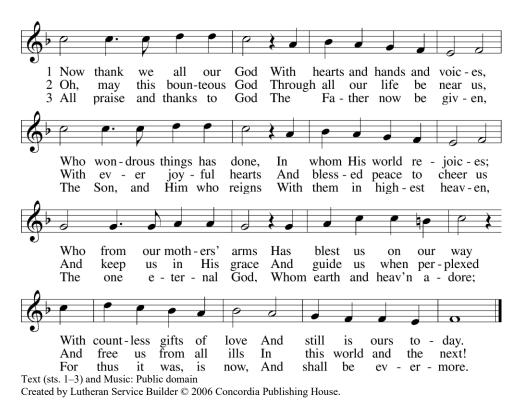
- house, home, clothing, food, drink and the beauty of the season

## **National Thanksgiving Day**

## We Praise God for Sustaining Life in and through His Word

The nation resounds with thanksgiving for the earth's bountiful harvest, crops of wheat and grains, all beneath the canopy of God's almighty care. But "man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord" (Deut. 8:1–10). The Church is the vessel through which the Word of God penetrates the world with its Law and Gospel. It is this divine Word which proclaims Jesus as the sole source of life, health, and wholeness. It is Jesus who heals lepers with His Word, "Go show yourselves to the priests" (Luke 17:11–19). Of the ten cleansed, only one expresses thanksgiving back to Jesus. But true gratitude proceeds from a heart sustained by faith. Jesus bids this one Samaritan to "rise and go your way; your faith has made you well." So also, we are sent from the Sunday Divine Service, bolstered in our faith by Baptismal and Eucharist blessing to be thankful in our circumstances of plenty and hunger, abundance and need (Phil. 4:10–20).

## **HYMN 895 Now Thank We All Our God**



### Responsive Prayer 2 - Opening Versicles

- L O Lord, open my lips,
- and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- **L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- make haste to help me, O Lord, Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

#### Psalm 67

- <sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and | bless us\* and make his face to shine up- | on us,
- <sup>2</sup> that your way may be | known on earth,\* your saving power among all | nations.
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, | O God;\* let all the peoples | praise you!
- <sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,\*

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations up- | on earth.

- <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, | O God;\* let all the peoples | praise you!
- <sup>6</sup> The earth has yielded its | increase;\* God, our God, shall | bless us.
- <sup>7</sup> God shall | bless us;\*

let all the ends of the earth | fear him!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

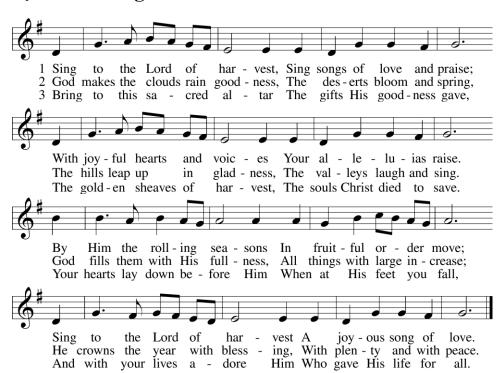
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

## THANKSGIVING FOR OUR HOMES - Old Testament Reading

(Deuteronomy 8:1-18) "The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. (2) And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. (3) And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. (4) Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. (5) Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you, (6) So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. (7) For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, (8) a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, (9) a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. (10) And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. (11) "Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, (12) lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, (13) and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, (14) then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, (15) who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, (16) who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. (17) Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' (18) You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Psalm 67

## Hymn 893 Sing to the Lord of Harvest



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### THANKSGIVING FOR OUR COUNTRY - Epistle Reading

(1) First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, (2) for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. (3) This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, (4) who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

## 965 God Bless Our Native Land



THANKSGIVING FOR OUR CHURCHES - Gospel Reading

(Luke 17:11-19) On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. (12) And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance (13) and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." (14) When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. (15) Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; (16) and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. (17) Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? (18) Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" (19) And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

## 785 We Praise You, O God





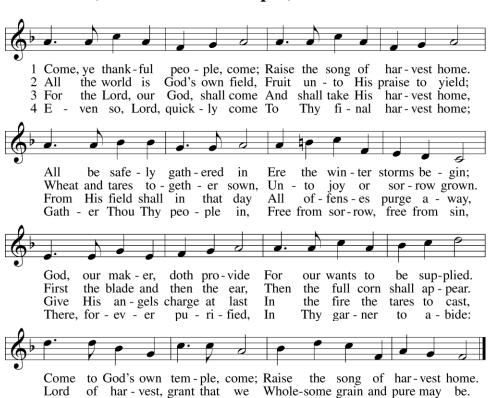


## THE SERMON "Thankful Hearts"

His gar - ner ev - er - more.

## 892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

the fruit - ful ears to store In



Come with all Thine an-gels, come, Raise the glo-rious har-vest home.

### Gather the Offerings

Voluntary: "O Splendor of the Father's Light" by Richard Hillert

## **Kyrie**

- L O Lord,
- C have mercy.
- L O Christ,
- **C** have mercy.
- L O Lord,
- **C** have mercy.

## Lord's Prayer

C

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.

#### Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life 

everlasting. Amen.

#### **Versicles**

- **L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- **C** let my cry come to You.
- **L** In the day of my trouble I call upon You;
- for You answer me.

- L Hide Your face from my sins,
- **C** and blot out all my iniquities.
- **L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- **C** and renew a right spirit within me.
- L Cast me not away from Your presence,
- and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- **L** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- **C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- **L** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
- my lips will praise You.
- **I** For You have been my help,
- and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
- **L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
- c unite my heart to fear Your name.
- L I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
- and I will glorify Your name forever.
- **L** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
- May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
- **L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
- **C** Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- **L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
- C listen to my plea for grace.

### Collect for Thanksgiving Day

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we, Your unworthy servants, give You humble and hearty thanks for all the goodness and loving-kindness that You bestow on us. We praise You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life. But above all, we bless You for Your boundless love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. We implore You to give us a right understanding of all Your mercies that our hearts may ever be deeply thankful and that we may show forth Your praise with both our lips and our lives. Direct our lives in ways of holiness and righteousness all our days that we may enjoy the testimony of a good conscience and the hope of Your favor, be sustained and comforted in every time of trouble, and finally be received into Your everlasting kingdom; through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C: Amen

## **Morning Prayer:**

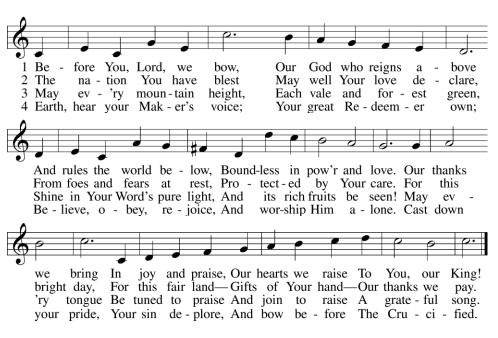
I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### Benedicamus and Blessing

[Psalm 103:1]

- **L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.
- **L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
- C Amen.

## 966 Before You, Lord, We Bow



5 And when in pow'r He comes,
Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng,
With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King
Salvation's song!

Postlude: Silent Prayer "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" by Lisa Lohmeyer

