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The First Word



What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?
Psalm 116:12

I've always been fascinated by those little historical details that aren't significant enough to be discussed in history classes but are interesting anyway. Sometime back I discovered a few interesting things about the first Thanksgiving.

- The local Wampanoag tribes wasn't technically invited to the Pilgrim's feast—they just showed up. Because they were better hunters and farmers, they brought most of the food with them, so nobody really minded.
- First Peoples outnumbered Pilgrims two to one.
- Birds were eaten at the feast, but turkey wasn't on the menu. Though turkeys were plentiful the Pilgrims favored "water birds" so historians imagine ducks being the main table fowl.
- Ever wondered where oyster stuffing comes from? Oysters were on the first Thanksgiving menu, just not served in anything but their own shells.
- And the main (and most prized) food by everyone at the first Thanksgiving—deer!

If the first Thanksgiving 'bill of fare' doesn't look a lot like the one you'll be enjoying later this month, don't worry. What was eaten is a fun fact. Why the Pilgrims gathered to give thanks is the real message of Thanksgiving, then and now. The Pilgrims knew that all they had, even their very lives (in no small measure due to the Wampanoag's help), was from the hand of a gracious God. And we know that too.

That's what we'll be celebrating at our annual **Community Thanksgiving Feast** Sunday, November 15 at noon. Roast Turkey will be on the menu as well as the customary sides but, now as then, the main reason to gather will be to remember and celebrate all of God's blessing to us this year and to welcome to our table all who come.

We really hope that will include you.

Here's to a great (and grateful) Thanksgiving!

Pastor Rob

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

OFFICE HOURS

Monday	CLOSED
Tues-Thurs	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am – 12:00 pm

(559) 229-8581

Check Out Our Website!

Our website is constantly being updated with new photos, sermons, event information and more! Go to tlcfresno.org and share our website with your friends and family.

Follow us on social media!

FB/IG: @tlcfresno
TikTok: @trinity.fresno
YouTube: @trinitylutheranfresno

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

A fundamental human need is to be heard.
Your Congregation Council is here to listen.

Ed Brewer 273-6123
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sundays

9:00 am-Contemporary Worship Service
9:00 am-Adult Bible Study - Conference Room
9:00am-Chancel Choir - Music Room
10:30 am-Sunday School (K-6) - Multipurpose Room
10:30 am-Traditional Worship Service

Mondays

9:00 am-Exercise Class 11am-12pm (online)
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Wednesday

6:00pm-Middle & High School Gathering/Worship
9:00 am-Exercise Class 11am-12pm (online)
j3jordan@hotmail.com

Thursday

7:00 am-Men's Bible Study,
6:00 pm-Women's Bible Study

PRAYER REQUESTS

Did you know that you can put in a request for prayer on Trinity's website? It's simple and you can do it at any time of the day or night. Just go to tlcfresno.com and follow the link to put in your request. You'll be put on our prayer list right away!

LINKS OF LOVE

Our Links of Love ministry at Trinity reaches out to Trinity members who are homebound or in need of having one of our lay ministers come out and visit, bring Communion, or send cards. If you are interested or know someone in need, please call Lisa Collins, at the Church office at 229-8581, and we will make sure to contact you.

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The Bulldog Pantry

Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Bulldog Pantry are grateful for your support! We are trying new things this fall to reach out in different ways to the young adults around us. Looking forward to new faces and friendships.

We want to thank the following people who regularly volunteer with us from this congregation Nancy Bird, Jan Odahl and Robert Phillips. If you would like to volunteer, we have a space for you.

Donations of nonperishable food items, such as pasta, canned vegetables, canned fruit, and canned meat are needed to fill our shelves before the holiday season. We want to be sure to have the needed food on our shelves for the close to 400 families who rely on us each month. Donations can be put in the wishing well or left with Lisa in the office.

The Bulldog Pantry would like to thank all those who attended our recent Chipotle fundraiser. Feel free to contact Erica Bird for more information. Your prayers mean the world to all of us as we chart a new path for the ministry..

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

All women are invited to attend the small groups which meet each month…..Bible discussion, getting acquainted, and sharing "coffee time." At the church…. 2nd Wed., 9:30 a.m. 2nd Tues., 1:30 pm. 3rd Tues., 10:00 a.m. 3rd Mon., 6:30p.m. Contact Ann Brewer (or church office)

In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Walt Flanders; Janet Unruh; Barbara Mecca; Clara Sheets; Reva Chand; Claire Swope; Sue Pattinson; Elaine Buchanan; Sandra Trippel; Diana Brantley; Brenda McLain; Jonathan Bergman; Lloyd Hauser; Rod Harris; Sebastian Truax; Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson for their work in Tanzania; the people of the Holy Land; all victims of natural disasters; victims of violence and terror attacks; our troops, first responders, & their families.



New Dimensions Group

Our support group is a safe and loving place where widows can come together to share their experiences, find comfort in God's Word, and encourage one another through the journey of a new life after the loss of a spouse.

Our group is built on the belief that God meets us in our grief and gives us strength into a New Dimension of life.

We meet the first Monday of the month at 11:30am for lunch at various restaurants and the third Saturday of each month at Eddie's Bakery for breakfast at 9:30am. If you are interested, please contact Judy McGrath at (510) 304-4033 or Marily McDonald at (559) 269-3786.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Julie Lehman	11/05
Mark Smith	11/06
Dawn Moore	11/07
Linda Hurst	11/08
Daniel Strater	11/08
Katherine Mendyk	11/09
Ed Brewer	11/18
Josh Lee	11/19
Jeri Techman	11/25
Sandra Lakeman	11/25
Carole Poulsen	11/26
Mark Wilson	11/27
Rodney Harris	11/28
Hailee Nalley	11/29



Francisco & Darlene Trujillo	11/15/2014
Rodney & Rhonnie Harris	11/16/1968
Timothy & Jan Odahl	11/26/1988
James & Donna Niell	11/27/1973



O give thanks to the Lord, for his is good: for his steadfast love endures forever. 1Chronicles 16:34

LUTHER'S LIBATIONS



A RECAP OF A MEMORABLE NIGHT!





THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO THIS YEAR'S LUTHER'S LIBATIONS EVENT! IT WAS A WONDERFUL TURN OUT, AND WE ARE ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR.





SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEER POURERS AND YOUTH WHO ASSISTED WITH PASSING OUT HORS D'OEUVRES.

Holidays at Trinity

NOVEMBER

11/15 – COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING – SINGLE SERVICE @ 10 AM – LUNCH AND TKC TALENT SHOW TO FOLLOW SERVICE

11/25 – THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE @ 6 PM PIE SOCIAL TO FOLLOW SERVICE

DECEMBER

12/05 – WELCA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

12/13 – LESSONS & CAROLS – SINGLE SERVICE @ 10 AM

12/16 – LIVING NATIVITY – WEDNESDAY @ 5:30 PM

12/20 – COOKIE EXCHANGE FOLLOWING 2ND SERVICE

12/24 – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES @ 4 PM & 11 PM

NOVEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9a Chancel Choir 9a Cont. Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10:30a Trad. Wrshp. 11:30a Coffee Hour	2	3 9a Layettes 12p Welca Board	4 11a Exercise Class via Zoom Exercise class via zoom **j3jordan@hotmail.com**	5 7a MBS 9a CalRTA Choir 6p WBS	6	7
8 9a Chancel Choir 9a Cont. Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10:30a Trad. Wrshp. 11:30a Coffee Hour	9 11a Exercise Class via Zoom	10 1:30p Mary Martha	11 9:30a Priscilla Circle 11a Exercise Class via Zoom	12 7a MBS 9a CalRTA Choir 6p WBS	13 9a Warming Fresno	14 9a DAR (L.H.) 10a VASA (F.H.)
15 **ONE SERVICE 10A** Community Thanksgiving and Talent Show!	16 11a Exercise Class via Zoom 5:30p Eve. Spirit Circle	17 10a Good Morning Circle	18 9a CalRTA Luncheon 9:30a Priscilla Circle 11a Exercise Class via Zoom	19 7a MBS 9a CalRTA Choir 6p WBS	20	21
22 9a Chancel Choir 9a Cont. Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10:30a Trad. Wrshp. 11:30a Coffee Hour	23 11a Exercise Class via Zoom	24	25 11a Exercise Class via Zoom 1p Good News Circle 6p Thanksgiving Eve Service	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! *Office Closed*	27 *Office Closed*	28
29 9a Chancel Choir 9a Cont. Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10:30a Trad. Wrshp. 11:30a Coffee Hour	30 11a Exercise Class via Zoom		***MBS-****Men's Bible Study* ***WBS-****Women's Bible Study* Contact Pastor Rob for a link to join via Zoom!	NA NOONERS meet Mon, Tue, & Wed at 12p	***Warming Fresno*** is open to all levels of crocheters and knitters and they are willing to teach anyone interested!	

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Our Mission:
To Lead People Into The Life-Changing Love of Jesus Christ