



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2017

6:30 P.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S!

We welcome all who are worshipping with us this evening!

*In the red pew hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship),
page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section,
and hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section.*

An asterisk () invites you to stand as you are able.*

Hearing assistance devices are available outside the sanctuary.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “Partita on NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT” Charles Callahan

I. Fanfare II. Chorale III. Meditation IV. Adagio V. Postlude

Welcome and Announcements

***Greeting and Dialogue (Psalm 100)**

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!
- C** **Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.**
- P** Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;
- C** **we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**
- P** Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;
- C** **give thanks and bless God's holy name.**
- P** Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
- C** **whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

*Gathering Hymn — No. 840

“Now Thank We All Our God”

***Prayer of the Day**

- ☐ Almighty God,
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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ Amen.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

First Reading — Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Pew Bible, page 145

After the reading:

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
☑ Thanks be to God.

Reflection — Father Denny Dempsey, Church of St. Dominic

Hymn — No. 870

“We Praise You, O God”

Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Pew Bible, page 942

After the reading:

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
☑ Thanks be to God.

Reflection — Pastor Pam Fickenscher, St. John’s Lutheran Church

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn — No. 679

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

*The Apostles' Creed — *Front of hymnal, page 105*

Offering of Our Gifts

Anthem — “For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

Combined choirs of St. Dominic's and St. John's

The offering collected tonight will go to the Community Action Center of Northfield.

*Prayers of the People

After each petition:

- Ⓐ Lord, in your mercy,
- Ⓒ hear our prayer.

*The Lord's Prayer

Ⓐ 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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

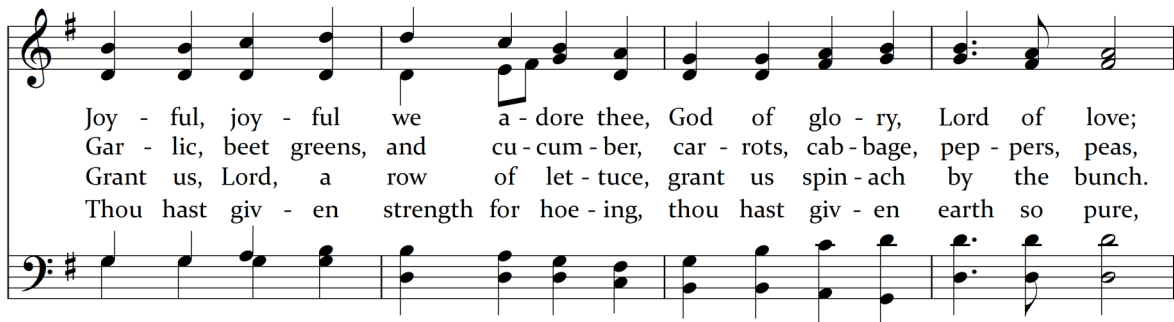
*Blessing

Response:

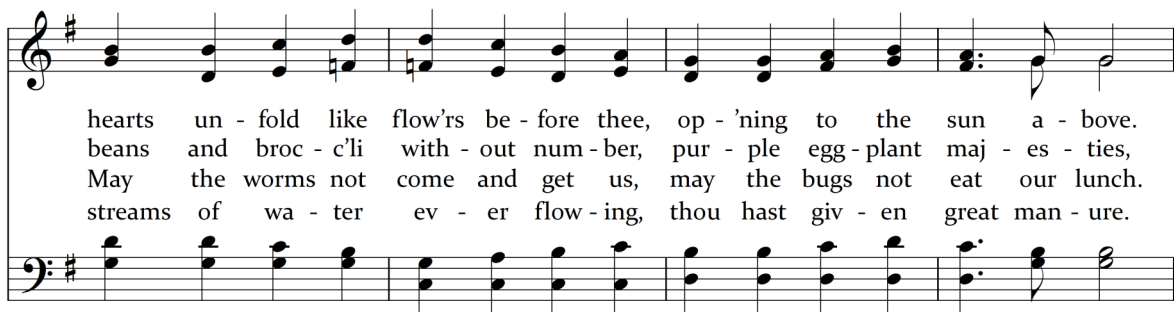
Ⓒ Amen.

*Sending Hymn — “A Joyful Harvest”

HYMN TO JOY



Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
Gar - lic, beet greens, and cu - cum - ber, car - rots, cab - bage, pep - pers, peas,
Grant us, Lord, a row of let - tuce, grant us spin - ach by the bunch.
Thou hast giv - en strength for hoe - ing, thou hast giv - en earth so pure,



hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, op - 'ning to the sun a - bove.
beans and broc - c'li with - out num - ber, pur - ple egg - plant maj - es - ties,
May the worms not come and get us, may the bugs not eat our lunch.
streams of wa - ter ev - er flow - ing, thou hast giv - en great man - ure.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
in the gar - den of thy mer - cy, grant us, Lord, the sun and rain
Grant us, Lord a crop of sweet corn, ev - 'ry row of ker - nels bless,
Gard - 'ners sing - ing, march we on - ward, grow - ing in the midst of strife;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
for po - ta - toes, on - ions, par - sley, for the good - ness of the grain.
shin - ing like a gold - en bea - con, of thy love and ten - der - ness.
vege - ta - bles are ris - ing sun - ward, in tri - um - phant praise of life.

Stanza 1: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922; Stanzas 2-4: Garrison Keillor

***Peace**

- ☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Postlude — on HYMN TO JOY

Albert Travis



TONIGHT'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher and Fr. Denny Dempsey
Assisting Minister	Dennis Rinehart
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Members of St. John's and St. Dominic's choirs
Anthem Director	Rebecca Schoephoerster
Ushers	David Rudser, Shelley DeBernardi, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are invited to the **Pie and Ice Cream Social** in St. John's Hall following worship tonight.

Thank you to **Ruth & David Legvold and Sue Hollinger** for providing and arranging the beautiful harvest display in the chancel. Everyone is invited to stop by the display following worship for a closer look.

Our offering for the evening will benefit the Community Action Center of Northfield's food shelf. Please make check's payable to the CAC. Thank you!

Laura Baker Services Association's

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 23, 2017

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Millis Dining Hall

211 Oak Street, Northfield



St. John's Lutheran Church's

**COMMUNITY
Christmas
DINNER**



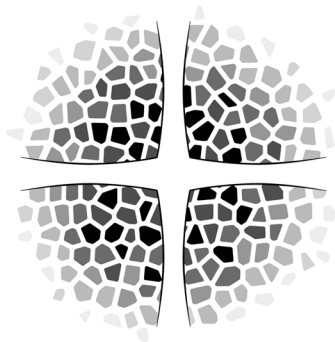
Community Christmas Dinner

Monday, December 25, 2017

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

St. John's Hall

Need a meal delivered? Or need a ride?
Please contact the church office at 507-645-4429.



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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.