

St. John's Lutheran School

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Graduation Service and Ceremony

Graduation Service

Gathering Rite on the Word of God



Invocation

Matthew 18:20; 28:19-20

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Gathering Rite Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word | 919

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word we are gath - ered
all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you, by your teach - ings,
sweet and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

Oh, how I love your law!
I meditate on it all day long.

Psalms 119:97-99, 103

Your commands are always with me
and make me wiser than my enemies.

I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks our night
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
God can win us; you must work all good with - in us.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking,
correcting, and training in righteousness,
so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it.
For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from
 God pro - ceed - ing, o - pen now our heart and mind;
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your
 Church now rais - es; hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,
 con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, while we here be -
 low must wan - der, till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessings of the gospel so freely given at St. John's Lutheran School. As we end the school year, may the message of Christ continue to bear fruit in the lives of the students, families, and teachers. Lead us all, day by day, to rejoice in the gospel of forgiveness, to share that gospel with the world around us, and to live in its hope our whole lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

This school year's theme verse is printed in bold.

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹**We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.** ²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



School Year Theme Anthem

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending | 487

The school students sing stanza 1. The congregation joins to sing stanza 4.

1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee

once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

swell the tri - umph of his train:
claim the king - dom as thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Christ re - veals his end - less reign.
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Tune: Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799

Text and tune: Public domain

The 8th grade class verse, Romans 8:38-39, is printed in bold.

³¹What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Class Hymn

Go, My Children, with My Blessing | 930

The graduates sing stanza 1. The congregation joins to sing stanza 4.



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; you are my own.
I the Lord will smile up - on you and give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and



ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren; I will keep you and give you peace.

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Loving Lord, you have brought us to the end of this school year by your grace. We thank you for all the blessings you have given us in body, mind, and spirit. Stay with us in the days and weeks ahead. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for Christian teachers, parents, and friends who have supported us this past year. May their efforts encourage us that we may continue to grow in faith, hope, and love in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we end this year of our education, lead us to remain faithful in worship, Bible study, and prayer. Protect us from the temptations of the devil and those who invite us to join them in sin. Lead us to confess what we do wrong and forgive us for Jesus' sake. Help us to enjoy our work and our play and keep us safe from injury and sickness. Renew in us a desire to grow in all useful knowledge and in the wisdom that comes from you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

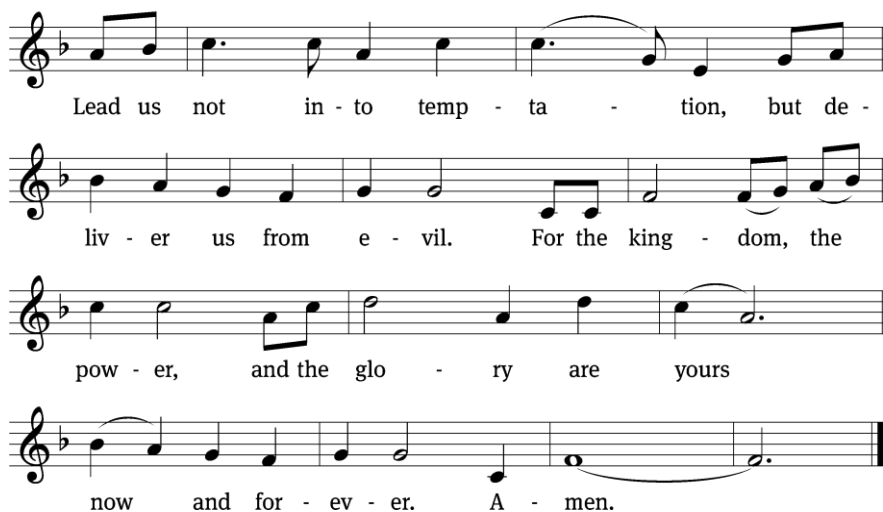
Father, into your hands we commend all that we have and are and we ask you to bless us in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *Pater Noster*

Matthew 6:9-13



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Blessing *Aaronic Benediction*

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Faculty Anthem

Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own shall tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Graduation Ceremony

Introduction of the Graduating Class

Mr. Gabe Malliet, 7th-8th Grade Teacher

Graduate Speeches

Robert Barnard

Madilynn Lahmann

Naomi Regnier

Gradin Timm

Presentation of Diplomas

Mr. Dan Peterson, School Board Chairman

Mr. Timothy Schubkegel, Principal

Mr. Gabe Malliet, 7th-8th Grade Teacher

Robert James Barnard

Madilynn Elizabeth Lahmann

Naomi Sophia Regnier

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Recognition of Service Anniversaries

Mr. Kyle Koldeway, President of St. John's

Gabe Malliet, Teacher – 25 years of teaching (10 years of service at St. John's)

Allison Sorensen, Church Office – 25 years of service at St. John's

Invitation to the Graduation Reception

Principal Timothy Schubkegel

Closing Hymn

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow | 617



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711.

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois.

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Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Kirk Lahmann

Accompanist: Brenda Hafeman

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