

# Thanksgiving Day (CA)

October 12, 2026

## Thanksgiving Day, Canada (Year A)

Life's trials can be humbling indeed, but through it all the Lord is with us. Moses reminded the Israelites that even though God tested their faith, he provided them with food, shelter, and clothing. Paul, who was persecuted for the mission of Christ, proclaimed that through Christ he can do all things. There is so much to be thankful for, even in the times when life becomes seriously difficult. God is always with us.



### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

#### First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

#### The Lord Humbled Israel

Moses reminded the people Israel that while they were in the wilderness, the Lord humbled them so that they would know what was in their hearts. Would they trust the Lord or would they rebel? Moses reminded them that God fed them when they were hungry, clothed them when they were cold, and never allowed their walking feet to swell along the 40-year journey.

#### Psalm 67

#### Sing for Joy

The psalmist prayed for God's mercy and blessing even as he praised the Lord for his wondrous deeds and bountiful goodness to the house of Israel.

#### Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-20

#### Let God Know What You Need

Paul gave the Philippians great counsel when he told them not to be anxious about anything but rather give over all their prayers to the Lord, who would hear them and respond. Paul recalled the hardships he suffered and how thankful he was that his brothers and sisters "shared his trouble." Christ was his strength through all.

#### Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

#### Jesus Heals Ten Lepers

Jesus encountered 10 men who suffered from leprosy. As they cried out to him for mercy, Jesus responded by sending them to the priest at the temple. All 10 were healed. No doubt all 10 were thankful — but only one turned back and thanked Jesus for his restorative power in his life. This one was a Samaritan who bowed down before him and praised God. Christian thankfulness has to do with whom we thank.

#### Suggestions for the Day:

Liturgical Color: Green

- Use the Litany for Thanksgiving as an opening for worship. It is based on Psalm 118 and can be found on the Thanksgiving Day page of SOWeR.
- Consider taking a special offering today for those in need — perhaps for a food bank or ministry that feeds the hungry.
- Consider adding a time for one-on-one prayer during the Thanksgiving service. Invite prayer partners to join together in the front of the sanctuary to pray for anyone who desires private prayer. Have the worship leader play soothing music during this time.

### SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

#### Hymn Titles:

|                                   | LBW | WOV | LSB | ELW | REC | Sola |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Now Thank We All Our God          | 534 | --- | 895 | 839 | 50  | 50   |
| Come, You Thankful People, Come   | 407 | --- | 892 | 693 | 261 | 261  |
| Great is Thy Faithfulness         | --- | 771 | 809 | 733 | 211 | 211  |
| O Lord, Hear My Prayer            | --- | 772 | 780 | 751 | --- | ---  |
| O God, My Faithful God            | 504 | --- | 696 | 806 | 238 | 238  |
| How Great Thou Art                | 532 | --- | 801 | 856 | 26  | 26   |
| Let All Things Now Living         | 557 | --- | --- | 881 | --- | ---  |
| For the Fruit of All Creation     | 563 | --- | 894 | 679 | --- | ---  |
| Give Me Jesus                     | --- | 777 | --- | 770 | 214 | 214  |
| Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence | 198 | --- | 621 | 490 | 80  | 80   |

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV = With One Voice, ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB = The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC = The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and \*\*\* means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

### CONTEMPORARY SONGS

#### Praise Song Titles

Give Thanks  
(CCLI# 20285)  
Thank You, Lord  
(CCLI# 4220833)  
Be Anxious for Nothing  
(CCLI# 44158990)  
The Greatness of Our God  
(CCLI# 5660739)  
Search Me, O God  
(CCLI# 4065696)

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