



ST. JOHN'S
WAUWATOSA

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community

NO in all these things
WE are **MORE**
than
CONQUERORS
who
LOVED **SIN** **THROUGH HIM**

Romans 8:37

8th Grade Graduation Service, May 24, 2018

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 24, 2018

Preservice Music

St. John's Piano Students

He Leadeth Me

Micah Buske

Beautiful Savior

William Eft

Speak, O Lord

Aidan Gmach

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Chloe Campbell

Beautiful Savior

Lexi Siegmund

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Madison Sipe

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Madison Sipe

By Faith

John Handeland

Children of the Heavenly Father

Jacob Alejandro

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

O Lord, Our God, Your Gracious Hand

Christian Worship 511

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

Grades 5-8

Shepherd of My Heart

by Francis Patrick O'Brien

My shepherd is the Lord, for nothing shall I want;
Green are the pastures where I'm led to repose.
Near waters still and deep God will refresh my soul.
I am led onward in ways true to the Name.
Guide me, O shepherd of my heart;
Lead me homeward through the dark, into everlasting day.
Show me the way of truth and light; keep me always in your sight.
May my life never part from the shepherd of my heart.

If I should walk one day into the vale of darkness,
No evil shall I fear with God at my side.
There with your crook and staff you give me strength and comfort;
You spread a banquet in the sight of my foes.
Guide me, O shepherd of my heart;
Lead me homeward through the dark, into everlasting, everlasting.
Show me the way of truth and light; keep me always in your sight.
May my life never part from the shepherd of my heart.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup is overflowing;
Goodness and kindness crown the days of my life.
Within the Lord's own house I dwell in peace forever;
Within the house of God my soul is at rest.
Guide me, O shepherd of my heart;
Lead me homeward through the dark, into everlasting, everlasting.
Show me the way of truth and light; keep me always in your sight.
May my life never part from the shepherd of my heart.

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

On Eagles' Wings
Christian Worship 440

Sermon

Romans 8:37-39

Superhuman Love

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither 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 Speaker

Reagan Godager

Anthem
Junior Handbell Choir

Children of the Heavenly Father
arranged by Larry Sue

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven such a refuge ne'er was given.

God his own doth 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.

Class Speaker

GraceMarie Theesfeld

Awarding of Diplomas

Scott Uecker, Principal

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.

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

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus
Christian Worship 452

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

Serving at Worship

Preacher	Pastor Kyle Bitter
Presiding Minister	Pastor Joel Leyrer
Lector	Pastor Eric Schroeder
Musicians	Mandy Treder, organ Pastor Kyle Bitter, piano
Children's Choir Director	Mandy Treder
Junior Handbell Choir Director	Julie Handeland
Board of Education	Peter Stauffer, Board Chairman Adam Greggs, Childcare Troy Schulz, Secretary Jonathan Phillips, Athletics Kerry Kuehn, Elementary School Committee
Elementary School Committee	Kerry Kuehn, Chairman Janelle Clark Kim Peterson Kay Starkey

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Graduating Class of 2018

Lauren Beck	Alex Hernandez	Caleb Pollesch
Sofia Chasco	Tony Jones	Madison Sipe
Miaya Chesterman	Lindsey Lampe	Quinn Taylor
Austin Danko	Inga Ornborg	GraceMarie Theesfeld
Reagan Godager		

The graduating class was honored to have four international students from China join them during their 8th grade year at St. John's: Jiayi (Joyce) Chen, Yujie (Jerry) Yang, Ruojie (Roger) Zhang, and Junyi (Allen) Zhu.

Class Colors: Blue and Silver

Class Hymn: On Eagles' Wings (*Christian Worship 440*)

Class Verse: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither 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. (Romans 8:37-39)

Elementary School Faculty

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

The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21st century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

Worship Services

*Saturdays at 5:30 pm
Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 am*

Worship in Chinese

Saturdays at 7:00 pm

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