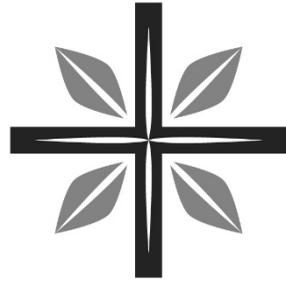




# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



## 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.
- Large print service folders are available from an usher. Assisted listening devices, including both ear bud and loop receivers for digital hearing aids, are also 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.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- As the offering is received, members and guests are asked to sign the Friendship Register. Please pass the register to your neighbor and then return it to the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to fill out a guest card and give it to an usher.

# Thanksgiving

## November 27 & 28, 2019

Give thanks to the Lord!

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### Opening Hymn

*Adult Choir and Congregation*

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

### Now Thank We All Our God

*setting by Jeremy J. Bankson*

**C: Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

Choir: Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

**C: All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son, and Spirit now be given.  
The one eternal God, whom heav'n and earth adore,  
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

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

**C:** Amen.

### THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

*selected verses from Psalm 65*

**M:** Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.

**C:** O you who hear our prayer, to you all men will come.

*(sung)* **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.**

**M:** Those living far away fear your wonders;

**C:** **Where morning dawns and evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.**

**M:** You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

**C:** **The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.**

**M:** You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

**C:** **You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.**

**M:** The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

**C:** **The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.**

*(sung)* **We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you.  
Through life's storm 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.**

**M:** Because our God of grace uses his mighty power to rescue us, we humbly approach his throne, penitent for our sins and begging for his full and free forgiveness.

**C:** **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

**M:** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

*(sung)* **Your love you have shown us, your only Son sending,  
Who came as a babe and whose bed was a stall.  
His blest life he gave us and then he died to save us;  
We praise you, Lord our Savior, for your gift to all.**

**M:** When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.

**C:** **Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts.**

**M:** We are filled with the good things of your house.

**C:** **We are filled with the blessings of your holy temple.**

**M:** You answer us, God our Savior, and you save us with awesome deeds of righteousness.

**C:** **You are the hope of all the ends of the earth.**

**M:** You set the mountains in place by your strength, showing your mighty power.

**C:** **You calm the roar of the sea; you calm the peoples' uproar.**

*(sung)* **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, fore'er be praise!**

### **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.

### Response to the Word

**All Things Are Yours, My God**

*Adult Choir*

*by Carl Schalk*

All things are yours, my God,  
Creator of all that exists,  
All wisdom, all beauty, and might.  
You made me, you own me,  
Your glory surrounds me;  
I live by your mercy and love.  
All things are yours, and so am I.

"All things are yours, my child:  
So live like the heir that you are,  
Entrusted with all that you have.  
Be faithful, be prudent,  
Be daring, be caring,  
As giving as I am toward you.  
All things are yours, and you are mine."

## 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

**M:** 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*

**Sing Unto God a Song of Joy**

*by David W. Music*

O sing unto God a song of joy,  
Sing unto God a brand new song!  
Sing with thanksgiving night and day,  
Sing praise to God your whole life long!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord forever.

God made the nights, created days;  
Fashioned the moon, the sun's warm rays,  
Comets and planets, stars that blaze.  
The universe God's hand displays.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord forever.

God made the mountains and the seas,  
Created rocks and ocean breeze,  
Deserts and caves and lakes and trees,  
Elephants, fish, and birds and bees.  
Sing to the Lord who made all these.

Oh, sing unto God a song of joy,  
Sing unto God a brand new song!  
Sing with thanksgiving night and day,  
Sing praise to God your whole life long!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord forever.

**Hymn of the Day**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

*Christian Worship 234*

**Sermon**

**Philippians 4:10-20**

The Secret to Thanksgiving

*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*

## THANKSGIVING

### Offering

*The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work in our community and around the world, and our offerings are a joyful response of our faith. To submit your offering electronically, scan the QR code or visit [www.sjtosa.org/giving](http://www.sjtosa.org/giving). If you are a visitor today, you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.*



*Please stand*

### Prayer of the Church for Thanksgiving

**M:** Heavenly Father, every good and perfect gift comes from you. We remember your loving kindness and your mercies which are new every day.

**C:** We join our voices in grateful praise.

**M:** For the beauty and bounty of the world; for day and night, summer and winter, seed-time and harvest; and for the varied joys that every season brings;

**C:** We give you thanks, O God.

**M:** For the joys and comforts of life; for homes and families; for friends, neighbors, and co-workers; and for the love of those you have put into our lives;

**C:** **We give you thanks, O God.**

**M:** For the opportunities you give us to serve others; for the tasks and trials you place before us; and for the comfort we are blessed to bring to those around us;

**C:** **We give you thanks, O God.**

**M:** For the gift of Jesus Christ; for the forgiveness of sins and justification in your sight that is ours through faith; and for the many and varied ways of living out this faith in our lives;

**C:** **We give you thanks, O God.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

**M:** For the sure and certain hope of heaven; for the promise that we will one day stand before your throne; and for the unending joy that will be ours when we join our voices with all the saints in your presence;

**C:** **We give you thanks, O God.**

**M:** Until that glorious day, cause us to live our lives in gratitude to you.

**C:** **Send us out into the world to daily praise and thank you for all your undeserved blessings. 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

## Praise to God, Immortal Praise *Christian Worship 612*

*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

## Feed Your Children, God Most Holy *Christian Worship 616*

## Announcements

## Postlude

*If you do not wish to take your service folder home, please place it in the basket so it can be reused.*

## Serving at Worship

<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Kyle Bitter
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Eric Schroeder
<b>Lectors</b>	Pastor Joel Leyrer Pastor Joshua Yu
<b>Musicians</b>	Lynn Kozlowski, organ Mark Maurice, Jr. & Adam Sipe, trumpet Kathryn Hendee & Christian Willick, French horn Ed Miller, trombone
<b>Adult Choir Director</b>	Dr. William Braun
<b>Head Ushers</b>	Rick Yahn (Wednesday) Doug Knuth (Thursday)
<b>Greeters</b>	Toni Parker, Sally Parker, Ron & Judy Felsing (Wednesday) Matt & Jenny Bahr, Becky Rehborg, Christian Willick (Thursday)
<b>AV Operators</b>	Dan Schmal (Wednesday) Jonah & Riley Rindfleisch (Thursday)

 Give  
THANKS

## Prayers of Thanksgiving

Before you eat your Thanksgiving meal this year, you may wish to reflect upon God's blessings to you as you share the meal together by using the prayers printed below at your family table.

### *Before the Meal*

Dear Father in heaven, every good and perfect gift comes from you: our faith, family, friends, fun and food. We thank you for the rich outpouring of your gifts that brings such joy and blessing to our lives. Nourish our bodies as we enjoy this meal together and cause us to remember the great love you have shown us in Jesus our Savior. May that love nourish also our souls. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

### *After the Meal*

Dear Father, you have given so much to us! Everywhere we look, we see your blessings.

And so we close our meal with one more thought: give us always grateful hearts and make our Thanksgiving come alive with thankful living, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## St. John's Holiday Worship Schedule

<b>Wednesdays, December 4, 11 &amp; 18</b>	Midweek Advent Worship 3:30 and 6:45 p.m.
<b>Saturday, December 14</b>	Early Childhood Christmas Program 9:00 a.m.
<b>Saturday, December 20</b>	Worship 5:30 p.m.
<b>Sunday, December 22</b>	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, December 24</b>	Children's Christmas Eve Service 4:00 p.m., Wisconsin Lutheran High School
<b>Tuesday, December 24</b>	Service of Lessons & Carols 7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, December 25</b>	Christmas Day Festival Worship 10:00 a.m.
<b>Saturday, December 28</b>	No evening worship
<b>Sunday, December 29</b>	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, December 31</b>	New Year's Eve Worship 6:45 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, January 1, 2020</b>	New Year's Day Worship 10:00 a.m.



