

Wisconsin Christmas Gymanfa Ganu

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On Sunday, November 13, 2022, The Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin ushered in the holiday season with its annual Christmas gymanfa ganu. Although the Wisconsin weather was unseasonably warm during the previous week, we had a drop in temperature and a dusting of snow on Saturday to put us in the mood.



This year, organist Dennis Jon Wolfgang invited us to hold our event at Nativity Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. Dennis provided beautiful organ preludes and postludes and accompanied us all the way through.



After a welcome from WGGAW President Jan Jones Batty, and devotions from Rev. Thomas White, director Joshua Giese guided us through the Thanksgiving season with the opening hymn "Now Thank We All our God." We continued with three sets of Christmas-themed hymns from the Evangelical Lutheran hymnal and the WGGAW Christmas gymanfa ganu hymnal.

Dennis Wolfgang had arranged a tenor soloist for our special music, but when we heard he developed bronchitis, Josh and Tom (two of the four members of the Peniel Quartet) quickly put together a duet. After concluding the afternoon service with "Go Tell It on the Mountain," we were ready for te bach!



Many thanks to Ann Lemmenes and Marilyn Schrader (the Lemmenes sisters) for bringing proper teacups, teapots and cozies, and a delicious Welsh tea. We had plenty of goodies to enjoy, and lots of fellowship with new and not-so-new friends. There were a fair number of newcomers, and we hope they will join us for future Welsh events.



Thanks to Dennis and the members of Nativity Lutheran for a warm welcome and helping us put together another successful gymanfa ganu.