

# *Thanksgiving Eve Worship*

Wed., November 25, 2020 - First Lutheran Church, Morris MN

## **Opening Hymn:** *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* vs. 1, 3, 5

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight;  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n;  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving:** 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Scripture Reading:** Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

**Gospel:** Luke 17: 11-19

## **Sermon**

**Hymn:** *"Now Thank We All Our God"* vs. 1, 2

Now thank we all our God  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mother's arms,  
has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

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 all in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm  
in this world and the next.

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## **Offering** (No Offertory)

## **Prayers**

## **Benediction**

### **Sending hymn:** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” vs 1, 3*

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
every blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!

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