

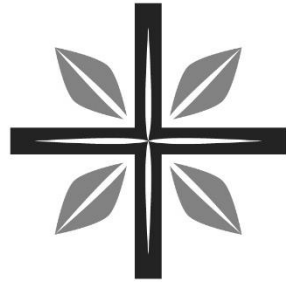


St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Welcome to our visitors!

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- Large print service folders and assisted listening devices are available from an usher.
- Children's service folders and worship notes are available in the round tract rack in the entry area.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or available online at www.sjtosa.org/Connect). Completed cards can be placed in the baskets by the exit.

Thanksgiving

November 24 & 25, 2021

Use Your Time Wisely! Give Thanks to the Lord!

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Adult Choir and Congregation

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

setting by John Eggert

**C: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?**

Choir: Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends you.

**C: Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!**

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE OF THANKSGIVING

M: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. *Psalm 98:4*

C: **Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.** *Psalm 146:2*

M: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. *Psalm 100:3*

C: **I will praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.** *Psalm 139:14*

M: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. *Psalm 100:4*

C: **Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.** *Psalm 103:1, 2*

M: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. *Psalm 100:5*

C: **I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.** *Psalm 89:1, 2*

(sung) **Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; his light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.**

Prayer of the Day

M: 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.

C: Amen.

Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

Israel thanks God for their past blessings.

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 100 (see pg. 11)

Second Lesson

Philippians 4:10-20

Paul's thankfulness comes from contentment.

I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well

fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Verse of the Day

Alleluia, alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Alleluia.

Please stand

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

The leper thanks Jesus for healing.

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him – and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated

Anthem

Adult Choir

We Praise You, O God

arranged by Jacob B. Weber

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you,
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer;
To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.
To you, our great Redeemer, for’ever be praise! Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Now Thank We All Our God

Christian Worship '21 597

Sermon

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

Don’t Forget to be Thankful

Please stand

Confession of Faith (from Luther’s Small Catechism, First Article)

C: I believe that God made me and all creatures, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind, my senses, and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, cattle, and all my goods, and all that I need to keep my body and life; and by defending me against all danger and guarding and protecting me from all evil.

All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it.

For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true. Amen.

Be seated

Offering

Members of St. John's give offerings to support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors are welcome but not obligated to give an offering. To submit your offering electronically or to fill out an online Connection Card, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/offering.



Please stand

Prayer of the Church for Thanksgiving

M: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: **Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**

M: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

C: **Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**

M: Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: **Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**

M: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

C: **Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent prayer

M: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

C: **Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Be seated

Hymn

Sing to the Lord of Harvest
Christian Worship '21 508

Please stand

M: Heavenly Father, giver of all things, on this day we give you thanks for the countless blessings you have so freely bestowed on us and all people. Without any merit or worthiness in us, you have abundantly provided for us in body and soul. Enable us to receive your daily gifts with thanksgiving and joyfully look forward to that day when we will join with all believers in never-ending thanks and praise around the throne of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

Closing Hymn

We Thank You for Your Blessings

Christian Worship '93 615



1 We thank you for your bless - ings, Al - might - y
2 This day of great thanks - giv - ing We count them
3 But best of all your bless - ings, The rain - bow



Lord, our King; We thank you for the har - vests,
one by one: Our free and fruit - ful coun - try,
of your love, Are all the man - y mer - cies



Yes, Lord, for ev - 'ry - thing: For flow'rs that bloom in
The great things you have done, Our fam - i - ly, our
Your Word brings from a - bove. Our life now has full



spring - time, For rip - 'ning fruit and grain, For
loved ones, The guard - ian an - gels' care, Our
mean - ing— Christ Je - sus is our God! Thanks -



all the pre - cious sun - shine, And for the gen - tle rain.
ver - y self and heart - beat—Lord, hear our thank - ful prayer!
giv - ing shall be liv - ing The way the Sav - ior trod.

Announcements

Postlude

Psalm 100

Refrain



En - ter his gates with thanks-giv - ing.

Tone



Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. *Refrain*

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good
and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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. *Refrain*

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Presiding Minister

Pastor Joel Leyrer

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St. John's Holiday Worship Schedule

Wednesdays, December 1, 8 & 15	Midweek Advent Worship 3:30 & 6:45 p.m.
Saturday, December 18	Early Learning Center Christmas Service 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 18	Worship with Holy Communion 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 19	Worship with Holy Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Friday, December 24	Grade School Christmas Service 4:00 p.m. (Wisconsin Lutheran High School)
Friday, December 24	Service of Lessons & Carols 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 25	Christmas Day Festival Worship 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 25	No evening worship
Sunday, December 26	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Friday, December 31	New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion 6:45 p.m.
Saturday, January 1	Worship with Holy Communion 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 2	Worship with Holy Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

As you celebrate Thanksgiving this year, you may wish to reflect upon God's blessings by using the prayers printed below before and after your Thanksgiving meal.

Before the Meal

Dear Father in heaven, every good and perfect gift comes from you. We thank you for the rich outpouring of your gifts – gifts that provide everything we need for our daily lives. Nourish our bodies as we enjoy this meal. Cause us to remember the great love you have shown us in Jesus our Savior, and let that love also nourish our souls. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

After the Meal

Dear Father, you have given so much to us! Even in the midst of sickness, turmoil, and strife, we see your blessings. And so we close our meal with these requests: give us always grateful hearts, and make our Thanksgiving come alive with thankful living. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GIVE
Thanks
WITH A
Grateful
HEART

The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21st century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Worship in Chinese

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

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