



**St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran
Church and School
Graduation Service
May 24, 2018**

HYMN 282 *Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear*

- 1: Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through your Word to me draw near.
Let me your Word e'er pure retain;
Let me your child and heir remain.
- 2: Your Word inspires my heart within;
Your Word grants healing from my sin.
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;
Your Word brings peace and happiness.

THE INVOCATION:

L: In the name of the Father, who cares for us as his children; and of the Son, who died for us to make us God's children; and of the Holy Spirit, who brought us to faith as God's children.

C: Amen

L: Let us worship our heavenly Father, who created us, who sustains us, who loves us with an everlasting love and gives us the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

C: We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord!

L: Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, though he was rich, yet for our sake became poor; who in every respect was tempted as we are, yet without sinning; who went about doing good and preaching the gospel of the kingdom; who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross; who died and is alive forevermore; who has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers; who is seated at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father; who will come again as Judge and King.

C: You are the King of Glory, O Christ!

L: Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Giver of life, by whom we are born into the body of Christ, whose witness confirms us, whose wisdom teaches us, whose power enables us to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think.

C: All praise to you, O Holy Spirit!

L: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

C: We will serve the LORD and obey him, because he is our God.

L: You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God; He is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins.

C: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your child. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

L: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

C: And into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade –

L: Kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

C: In this salvation we greatly rejoice!

L: Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C: To him be glory, both now and forever! Amen!

L: Almighty God, you have committed to your Church the task of making disciples of all nations. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

ANTHEM “Shine On Me” – Junior Choir

LESSON 2 Timothy 3:14-17

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

CLASS HYMN 752 In Christ Alone

1: In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

L: May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself. May the power of the Lord Jesus make us strong to do his will. May the peace of the Lord Jesus fill our lives.

C: Amen

Presentation of Diplomas & Awards: *by Mr. Winkler, our principal, and Brian Statz, chairman of our Board of Education.*

St. Peter's 2018 Graduates

Haddie Altreuter

Laura Crandall

Jesse Horta

Keegan Lamp

MacKenzie Mattke

Aidyn Messmann

Savannah Serdynski

Nora Statz

Nick Thomas

Please remain seated and give your attention while our school band plays, after which the graduates will proceed to the head table to read their class wills and prophecy, and finally we will have a picture presentation of our graduates and our 2017-2018 school year.

The St. Peter's Lutheran School Band performs:

Two Classical Favorites - Arr. James Swearingen

Hard Rock Blues - John Higgins

Scooby Doo Theme Song - Arr. Michael Story

Let's Go Team! - Arr. Brian Hildebrandt

The Hey Song - Arr. Paul Lavender

Special Thanks

Pastor Elect, Jason Zuehlke, our special guest preacher

Mrs. Wendy Winkler, our accompanist

Mrs. Nancy Kanter and our Junior Choir

Mr. Brian Hildebrandt and our school band

Mrs. Linda Haberman for our cakes

Our Teachers and Parents for Diligence and Dedication



What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

- 2: In Christ alone—who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.
- 3: There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
- 4: No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

SERMON

We Work for the Lord **1. In All Situations** **2. With All Our Hearts**

CLASS VERSE - Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."

L: Heavenly Father, on this special day, we give you thanks for bringing the message of salvation to each of us. We remember today those who served you by sharing that message with us.

C: We thank you for parents who taught us your ways. We praise you for pastors and teachers who led us to deeper understanding. And we glorify you for sending us your Spirit, who used this instruction to create and strengthen faith in our hearts.

L: You promise that your Word will not return to you empty, but will accomplish what you desire and achieve the purpose for which you sent it. You tell us that you want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

C: Remind us of your Word's power. It has brought the dead to life. It has made common man walk on water. Use it to work miracles in our life. Use it to increase our trust in you. Use it to focus our eyes on that better country, our heavenly home. And lead us to use it in our homes, that your good promises might be passed on to the next generation.

L: Father, we thank you especially for the many institutions which assist families in bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Continue to shower your favor on our Lutheran elementary schools and high schools; on our Christian colleges and our Seminary.

C: Give to teachers patience. Give to students faithfulness. Help us to identify and encourage youth who might go on to serve the church in our classrooms and in our pulpits.

L: Lord, your Word is our life. With it instruct us, correct us, discipline us and guide us, that we might walk safely through this dark world to our eternal home. We join in praying the Lord's Prayer.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

School Theme Song: Be Bold and Be Strong

(We invite the congregation to join in singing the **final refrain**.)

Refrain:

Be bold and be strong,
As fierce as a lion,
The Lord is your might,
Be fearless as you go.
Be bold and be strong,
As brave as a lion,
The Lord is your pow'r
To take on ev'ry foe.

- 1: Do not fear the evil one,
Though he seeks to capture you.
Confident, with lion's heart,
Lean on Jesus, Savior true

Refrain:

- 2: Troubles in this sinful world
Sometimes feel as dark as night.
Standing firm, with Jesus' strength,
Live in joy and share God's light.

Refrain:

- 3: Judah's lion, on the cross,
Bowed his head and lowly died.
Triumphed over sin and death,
Heaven's gates are opened wide.

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What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

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