HYMN NOTES: Now Thank We All Our God (643)
This is one of the best-known German hymns—not only in Germany but throughout the English speaking world as well. We often associate this hymn with Thanksgiving, but the author, Martin Rinkart (1586-1649), intended it for a table prayer. As recently as the 19th century, one of Rinkart’s descendants owned the now-lost original manuscript of the hymn which was written on June 24, 1630 for his children to sing at meal time. This would have been in the midst of the Thirty Years’ War (1618-1648). There is much more gratitude here for much less than the benefits enjoyed by many people who now sing this hymn nonchalantly. The final stanza is a doxology (song of praise to Father, Son and Holy Spirit), the first two stanzas are based on a book of the Apocrypha, Ecclesiasticus (also called Sirach) 50:22-24: “Now bless the God of all, who everywhere works great wonders, who fosters our growth from our birth, and deals with us according to his mercy, and may there be peace in our days in Israel, as in the days of old. May he entrust us to his mercy, and may he deliver us in our days.” The Apocrypha was not yet being ignored, as it came to be in later Protestantism; Luther had included it in his German translation of the Bible in the previous century.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by

Jean Swintek
In Honor of my Granddaughter, Kelsey’s Birthday

Melissa Schultz
In Memory of my parents, Mitchel & Lucille Skaff

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2017 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week in Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Monday, Nov. 20:    Betty O’Shea
Tuesday, Nov. 21:   Don Macleman, Muriel Antonakes
Wednesday, Nov. 22: Wanda King, Jane Winnie, Tracey Bitch, Joshua Luther, Shayna Davis
Thursday, Nov. 23:  Steve Fisher, Beth Saperstein, Chris Means
Friday, Nov. 24:    Jan Hewlett, Pete Towns, Marian Hill, Jana Davis, Cailyn Turner

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY

ACOLYTE:
(8:15 & 11:00) Claire Cantin

GREETERS:
(8:15) Barbara Englehart & Ellen Stoup
(11:00) Carol Bushnell & Margie Gott

USHERS:
(8:15) Ken & Linda Andreassen, Fred Heider, Bob MacFall
(9:30) Kim & Lindsey Peterson
(11:00) Roger Slay, Nancy Johnson, Sue Miskiewicz

VAN DRIVER: Cynthia Lawrence

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)
Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds- Kindergarten, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Kim & Sydney Blackmore.
1st & 2nd Grade, Room 2
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Charles & Alice Ellis.
3rd-5th Grade, Room 4
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Todd & Kathleen Pope.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)
Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

Childcare for children 3yr-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Middle & High School will meet this week! All youth are invited to attend worship together in the Sanctuary for the 9:30 Ignite service. We will attend service for the first 20 minutes and then move to the Youth Room for Bible Study.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class—Continuing to “get to know our staff!” Pastor Chris Curvin will discuss his faith journey, his role as senior pastor, and anything else that’s on his heart. Plan to participate and enjoy the conversation, coffee and cookies.

11:00 A.M. EXPERIENCING GOD CLASS will meet today in room 15, led by Vicki Krueger.
God, replace my stony heart with a heart that’s kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. (Refrain)

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought and word and deed, may my living bring you glory. (Refrain)

May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. (Refrain)

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN
(Children ages 3yrs – 5th Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or see back panel for classroom information.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER (page 35)

WE SHARE

MUSICAL OFFERING
“We Are Called”
David Haas
Westminster Youth Choir
arr. Mark Hayes

“A DOXOLOGY”—#606
OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #175 “Seek Ye First”
LAFFERTY

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON
“Bigger Barns” Jack Alwood, Guest Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING
“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” arr. Michael Budden
(please be seated) Gail Rutherford, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Now Thank We All Our God” arr. Paul Manz
(Perhaps standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, please respect those who are listening and leave quietly.)