

*Give thanks*  
unto the LORD,  
for he is good: for his mercy  
endureth for ever. PSALM 107:1



**THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE**  
**"HOMES, COUNTRY AND CHURCHES"**

November 26, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church LCMS Norman, Oklahoma  
www.tlcnorman.org

*Pastor: David Nehrenz Vicar: Jordan Peiser*  
*Organist: Rachael Gros Elder: Kurt Schweiger*

**THE LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK pp. 285-287**

*(See back of bulletin for explanation of the Chancel  
Thanksgiving Banner and  
of this National Day of Thanksgiving)*

(\* = all stand)

\* **THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

**LSB 895**

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER 2 "Opening Versicles" Page 285**

**PSALM 67**

**(in front of hymnal – chanted responsively by whole verse)**

**THE READINGS**

**(Response: "Thanks be to God")**

**I. THANKSGIVING FOR OUR HOMES**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT**

**Deuteronomy 8:1-18**

**THE HYMN**

*"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"*

**LSB 893**

**II. THANKSGIVING FOR OUR COUNTRY**

**THE EPISTLE**

**1 Timothy 2:1-4**

**THE HYMN**

*"God Bless Our Native Land"*

**LSB 965**

### III. THANKSGIVING FOR OUR CHURCHES

\* **THE GOSPEL** Luke 17:11-19

**THE HYMN** "We Praise You, O God" **LSB 785**



#### THE SERMON



**"One Returned to Give Thanks"**

**THE HYMN** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" **LSB 892**

#### **THE GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS**

*(Please fill out the Ritual of Friendship pad found at the ends of the pew then pass it to the person next to you. Tear out the sheet and place it in the basket in the narthex as you leave. Thank you. )*

\* **RESPONSIVE PRAYER 2 (begin at "Kyrie") Pp. 285-287**

(on page 287 will include the "Collect for Thanksgiving Day")

\* **THE RECESSIONAL HYMN**  
"Before You Lord We Bow" **LSB 966**

\* **THE SILENT PRAYER**



### 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  
*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* **LSB 892**

#### 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).