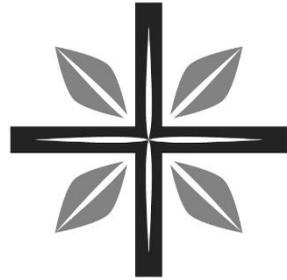




# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



## 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 22 & 23, 2017

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## Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Adult Choir and Congregation*

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*setting by Michael D. Costello*

**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  
If with his love he befriend 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**  
*selected verses from 1 Chronicles 16*

- M:** Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.
- C:** **Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.**
- M:** Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- C:** **Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.**
- M:** Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles and the judgments he pronounced.
- C:** **He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations.**
- (sung)* **We thank you for your blessings,  
Almighty Lord, our King;  
We thank you for the harvests,  
Yes, Lord, for ev'rything:  
For flow'rs that bloom in springtime,  
For rip'ning fruit and grain,  
For all the precious sunshine,  
And for the gentle rain.**
- M:** Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day.
- C:** **Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.**
- M:** For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.
- C:** **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place.**
- M:** Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C:** **Bring an offering and come before him; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

*(sung)* **This day of great thanksgiving  
We count them one by one:  
Our free and fruitful country,  
The great things you have done,  
Our family, our loved ones,  
The guardian angels' care,  
Our very self and heartbeat –  
Lord, hear our thankful prayer!**

**M:** Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

**C:** **Let them say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!”**

**M:** Let the sea resound, and all that is in it;

**C:** **Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them!**

**M:** Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

**C:** **Then all the people said “Amen” and “Praise the LORD.”**

*(sung)* **But best of all your blessings,  
The rainbow of your love,  
Are all the many mercies  
Your Word brings from above.  
Our life now has full meaning –  
Christ Jesus is our God!  
Thanksgiving shall be living  
The way the Savior trod.**

### **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

*Adult Choir*

### O Praise the Lord, All Nations

*edited by Mark Bighley*

O praise the Lord, all nations, praise him.  
O laud him, all you peoples.  
For great is the Lord’s love toward us,  
And his faithfulness is forever. Alleluia.

### 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*

**The Eyes of All Look to You**

*by Carl F. Schalk*

The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.  
You open your hand;  
you satisfy the desire of ev'ry living thing.  
The eyes of all look to you, O Lord.

**Hymn of the Day**

**Praise to God, Immortal Praise**

*Christian Worship 612*

**Sermon**

**Luke 17:11-19**

Reasons to Give Thanks

*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. 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:** Let us cry aloud our thanks to our God. For the tender love you show your whole creation, we give you thanks.
- C:** **For the food we eat, for the clothes we wear, and for the homes in which we live, we give you thanks.**
- M:** For our families, for husbands, wives, and children, for grandparents and grandchildren, and for aunts and uncles, we give you thanks.
- C:** **For the fields and their harvest, for farmers and their labors, and for the good earth and all its bounty, we give you thanks.**
- M:** For our nation and all its people, for the freedoms we enjoy, and especially for the freedom to worship you in peace, we give you thanks.
- C:** **For the sufferings that come upon us, and for the reminder they bring of the one thing needful, we give you thanks.**
- M:** Above all, for the incarnation of our Lord, for his suffering and death, for his glorious resurrection and ascension, and for the coming of the Holy Spirit, we give you thanks.
- C:** **For the sacred Scriptures, for the Law that shows us our sin, and for the Gospel that reveals the righteousness of Christ as your gift to us, we give you thanks.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

**M:** For these and all your mercies – mercies beyond number and measure – and for the joy you give us to stand before you and praise your name, we give you thanks.

**C:** **To you alone, O Lord God Almighty, we give all glory now and forevermore. 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**

**Now Thank We All Our God**  
*Christian Worship 610*

*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

**Preacher**

Pastor Eric Schroeder

**Presiding Minister**

Pastor Joel Leyrer

**Musicians**

Lynn Kozlowski, organ  
Carolyn Sachs, and Adam Sipe, trumpet  
Kathryn Hendee, Mike Swenson, Christian Willick, French horn  
Ed Miller, trombone

**Adult Choir Director**

Dr. William Braun

**Head Ushers**

Michael Schneider (Wednesday)  
Jon Johnson (Thursday)

## 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. And, if you like, use 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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*"The Eyes of All Look to You"* Text based on Psalm 145:15-16.



# St. John's Holiday Worship Schedule

<b>Wednesdays, December 6 &amp; 13</b>	Midweek Advent Worship 3:30 and 6:45 PM
<b>Saturday, December 16</b>	K3 & K4 Christmas Program 9:00 AM
<b>Wednesday, December 20</b>	Midweek Advent Worship Featuring the Lutheran Ceili Orchestra 6:30 PM
<b>Saturday, December 23</b>	No evening worship
<b>Sunday, December 24</b>	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM
<b>Sunday, December 24</b>	Children's Christmas Eve Service 4:00 PM, Wisconsin Lutheran High School
<b>Sunday, December 24</b>	Service of Lessons & Carols 7:00 PM
<b>Monday, December 25</b>	Christmas Day Festival Worship 10:00 AM
<b>Saturday, December 30</b>	No evening worship
<b>Sunday, December 31</b>	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM
<b>Sunday, December 31</b>	New Year's Eve Worship 5:30 PM
<b>Monday, January 1, 2018</b>	New Year's Day Worship 10:00 AM

