



HEBREWS 6:19

**ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
CLOSING SERVICE  
MAY 26, 2022**

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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May Christ's rule be strengthened in our hearts and extended into the hearts of others.

**SERVICE THEME** Power from Heaven marches victorious to the ends of the Earth

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Setting One* | 154

**OPENING HYMN**

*Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor* | 812

*Grades 5-7 will sing stanza 1. The congregation joins in 2-4.*

Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm – when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn, in the suffering, in the sorrow,  
When my sinking hopes are few, I will hold fast to the anchor;  
it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on – when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won, deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused; I will hold fast to the anchor;  
it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief – hopeless, somehow, O my soul now, lift your eyes to Calvary. This my ballast of assurance, see his love forever proved; I will hold fast to the anchor;  
it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death – when these trials give way to glory and we draw our final breath, we will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure, and the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endure.

Christ, the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true – we will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

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

C: Amen.

**CONFESSION**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,  
I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.**

### **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens, and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that, at your command and by your power, we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **FIRST LESSON**

Acts 1:1-11

*Jesus ascends to rule over all things as his Church serves as his witnesses.*

I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which you heard from me. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they were together with him, they asked, "Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<sup>9</sup>After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM OF THE DAY**

*God Has Gone Up with a Shout | 47*

*The children of St. Peter's will sing the Psalm.*

*Refrain: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of the trumpet.*

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.  
For the LORD Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.  
God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne. *Refrain*

God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.  
Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.  
For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

Revelation 19:11-16

*St. John sees the ascended Lord as a warrior riding on a white horse fighting against all those who oppose Christ's gospel and his church.*

I saw heaven standing open, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and he judges and makes war in righteousness. <sup>12</sup>His eyes are like blazing flames, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him, which no one knows except he himself. <sup>13</sup>He is also clothed in a garment that had been dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. <sup>14</sup>The armies in heaven, which were clothed with white, clean, fine linen, were following him on white horses. <sup>15</sup>Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will shepherd them with an iron staff. He himself is going to trample the winepress of the fierce anger of the Almighty God. <sup>16</sup>On his garment and on his thigh this name is written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADES K-8

*"We Have Sure Hope"*  
by Dale Witte

We have sure hope in Christ, our Lord and Savior, Jesus who died and rose to set me free. He suffered all, was tempted, tried, yet vanquished sin, death, and hell – so great His love for me.

We have sure hope in every single promise since God first spoke to Satan and to Eve:  
"Fierce enmity will separate your offspring. He'll crush your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

We have sure hope, yet when our hope seems distant  
we walk by faith and not by what we see.

God sent a ram – the sacrifice for Isaac. God sent a lamb – His sacrifice for me!

We have sure hope, in Christ, our mighty anchor, who holds me fast throughout life's raging sea. God promised rest in mansions of His glory – come quickly Lord!  
My soul waits patiently!

## GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

*Before he ascends, Jesus promises to send the disciples power from heaven to carry out his mission.*

He said to them, "These are my words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms."

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup>He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>They were continually in the temple courts, praising and blessing God. Amen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## GRADES PREK-7

*"Lift High the Cross"*

*Refrain: Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ the Son of God. *Refrain*

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain.*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain.*

**“Ascension Means Not Having to Say Goodbye”**

*Pastor Boehringer*

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING**

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION**

Principal Benjamin Raddatz  
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*Hebrews 6:19*

*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.*

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**GRADE 8 CLASS HYMN**

*“As We Begin Another Week”*

*Soloist will sing stanza 1. The congregation joins in 2-4.*

As we begin another week, In Jesus’ name your grace we seek.  
God, grant that through these seven days No evil may befall our ways.

**Your gentle blessings, Lord, outpour On all our labors evermore.  
Our hearts with your good Spirit fill That we may gladly do your will.**

In ev’ry season, ev’ry place, May we recall your Word of grace  
Until, when life’s brief day is past, We reach eternal joy at last

And keep with angels in your rest The endless Sabbath of the blest.  
Grant this to us through Christ, your Son, Who reigns with you upon your throne.

**LORD’S PRAYER & BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Lord, Bless Your Word to All the Young | 762*

Lord, bless your Word to all the young; let them, your truth possessing,  
declare your praise with heart and tongue, their faith in Christ confessing.  
From birth your firm embrace has held them in your grace.  
Baptized into your name, redeemed and free from blame,  
as your dear children keep them.

When faced with pressure, grief, or pain, when Satan comes alluring,  
may their baptismal grace remain a refuge reassuring.  
God’s promises are sure his mercy will endure.  
They shall not be undone who trust in Christ alone;  
God is their mighty Father!



**ORGANIST**  
David Koepsell

*Teachers will have report cards for the children after the service.*