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Worship with Us

Sunday service @ 9am
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Pre-K Graduation
May 3 at 10:30 in the
Parish Hall



Daily – Doggedly – Daringly

Embracing Our Neighbors with Jesus' Unconditional Love



Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey friends,

May is always a ruff month for me, because it's when a lot of my friends move on to different schools.

My Pre-K friends at the Early Childhood Center graduate.

My 5th Grade friends at Memorial Elementary will head to Middle School.

And ALL my friends at Lutheran North are going to leave for other schools, not just the graduates.

My Jesus' friends watched Him leave them, too, when my Jesus went back to heaven.

My Jesus told them, "I am going to the Father, and you will see Me no longer" (John 16:10).

But my Jesus also promised them, "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

Even though my Jesus went back to heaven, He still is with us.

Just like He will be with our Pre-K graduates and all my friends at Lutheran North.

My Jesus is gone, but He's with us.

I can't say that I understand all that, but if my Jesus said it, it must be true.

Isn't that PAWSOME?

Your friend,
Gabriel



From the Pastor



Now Thank We All Our God

*Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.*

*Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!*

*All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.*

Martin Rinckart

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

In April the announcement was made that Lutheran North Academy will close its doors at the end of this school year.

This news was received with great sadness by the staff, students and the Lutheran community in Houston.

Our congregation has deep connections with North. Some of our members helped start the school and many members either attended that school or sent their children there.

It's no secret that the school has struggled for many years due to an increase in the cost of education and a decrease in enrollment.

Yet, despite efforts to reverse the decline, the time has come for the school to be closed.

In Ecclesiastes 3, Solomon writes, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die" (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2).

We are also reminded in Isaiah 55, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord" (Isaiah 55:8).

We put our trust in a God who has a purpose and a plan, a heavenly Father who will not forsake His children.

He proved that to us through His Son, Jesus Christ, and He continues to prove it every single day.

Keep the Lutheran North family in your prayers as they finish out this school year and figure out what is next for the staff and students.

Let's also thank God for the forty-four years of Lutheran education that were provided at North and the countless lives that were changed for eternity because Lutheran North was there.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Engel

