

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Curriculum in Music

[Speak] to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:19-20

Scriptural Rationale:

Music is a gift God gave us to enjoy. Music is used to respond to God's goodness and mercy. The psalms exhort Christians to praise and thank God with singing and with the use of instruments: "Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp" (Psalm 147:7). "O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth" (Psalm 96:1). Music is a servant of God's Word. It aids in building the Church. Since music is part of our worship, musical education is essential in our Lutheran school.

from Sing and Make Music

General Objectives:

Through a study of music students will:

- Praise God through the gift of song.
- Understand and appreciate God's gift of music.
- Become involved in performing music using various instruments.
- Extend their knowledge of musical theory, e.g. note values, time signatures, key signatures, dynamics, and rhythm patterns.

Curriculum Resources

Teachers use a variety of resources to teach Music at St. John's, including resources they create themselves to meet the needs and interests of their students. Please see below for a selection of the resources used at St. John's:

- [MusicPlay Online](#) (all grades)
- [Essential Elements for Ukulele](#) (Grade 7th & 8th)
- [World Music Drumming](#) (Grades 5th-8th)
- Teacher Created Resources