# **CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **TEACHING AND REACHING PEOPLE FOR THE KINGDOM**

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**WELCOME VISITORS!** We are glad that you have joined us for worship this morning. We have come into God's presence to worship him as our Lord and Savior.

- Restrooms are located to the right of the main doors.
- There is a staffed nursery available outside of the worship area for children under 3.
- ❖ There is a private area for nursing mothers located in the main preschool classroom.
- Coffee and drinks are available after the service.
- Please sign the guest register in the fellowship area.

PENTECOST 8 AUGUST 3, 2025

**UNDIVIDED ATTENTION—ON USEFUL RESOURCES** 



#### **SERIES THEME:**

We live in a world where a thousand things are competing for our attention. There is the real danger that we focus on the frivolous and ignore the indispensable. As a result, we often talk about the importance of being "free from distraction." But the stakes are higher than that. We need to be *freed* from distraction. We need the spiritual power to give our undivided attention to that which truly makes a difference, not only here and now, but also in eternity. A life focused on all the right things is only possible because of a Savior who is always focused on us. On the Day of Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to give his followers power and focus. Still today, through his Word, Jesus grants those gifts to his disciples.

We have come to the second half of the Church Year. In the first half, we focused on the life of Christ. In this second half, we turn our attention to all the teachings of Christ. May we give them our undivided attention.

#### THEME OF THE DAY:

Money. Possessions. Perhaps more than anything else, those things have the power to turn our attention away from what is truly important. It is no surprise, therefore, that Jesus frequently teaches about wealth. Christ wants us to understand that it is our heavenly Father who provides us with those useful resources. But we need to know why our Father gives them: what they are useful for, and what they are not useful for. Those resources cannot give purpose or meaning to our lives on earth. They cannot give us security for life after this earth. However, the blessings God provides can bring some joy to our lives. More importantly, our wealth is extremely useful in our efforts to serve God and others. This week let us give our undivided attention to what Christ says about the useful resources our gracious Father provides to us.

### SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

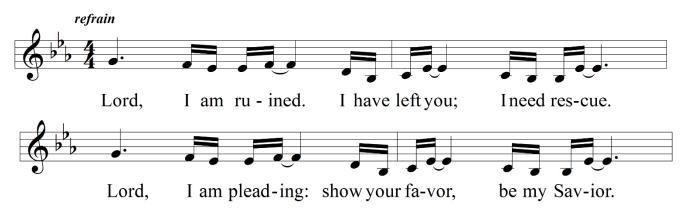
#### INVOCATION 1

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS 2

**LORD, BE MY SAVIOR** (A soloist sings the first refrain and verse. The congregation joins in singing the following refrains and bolded verses.)



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I love your law and would walk well within it.

Knowing I've not leaves me sighing.

This is the struggle I face every minute.

Who can relieve me? I'm dying! Refrain

Warnings ignored, I had thought I was stronger

Till walls of shame rose around me.

How can you call me your child any longer?

Guilt and despondency hound me. Refrain

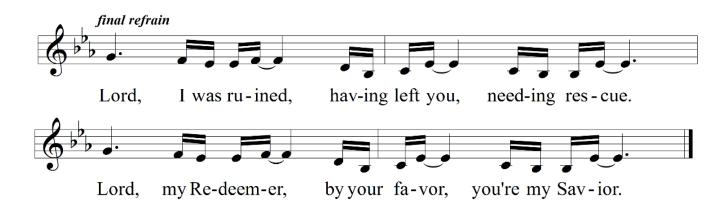
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Invocation, which uses the words spoken over us at our baptisms, remind us of who we are (children of God) and what we are members of—the church of God on earth.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> We cannot approach God without having our sins forgiven. He is holy and we are not. Confession assures us of a clean slate before God and prepares us for worship, hearing God's Word, and receiving the Lord's Supper.

Look where I've gone to forget my condition Places which you have forbidden. Bring to my soul true remorse and contrition. Show me your face; don't stay hidden. *Refrain* 

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Christ, what you weren't, you became-foul and filthy; Cursed, people found you appalling.
What I was not, I've become-found "Not guilty!"
I need you now; hear me calling! to final refrain



# PRAYER OF THE DAY 3

P: O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures you have stored up for us in heaven that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of your grace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The Prayer of the Day is a short general prayer that makes a request of God based on the theme of the day. It is (normally) a five-part prayer: 1) Address; 2) Basis for the petition; 3) the Petition; 4) Reason for the petition; 5) Conclusion of praise to God.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

### THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: ECCLESIASTES 1:1-2,12-14; 2:18-26

<sup>1</sup>The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:

<sup>2</sup>"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher.

"Utterly meaningless!

Everything is meaningless..."

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! <sup>14</sup>I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind...

<sup>18</sup>I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. <sup>19</sup>And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. <sup>20</sup>So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. <sup>21</sup>For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. <sup>22</sup>What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? <sup>23</sup>All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

<sup>24</sup>A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

# PSALM 90 O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST 4



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# SECOND LESSON: COLOSSIANS 3:1-11<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>Because of

<sup>4</sup> Martin Luther said, "Psalm 90 is a teaching psalm. Moses teaches that death comes as a result of sin, which is innate from Adam to all of us, even though it is known only by God and is hidden from the world. The psalm asserts the here is both short and miserable, and could well be called daily death. But that is surprisingly good, because we are driven to God's gracious help for deliverance. The psalm ends with the prayer that God would show us this deliverance by sending Christ."

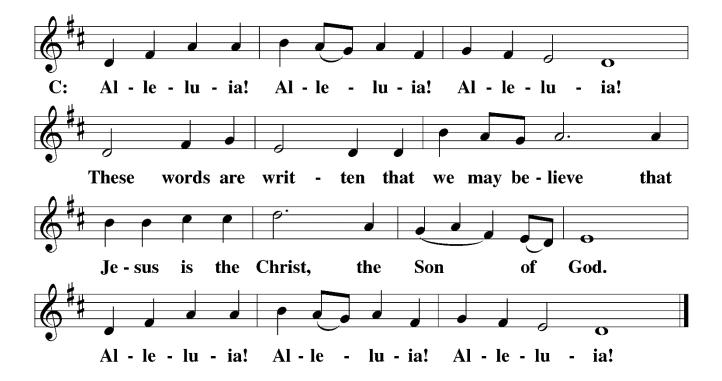
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Believers are liberated from the idolatry of greed as they put to death their sinful nature and are renewed in their new life in Christ.

these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup>But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY 6

**MATTHEW 6:20,21** 

P: Alleluia. Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, for where you treasure is, there your heart will be also. Alleluia.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The Verse of the Day, traditionally called the Alleluia (a Latinized form of the Hebrew word meaning "praise the Lord") highlights a text of particular relevance to the theme of the day.

# GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 12:13-217

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

<sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" <sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

<sup>16</sup>And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

<sup>18</sup>"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup>And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." '

<sup>20</sup>"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

<sup>21</sup>"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Greed's folly is felt in life and will be exposed in death. Through a parable, Jesus gives us a strong warning against greed.

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- 4 I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light.

  But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. Refrain
- Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness. My value fixed—my ransom paid at the cross. Refrain

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SERMON<sup>8</sup>

ECCLESIASTES 1:1-2,12-14; 2:18-26

Your Life Has Meaning

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The Sermon is the Word of God, proclaiming the living voice of the Gospel to God's people. The preacher is the appointed representative who illuminates the Scripture for the congregation and applies it to our contemporary situation. He is neither lecturer nor entertainer, but a link through whom the Holy Spirit brings law and gospel to bear upon the hearts and minds of the worshiper and enlivens their faith and life.

#### NICENE CREED 9

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The Nicene Creed is the great Confession of the Christian faith professed by all Christians. The Creed originated at the First Council of Nicaea (c. A.D. 325) and was finalized at the First Council of Constantinople (c. A.D. 381), which are respectively known as the First and Second Ecumenical Councils of the Church. The Creed itself was crafted as a clear confession of Scripture – that the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit are God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

### THANKSGIVING

#### **OFFERING**

The members of Christ Our Savior have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. An offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary. We also offer an electronic giving option. If you would like to start giving your weekly offering electronically, please go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile" to download the App for free or use this QR Code:

hymn.

This offering is a joyful response of our faith; so, if you are visiting with us this morning, we do not want you to feel obligated. Please stand for the next

# PSALM 90 O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST



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#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### THE ORDER OF COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

#### SANCTUS 10



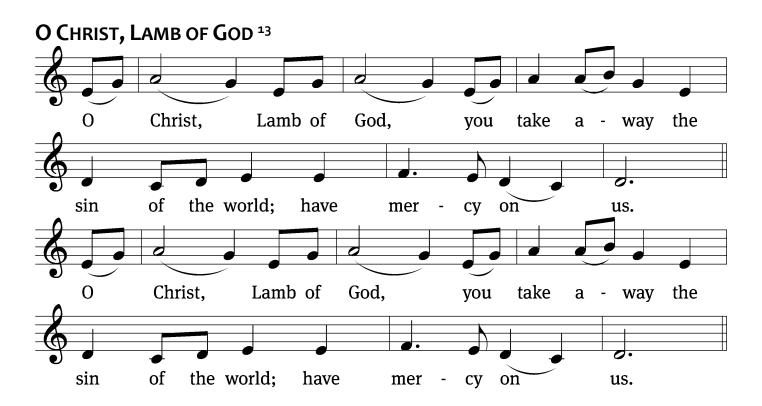
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Sanctus means "holy." The body and blood of our Lord are present in this Sacrament, and so we use the words of the angels from Isaiah 6 and of the Palm Sunday crowds from Matthew 21 to acknowledge the holy presence of God in this meal. Take note of the intense reverence of God's holiness in this song. We pray that we may daily show such reverence.

#### THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION 11

P: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to them, and said: "Drink of it all of you. This is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. 12

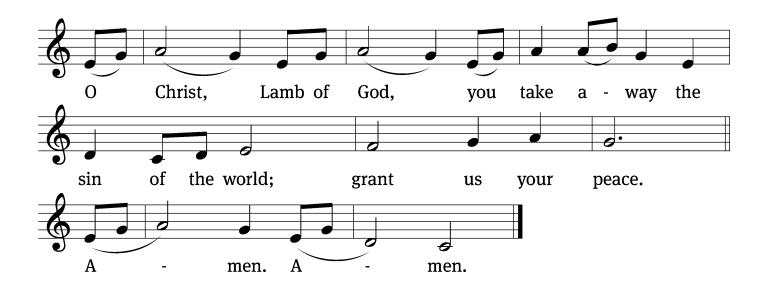
#### C: Amen.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11) to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death, which is necessary for this Sacrament.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> "The peace of the Lord..." The resurrected Lord calmed the fears of his disciples with his peace. The resurrected Lord is present in the Supper, and so the pastor speaks to us on his behalf (John 20:19–21, 26).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> With the words of John the Baptist, the *Agnus Dei* confesses the mercy and peace that we receive from the Lamb of God in his Supper. He gave of himself – body and blood – that we may receive forgiveness, life, and salvation through that very body and blood in this meal.



# **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Christ Our Savior practices "close communion". This means that we ask that only members of Christ Our Savior or those who have spoken to the pastor in advance take communion. We do this out of love and concern for our fellow men and women, for the Scripture clearly says, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) In communion we have a very close form of fellowship with our fellow Christians and we need to be sure that we stand together on the teachings of the Scripture. We read in 1 Timothy 4:16, "Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers."

### PERSONAL PRAYER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

#### SONG OF SIMEON 14

O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!

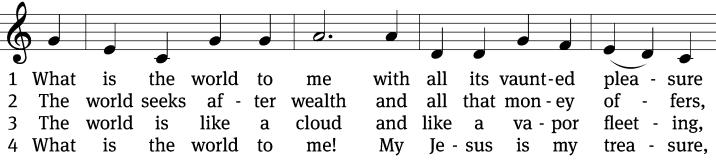
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### LORD'S BLESSING 15

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

# 717 WHAT IS THE WORLD TO ME



<sup>14</sup> The *Nunc Dimittis*, which is Latin for "Now you dismiss", is a song that uses the words of the priest, Simeon, found in Luke 2. The Lord promised Simeon that he would see the Savior with his own eyes before his death. When Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the temple, Simeon held the Son of God in his hands. Out of thanks for the fulfillment of his promise, Simeon praised God with these words.

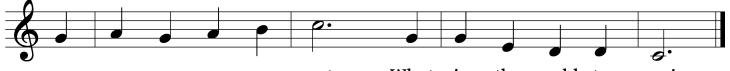
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them." (cf. Numbers 6:27) As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name.



when you and a - lone, Lord you Je - sus, are trea - sure! my though gold should fill cof - fers. vet nev - er is con - tent its de - clines, swift re - treat - ing. shad-ow that to its end a life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my mv plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, I have a high - er good, My Je - sus shall re - main, my joy, my crown, my all, my soul's de - light shall be; con - tent with it I'll be; though all things fade and flee, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



you are my peace, my rest. my Je - sus is my wealth. my ev - er - last - ing rock. Once more then I de - clare: What the world to me! is the world to What is me! the world to What is me! the world to What is me!

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

The altar flowers are given by Samuel and Sara Novak in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

Genesis 15:1-6 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:22-34

#### SERVING THEIR SAVIOR AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10:

Flowers: Seltz

Nursery: 8:30am—Jamie and Sawyer Davis

11:00am—Lisa Seltz and Sophie Pfund

Ushers: 8:30am—Austin and Adam Moore

11:00am—Bob Davis/Clinton Kent

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR:**

Sunday Worship 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Sunday School, Adult and Teen Bible Study 9:45-10:45 AM

Lord's Supper 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays
Canvassing Wednesdays, 6:00 PM

Open Forum 8/17, 9:45 AM

Church Retreat 9/12-9/14



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The Real God Really Works: The Bible tells us that God loves us. He loves us so much that he sent Jesus to save us. The events of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection really happened in history. The Bible also tells us that God still works. And just as he entered our world, taking on real human flesh to save us, so also he continues to come to us in real, physical ways to save us. In our adult Bible study, we will study the means of grace by which the real God really works to save us. Join us on two Sundays, August 3rd and 10th, at 9:45am in the sanctuary.

<u>Open Forum:</u> There will be an open forum on Sunday, August 17th, during the Bible study hour (9:45am). The topic of discussion will be an update on the status of the cell phone tower. There have been numerous conversations and several changes in the plans for the cell phone tower. In an effort to communicate clearly, we would like to offer an update to the entire congregation. Please make plans to attend.

# **Emma Turriff Resignation:**

Dear Members of Christ Our Savior,

The ministry of Christ Our Savior Academy has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. Serving alongside you and ministering to our families and their precious children has brought me immeasurable joy and deep spiritual fulfillment.

With a heart full of gratitude, I am writing to formally resign from my position as Lead Teacher at Christ Our Savior Academy, effective June 30, 2026.

My fiancé, Andrew Lucht, is currently serving in the U.S. Army and is expected to receive his first duty station in late summer of 2026. With hopeful anticipation, I plan to relocate with him as we begin this new chapter together.

While it is difficult to step away from this beloved ministry, I rest in the peace and promise of our Lord, who reminds us in Matthew 28:20, "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Though change and uncertainty lie ahead, I am comforted by the unchanging faithfulness of Christ.

Please know that Christ Our Savior will remain in my heart and prayers. I trust that the Lord will continue to bless and guide the Academy's mission through the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for allowing me to be part of such a meaningful and Christ-centered community—you all hold a very special place in my heart.

In Christ Alone,

**Emma Turriff** 

<u>Council Meeting Notes:</u> Copies of the minutes from the July 2025 church council meeting are available under the bulletin board in the fellowship area.

<u>COS Youth Cookout:</u> The COS youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) will be having a cookout on Sunday, 8/24 @ 4 PM until 7 PM at Adam and Melissa Moore's house. Swimming will also be available for those who are interested. Please RSVP on the signup sheet or email <u>john.dale@coslutheran.com</u> if you plan to attend.

<u>Church Retreat:</u> Everyone is invited to take part in the upcoming church retreat this September at Horton Haven in Lewisburg, TN from Friday, 9/12 – Sunday, 9/14. This will be a time for everyone to enjoy some time to relax in God's Word along with recreation and fellowship. The cost for lodging + food will be \$350 per household. If you only need food, please indicate that on the signup sheet and the price will be figured out based on the total number. Information and sign-up sheets can be found in the gathering area. Please see your elder for details or if you have questions.

<u>Canvassing:</u> Our canvassing efforts for the summer are in full swing, but it's not too late to join us! We would love to have many involved in our attempts to reach those who don't know Christ with the life-saving message of the gospel. We will meet at church at 6:00 pm each Wednesday night. If you are unsure, please note you will partner with an experienced canvasser and receive "on the job" training. Please consider giving canvassing a try!

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