

***Lutheran North Academy***  
***Houston, Texas***



***Forty-first Commencement Service***

***Grace Presbyterian Church***  
***Saturday, May 27th, 2023***  
***3:00 p.m.***

# A SERVICE OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

## LUTHERAN NORTH ACADEMY CLASS OF 2023

We welcome you to our Commencement Service. We request that our guests show reverence while in the house of the Lord by not doing anything to detract from the service. Polite applause is acceptable following anthems, addresses, and presentations. We request that taking photographs be limited to the graduation portion of the service. Those wanting to videotape the service must do so from the back of the sanctuary or balcony. A school photographer has been hired to "capture the moment" as diplomas are received.

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** .....LNA Concert Band  
Directors: Zac Brumbaugh, Chelsea Hook

**WELCOME** .....Mr. Dana Gerard  
Head of School

**THE PROCESSIONAL** .....“Pomp and Circumstance” .... Edward Elgar, arr. Grundman  
Organist – Mr. Jeff Armstrong

**OPENING HYMN** ..... Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing - You are my own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you. Go,  
My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

**PRAYER** ..... Sophia Rodriguez

**SALUTATORY ADDRESS** .....Christian Birdsong

**LUTHERAN NORTH ACADEMY THEME VERSE FOR 2022-23** .... Samantha Siptak

*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*

**VALEDICTORY ADDRESS** .....Jade Jao

**INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....** Estelle Shearon

**THE GRADUATION ADDRESS .....** Rev. Timothy Engel

**OFFERING .....** "Christ Be My Leader"

*Today's offering will benefit the **Lutheran North Academy Scholarship Fund**. These funds are used to assist students with financial needs to receive an excellent education and be involved in a meaningful ministry experience. You can give at [www.lutherannorth.org](http://www.lutherannorth.org).*

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**TASSEL CEREMONY .....**Jade Jao

**PRAYER .....**William Ethan Elliott

**BENEDICTION .....**Mr. Dana Gerard

**Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**THE RECESSIONAL**  
+ Soli Deo Gloria +

*Lutheran North Academy offers students and families Excellence in Academics and Meaningful Ministry in order to prepare students for the next level and for leadership in their schools, churches, and communities.*

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### Distinguished Level of Achievement

M	Multidisciplinary Endorsement
A	Arts & Humanities Endorsement
S	STEM Endorsement
N	National Honor Society – White stole

### Graduating with Honors

*	Cum Laude	3.50 GPA - Silver cord
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