

# Graduates Blessing 2011

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## 2011 High School Graduates

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## Blessing of Graduating High School Seniors

**Pastor:** We are delighted to honor you as you graduate from high school. We are proud of you! It is our privilege to affirm you as members of this congregation. You have completed an important phase of your lives and you are entering another.

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**P:** I ask you to affirm your commitment to a life of faith in the body of Christ. Graduates, as you celebrate your achievements and prepare for your new endeavors, do you thank God for the many ways your faith has been your strength and guide?

**Graduates: With God's help I do.**

**Pastor:** As you consider the next steps of your journey of life, do you acknowledge God going with you, before you, behind you, below you, above you, and within you?

**Graduates: With God's help I do.**

**Pastor:** As you make choices about your new endeavors, do you promise to remain connected to the church, offering your gifts to the world as part of the body of Christ and receiving the support of a family of faith?

**Graduates: With God's help I do.**

*The assembly stands. The leader addresses the assembly with these words.*

**Pastor:** People of *name of congregation*, listen: Do you claim these graduates as brothers and sisters in Christ, called to ministry according to their talents?

**Congregation: In God's love, we claim them.**

**Pastor:** As their home congregation, do you promise to support them, take an interest in their future, be with them in their celebration and sadness, and welcome them whenever they return to Koshkonong Lutheran Church. cel-  
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**Congregation: In God's love, we support them.**

**Pastor:** Do you promise to faithfully pray for these brothers and sisters, placing their futures into God's loving hands as they make their choices?

**Congregation: In God's love, we pray for them.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially today for the milestones that these graduates have attained. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they know your love in all the experiences they have.

Bless the parents of these students, who have raised their children and nourished them in Christian faith. Give them strength in your holy presence, and give them many joyful reunions with their sons and daughters, those who are leaving home to go far away, and those staying close by. In Jesus' name we pray.

**All: Amen.**

**Pastor:** Go out into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to what is good;  
return no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted;  
support the weak;  
help the suffering;  
honor all people;  
love and serve God,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

