GPLHS Class of 2020

Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young,
but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct,
in love, in faith and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

Graduation Ceremony

May 23, 2020

2020 Graduation Service

INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

OPENING SONG: "RUN WITH RESOLVE"

Since a great cloud has gone before us,
Witnesses of the great I Am;
Noah and Moses join the chorus,
Living by faith like Abraham;
Run with resolve the race marked out;
In Christ there is no doubt!

Casting aside all that entangles,
Foiling our steps along the way;
Let us throw off the sin that hinders,
Looking to Jesus day by day.
Run with resolve the race marked out;
In Christ there is no doubt!

Fasten your eyes today on Jesus—
Alpha-Omega of our faith;
Seeing beyond the cross that frees us,
He took on sin and conquered death.
Run with resolve the race marked out;
In Christ there is no doubt!

Picture your Savior throned in glory,
Lest you grow tired when ills prolong.
Share in his joy and tell the story,
Swelling the cloud that presses on.
Run with resolve the race marked out;
In Christ there is no doubt!

Song based on Hebrews 12:1-3
Text: David Maertz
Tune: Tracy Lemke; Arranged by Steven Springborn

RESPONSIVE PSALMODY - PSALM 20 (NIV, SELECTED VERSES)

Minister: May the name of the God of Jacob protect you. May he give you the desire of your heart
ALL: And make all your plans succeed.
M: May we shout for joy over your victory
A: And lift up our banners in the name of our God.
M: Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
A: But we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Dear Risen Savior, at this time of graduation, we look ahead toward the future. No matter how old we might be or where we might be in running our race that you have marked out for us, please do not let us forget that this world and all it offers are nothing next to the plans you have for us. You have us on the race that leads to eternal paradise. We do not deserve such a gift, but because of the perfect life you lived for us and the suffering and death you endured in our place, it is ours. Therefore, whatever opportunities or challenges may be allowed to cross our path, we praise and thank you for the blessed future you are willing to share with us.
A: Lord, In your name we pray. Amen

LESSON - 1 CORINTHIANS 1:4-9 (NIV)

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMN - "LIFT HIGH THE CROSS" CW 579

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**]

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SERMON - 1 TIMOTHY 4:12 "YOU'RE NOT TOO YOUNG TO BE AN EXAMPLE"

- To believers
- To the world

We thank Vicar Philip Schroeder for proclaiming God's Word in sermon. May the Lord bless him, his message today, and the remainder of his vicar year at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD.

RESPONSIVE GRADUATION PRAYER

M: O Holy Spirit, sent by Jesus to guide us into all truth, shower your gifts and graces on all graduates.
A: Cause all of our graduates to be truly grateful for your gift of learning and for all who have helped them with their education.
M: Enable them to use the lessons they have learned to advance in their welfare, to serve others in Christian love, and to glorify your name.
A: As they step into an uncertain future, bless their future endeavors.
M: Strengthen them through your Word and Sacraments. May they be comforted and reassured by your presence.
A: Teach them to demonstrate true wisdom and understanding by fearing, loving, and trusting in you above all things.
M: May they be your light in the world and keep your commandments.
A: We offer this prayer in Jesus' name, who with you and the Father are one Lord, now and forever. Amen.

GRADUATION BLESSING

M: May the love of the risen Lord Jesus keep our eyes ever focused upon him as our Savior. May the power of the risen Lord Jesus make us strong to run the race he has marked out for us. May the peace of the risen Lord Jesus give us joy as we live to his glory.
A: Amen.

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Accompanist: Mrs. Deanna Martens, St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD

2020 GRADUATION CEREMONY

Class Speakers: *Co-Valedictorians*
Christopher Schlecht
Jocelyn Gosch
Alexis Scharlemann
Caleb Roberts

Awarding of Diplomas: Rev. David Maertz, GPLHS President
Mr. Matthew Bauer, GPLHS Principal

Turning of the Tassels

Concluding Remarks

Meaning of the Cords

The gold cord indicates students who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Those students with the highest grade point average are awarded the position of valedictorian and salutatorian. This year the highest grade point averages were identical, resulting in co-valedictorians.

Class of 2020 Graduation Details

Class Verse: 1 Timothy 4:12
Class Flower: Dark Blue Lily
Class Colors: White & Gold
Class Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" (CW 579)

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