



# St. John's Lutheran Church

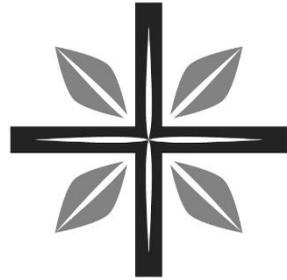
Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.

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Thanksgiving, November 21 & 22, 2018

# 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 21 & 22, 2018

Give thanks to the Lord!

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### Prelude

### Fanfare for Thanksgiving

*setting by Walter Pelz*

### Opening Hymn

*Adult Choir and Congregation*

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

### Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (see pg. 11)

*setting by Michael D. Costello*

**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)* **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, 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.

### Anthem

*Adult Choir*

**All the Earth Sing Forth**

*arranged by Hal H. Hopson*

All the earth sing forth.  
Holy is the Lord.  
Voice and trumpet, sound your praise.  
All the earth sing forth.  
Kneel before the Lord.  
Bow down in awe and praise.  
Join the angels.  
Join the prophets ever singing:  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord our God.

All the earth sing forth.  
Holy is the Lord.  
Sing hallelujah, hallelujah.  
All earth rejoice and sing.  
Sing hallelujah, hallelujah.  
Praise God forever and ever.

## 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*

**Psalm of the Day**

*Adult Choir*

Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Praise ye the Lord.  
Hallelujah, sing, praise him.  
Sing unto the Lord, sing to the Lord a new song. Hallelujah!  
Oh, sing unto the Lord, sing a joyful new song!  
Sing unto the Lord, sing the Lord a new song.

With a new song we praise him.  
Sing unto the Lord a new song, and praise him!  
Praise with the sound of the trumpet.  
Praise him with dance, with cymbals, organs.  
Praise him with the psaltry and harp, praise him, sing.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Praise ye the Lord.  
Hallelujah, sing, praise him.

**Hymn of the Day**

**Sermon**

*Please stand*

**Praise Ye the Lord**

*by Johannes Matthias Michel*

**Now Thank We All Our God**

*Christian Worship 610*

**Deuteronomy 8:10-18**

Give Glory to God!

**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**

**Let All Things Now Living**  
*setting by John Carter*

**O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**  
*setting by John Carter*

*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:** 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 614*

*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 615*

## Announcements

## Postlude

## Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*setting by Piet Post*

## Now Thank We All Our God

*setting by Piet Post*

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

## Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



*All:* Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come; raise the  
*Choir:* All the world is God's own field, fruit un -  
*Choir:* For the Lord our God shall come and shall  
*All:* E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy



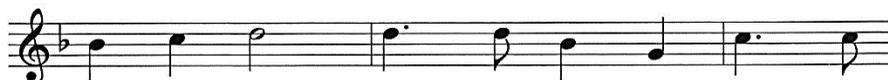
song of har - vest home. All be safe - ly  
to his praise to yield; wheat and tares to -  
take his har - vest home; from his field shall  
fi - nal har - vest home. Gath - er then thy



gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to  
*First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn*  
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the  
there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner



be sup - plied. Come to God's own tem - ple,  
shall ap - pear. Lord of har - vest, grant that  
tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to  
to a - bide. Come, with all thine an - gels,



come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

## Serving at Worship

**Preacher**

Pastor Kyle Bitter

**Presiding Minister**

Pastor Eric Schroeder

**Musicians**

Lynn Kozlowski, organ  
Mark Maurice, Jr. & Adam Sipe, trumpet  
Kathryn Hendee & Christian Willick, French horn  
Ed Miller, trombone  
Lisa Eggebrecht, piano

**Adult Choir Director**

Dr. William Braun

**Head Ushers**

Kerry Kuehn (Wednesday)  
Rick Yahn (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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“*Praise Ye the Lord*” Text based on Psalm 149:1 and 150:3, 4.

# St. John's Holiday Worship Schedule

<b>Wednesdays, December 5, 12, &amp; 19</b>	Midweek Advent Worship 3:30 and 6:45 PM
<b>Saturday, December 15</b>	K3 & K4 Christmas Program 9:00 AM
<b>Saturday, December 22</b>	Worship 5:30 PM
<b>Sunday, December 23</b>	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM
<b>Monday, December 24</b>	Children's Christmas Eve Service 4:00 PM, Wisconsin Lutheran High School
<b>Monday, December 24</b>	Service of Lessons & Carols 7:00 PM
<b>Tuesday, December 25</b>	Christmas Day Festival Worship 10:00 AM
<b>Saturday, December 29</b>	Worship 5:30 PM
<b>Sunday, December 30</b>	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM
<b>Monday, December 31</b>	New Year's Eve Worship 6:45 PM
<b>Tuesday, January 1, 2019</b>	New Year's Day Worship 10:00 AM



# 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 pm*

*Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 am*

## **Worship in Chinese**

*Saturdays at 7:00 pm*

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