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In honor of National Pi Day

Any excuse for a circle,
a way to pinch the day.

They are calling it
something like a celebration

only with bigger words
and too many numbers to count.

We'll have to approximate
the amount of joy

to be found in mathematics,
the number of times

a kid can laugh out loud
at the simplest pun.

It's hard to frown
when the world is round

and full of pie.

