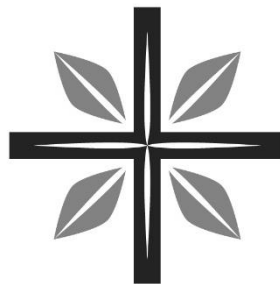


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Welcome to our visitors!

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Large print service folders, assisted listening devices, children's service folders, and children's worship notes are available from the ushers.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.

Graduation and Closing Service

May 23, 2019

Preservice Music

St. John's Music Students

Sun Showers

Clara Cook-Kammholz, piano

Beautiful Savior

William Eft, piano

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Aidan Gmach, piano

Oh, How He Loves You and Me

Micah Buske, piano

Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow

Annika Laufer, piano

In Christ Alone

John Handeland, piano

On Eagle's Wings

Olivia Close, Ally Rhyner & Lexi Siegmund, guitar

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Olivia Close, Ally Rhyner & Lexi Siegmund, guitar

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Jacob Alejandro, piano

Benediction

Tony Chen, piano

Jesus Loves Me
Lexi Siegmund, piano

Children of the Heavenly Father
Tiffany Chen, piano

Abide With Me
Silas Ebeling, John Handeland & Riley Rindfleisch, French horns & tuba

Opening Hymn
Please stand to sing the final stanza

Shepherd of Tender Youth
Christian Worship 515

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, you see our young people growing up in an uncertain and confusing world. Send your Holy Spirit into their hearts that they may grow in grace and wisdom. Give them strength to resist temptation and courage to meet the challenges of each new day. Show them that following you is more satisfying than pursuing selfish goals. Make their unique gifts and youthful vitality a blessing to their families, to the church, and to all others their lives may touch, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 31:7-8

The LORD goes ahead of us in all of life's journeys.

Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their forefathers to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Response to the Word

5th – 8th grades

Hope in the Lord

by Casey Pufahl

Though the road may be long and the journey so severe,
Overall you can fly; the Lord will hear your cry.
He waits for you in heav'n, watches over all you know.
He lifts up those in need, gives rest to their tired feet.

For God so gave his love to the people of the world.
He sent his only Son, who is the saving one.
He died to wash away all the sins of the world.
In peace, you may live your life, sure hope in all strife.

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles.
They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint.
Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

As I watch over you and guide your ev'ry step,
Keep on the narrow way, stand firm and do not stray.
There is a home for you where my blessings never cease.
Victory is yours, indeed; sing praise eternally.

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles.
They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint.
Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

Do you not know? Have you not heard that the Lord is the everlasting God?
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Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles.
They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint.
Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

Second Lesson

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Continue in the faith you have learned.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Please stand

Gospel

Matthew 19:13-15

All believers – including our children – are precious to Jesus and heirs of heaven.

Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them.

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

8th Grade Class Hymn

There Is a Higher Throne (see pg. 10)

Christian Worship Supplement 727

Sermon

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Anthem*Junior Choir***Yesu Kwetu ni Rafiki***arranged by Mark Burrows*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
 All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.

Yesu kwetu ni Rafiki. Maombi asikia.
What a friend we have in Jesus. Take it in prayer.

Class Speaker**Lexi Siegmund****Anthem***Junior Handbell Choir***How Great Thou Art (with "Majesty")***arranged by Joel Raney*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made,
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.
 Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!"
 Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!"

Majesty, worship his majesty, unto Jesus be all glory, power, and praise.
 Majesty, kingdom, authority flow from his throne. Unto his own his anthem raise.
 So exalt, lift up on high, the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King!
 Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Class Speaker**Erin Welcenbach****Awarding of Diplomas****Scott Uecker, Principal***Please stand***Prayer of the Church***The minister says the Prayer of the Church.***Lord's Prayer**

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Be seated

Hymn

With the Lord Begin Your Task

Christian Worship 478

Please stand

M: God of time and eternity, as time flows by we are faced with changes and new horizons. But our times are in your hands. You have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet unwalked, through trials unknown. Give us faith to go forth with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: 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.

C: Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

Stanza 1: 8th grade parents

Stanzas 2-4: Congregation

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Christian Worship 332

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Graduating Class of 2019

Jacob Alejandro	Elsa Gregory	Eden Rader
Micah Buske	Nora Gregory	Allyson Rhyner
Chloe Campbell	John Handeland	Riley Rindfleisch
Olivia Close	Clara Cook-Kammholz	Alexandra Siegmund
Silas Ebeling	Joshua Knueppel	Evan Starkey
William Eft	Annika Laufer	Erin Welcenbach
Aidan Gmach	Madysen Lueck	
Noel Greene	Kaylie McEvoy	

The graduating class was honored to have three international students from China join them during their 8th grade year at St. John's: Zimo (Tony) Chen, Tianyi (Peter) Ma, and Wenli (Tiffany) Chen.

Class Colors: Blue and Silver

Class Hymn: There Is a Higher Throne (*Christian Worship Supplement 727*)

Class Verse: “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Elementary School Faculty

Scott Uecker	Principal
Keith Hackbarth	Grade 8
Christine Rindfleisch	Grade 7
David Leyrer	Grade 6, Athletic Director
Megan Leverence	Grade 5
David Allerheiligen	Grade 4
Mandy Treder	Grade 3, School Music Coordinator
Renee Pastorek	Grade 2
Lisa Festerling	Grade 1
Terry Buske	Grade 1
Dana Leyrer	Kindergarten
Rita Allerheiligen	Kindergarten
Naomi Stein	Preschool (K4)
Leslie Campbell	Preschool (K4)
Carrie Henning	Preschool (K3)
Andrew Duncan	Special Education

There Is a Higher Throne



1 There is a high - er throne than all this
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be -



world has known, Where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue
fore the throne. We'll hon - or him in per - fect song



will one day come. Be - fore the Son we'll stand,
where we be - long. He'll wipe each tear - stained eye



made fault - less through the Lamb; Be - liev - ing
as thirst and hun - ger die. The Lamb be -



hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.
comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

Refrain

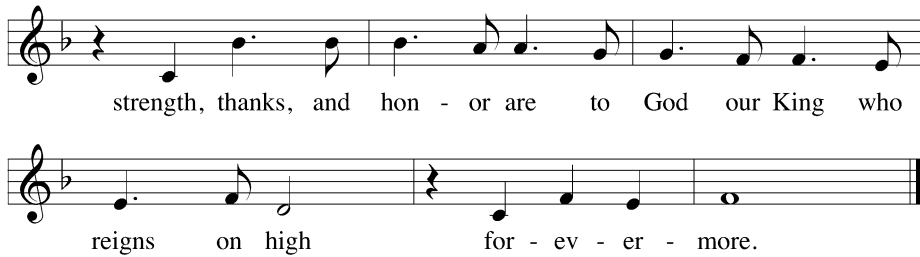
Hear heav - en's voic - es sing; their thund - rous



an - them rings. Through em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies



their prais - es rise. All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r,



Serving at Worship

Preacher	Pastor Kyle Bitter
Presiding Minister	Pastor Eric Schroeder
Lector	Pastor Joel Leyrer
Musicians	Mandy Treder, organ & piano Terry Buske, piano Pastor Kyle Bitter, piano
Children's Choir Director	Mandy Treder
Junior Handbell Choir Director	Julie Handeland
Board of Education	Peter Stauffer, Board Chairman Kerry Kuehn, Elementary School Committee Adam Greggs, Childcare Casey Holtz, Secretary Jonathan Phillips, Athletics
Elementary School Committee	Kerry Kuehn, Chairman Angela Glaeske Stephanie Lamas Janelle Clark Pagel Kay Starkey

