




St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



**MY SOUL FINDS
REST IN GOD ALONE;
MY SALVATION
COMES FROM HIM.
HE ALONE IS MY ROCK
AND MY SALVATION;
HE IS MY FORTRESS
I WILL NEVER
BE SHAKEN.**

PSALM 62:1-2

Graduation and Closing Service

May 25, 2022

Preservice Music

St. John's Music Students

He Leadeth Me

Junior Handbells

Be Thou My Vision

Joel Goede, piano

Abide with Me

*Jonas Becker, Reina Ebeling, Riley Kubicki,
Annalise Kuehn, Evan Pastorek & Elijah Strong, brass*

All Through the Night

Zuzu Eft, piano

Lord, I Need You

Annalise Kuehn, piano

It Is Well With My Soul

Nadia Alejandro, violin & Addison Hansen, flute

Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Hannah Strong, piano

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Annalise Kuehn, trumpet

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Lord, Bless Your Word to All the Young

Christian Worship 762

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you took little children into your arms and blessed them. Move us to love and protect the children committed to our care, that by word and example, we bring them to you and teach them to know you, love you, and trust in your protection; you live and reign, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Proverbs 2:1–6

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,
turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—
indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,
and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,
then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.
For the LORD gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word

Yesu Kwetu Ni Rafiki

Junior Choir

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.

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Second Reading

Romans 15:4–6

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel

Mark 10:13–16

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

In Christ Alone
Christian Worship 510

Sermon

Psalm 62:1-2

Just Wait...

Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.

Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Class Speaker

Jeremiah Alejandro

Anthem

Junior Handbell Choir

Amazing Grace
arranged by Sandra Eithun

Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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Class Speaker

Hannah Strong

Awarding of Diplomas

Please stand

God of time and eternity, as time flows by we are faced with changes and new horizons, but we believe that our times are in your hands. Like so many before us, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils 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 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

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.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

8th grade parents: st. 1; congregation: sts. 2-4

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Christian Worship 930

Announcements

Postlude

Serving at Worship

Preacher

Pastor Eric Schroeder

Presiding Minister

Pastor Joel Leyrer

Musician

Megan Bauer, piano

Junior Choir Director

Mandy Treder

Junior Handbell Choir Director

Julie Handeland

Board of Education

Casey Holtz, Board Chairman
Greg Beyer, Elementary School Committee
Nick Cutting, Secretary
Luke Sankey, Athletics
Troy Schulz, Early Childhood

Elementary School Committee

Greg Beyer, Chairman
Angela Glaeske
Lora Sankey

Graduating Class of 2022

Jeremiah Alejandro
Sydney Brown
Finley Buege
Emma Close
Andrew Duncan
Zuzanna Eft
Will Gehl

Joel Goede
Karsten Cook Kammholz
Kabine Komara
Eva Kriese
Annalise Kuehn
Simon Lamas
Anna Ognenoff

Dalton Rost
Clara Schulz
Lily Stauffer
Hannah Strong
Sydnee Sweet
Zavier Zens

Class Colors: Aqua and Baby Blue

Class Hymn: In Christ Alone (*Christian Worship* 510)

Class Verse: My soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken (Psalm 62:1-2).

Elementary School Faculty

Dan Markgraf	Principal
David Leyrer	Grade 8, Athletic Director
Christine Rindfleisch	Grade 7
Keith Hackbarth	Grade 6
Brett Kriese	Grade 5
Megan Bauer	Grade 4
Mandy Treder	Grade 4, Music Coordinator
Renee Pastorek	Grade 3
Lisa Festerling	Grade 2
Terry Buske	Grade 1
Dana Leyrer	Kindergarten
Rachel Wendland	Early Learning Center Director
Carol Markgraf	Early Learning Center (K4)
Carrie Henning	Early Learning Center (K3)
Lizette Schapekahm	Early Learning Center (K2)
Andrew Duncan	Special Education

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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 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Worship in Chinese

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

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