# Pentecost 22 November 9, 2025



"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

-Luke 19:10

# **CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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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.

# 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 9, 2025

Cause/Effect—Grace/Joy



# **SERIES THEME:**

"Every why hath a wherefore." That was Shakespeare's poetic way of saying that very little happens by chance. Generally, there is an agent behind an action. There is cause and effect. And to navigate life well, it is vital we understand both. If you want to effect a healthy heart, you need to know the causes of heart disease. Before a major purchase causes you to go into debt, you need to think about the effect it will have on your budget. If you want the peace of being close to God, you need to know what causes that effect. Again, to navigate life well, it is vital we understand cause and effect.

We are nearing the end of the Church Year. This past year, we have reviewed Jesus' life and teaching. The Scripture readings in these final weeks recall some of the major themes that are woven throughout the Church Year. In this final series we will be looking at those themes with the understanding that "every why hath a wherefore." We conclude the year by talking about cause and effect in God's kingdom.

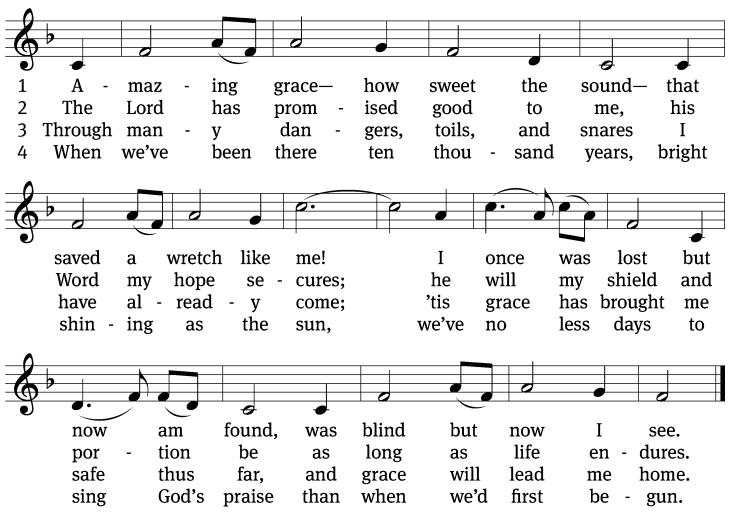
#### THEME OF THE DAY:

King David once said that guilt makes you feel like your very bones are rotting. Guilt makes you feel weak . . . sick. Guilt can make it hard to focus on anything else . . . hard to function. And guilt is an inescapable fact of life. Everyone carries guilt about something. Worse, our efforts to deal with guilt—minimizing our mistakes, making excuses for our sin—don't help, but only make us feel worse. What alleviates the burden of guilt?

Just one thing—God's gift of grace. Christ's love is undeserved and unconditional. He pardons every sin. This is the entire reason Jesus came to earth. This was his mission—to give the gift of grace! When we receive that gift, our guilt melts. Left in its place is the joy of our salvation.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

# 576 AMAZING GRACE



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#### INVOCATION 1

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

C: Amen.

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

# CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

- P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
- P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
- C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

#### **ABSOLUTION**<sup>3</sup>

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

# LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Publicly confessing sins might seem like a strange practice to those not familiar with it. But to confess our sins is to speak the truth about our lives. To confess our sin is to state our agreement with God's just verdict that we have sinned against him and so deserve only death and hell (1 John 1:8-10).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The truth of our sinfulness is answered by the truth of God's forgiveness for the sake of the suffering and death of his Son. From the lips of a pastor "called and ordained" as a servant of the Word, we hear God himself speaking absolution – that is, the forgiveness of sins. To that forgiveness faith says, "Amen," that is, "Truth."

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

# 570 GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE



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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY 4

P: Lord God, forgive the wrongdoing of your people, and be gentle with us in our weakness. Deliver us from the bondage of our sin, and direct us to the path of righteousness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

## THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: MICAH 7:18-20 5

in days long ago.

who is a God like you,
who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance?
You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.
19 You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.
20 You will be faithful to Jacob, and show love to Abraham,

as you pledged on oath to our ancestors

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> God's people appeal to him, not on the basis of their own merit but only the basis of God's grace. This prayer comes from the Gregorian Sacramentary of the 10<sup>th</sup> century.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>There is no God like the LORD. He is defined by his pardoning, forgiving grace.

**PSALM 63 IN THE MORNING I WILL SING** <sup>6</sup> (A soloist sings the opening refrain and all verses. The congregation joins in the following refrains.)

# In the morn-ing I will sing, I will sing glad songs of praise to you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

- O God, you are my God; for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.
  My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.
  So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. *Refrain*
- For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.
  So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.
  My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. *Refrain*

<sup>6</sup> Martin Luther said, "Psalm 63 is a prayer psalm. When David had to flee into the wilderness because of Saul, he desired to be in the sanctuary and to hear God's Word. In the meantime, he meditates on God's promise that he will be king and comforts himself. Today people can still meditate on this psalm, remembering that they are God's children and heirs, with

faith and love for his Word."

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night,
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. *Refrain* 

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# **SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 5:6-11** <sup>7</sup>

<sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup>Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup>For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup>Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

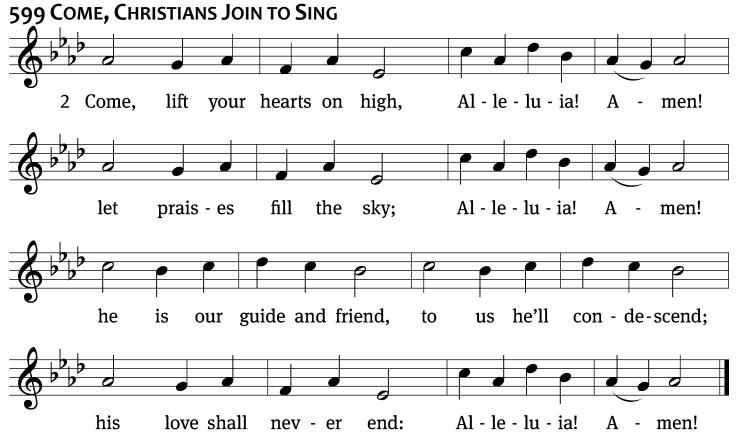


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>The gift of God's grace is seen most clearly in Christ's death for sinners.

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Verse of the Day <sup>8</sup> Luke 19:9,10

P: Alleluia. Salvation has come to this house today, for the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost. Alleluia.



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# GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 19:1-10

¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

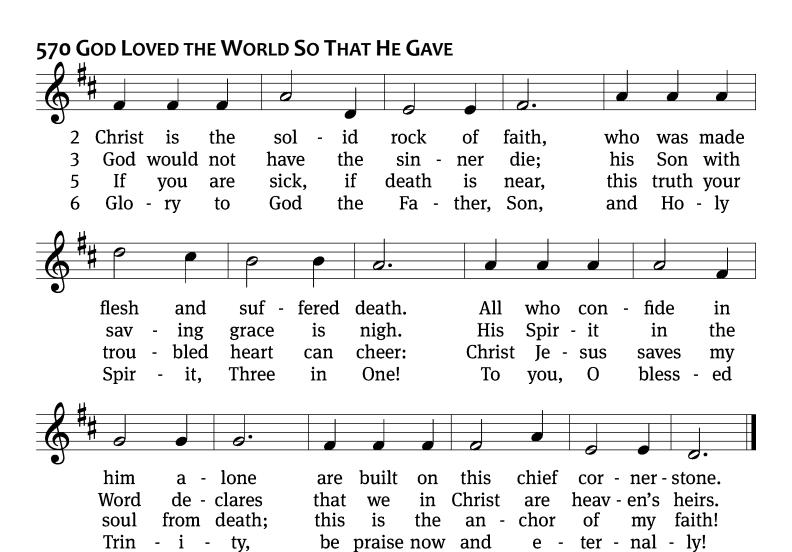
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>The Verse of the Day, traditionally called the Alleluia (a Latinized form of the Hebrew word meaning "praise the Lord") highlights a text of particular relevance to the theme of the day.

<sup>5</sup>When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup>So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

<sup>7</sup>All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

<sup>8</sup>But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."



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SERMON 9 LUKE 19:1-10

#### Lost and Found

#### **APOSTLES' CREED 10**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,	2 Cor. 6:18
maker of heaven and earth.	ls. 51:13
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,	1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,	Lk. 1:35
born of the virgin Mary,	Lk. 1:34; 2:7
suffered under Pontius Pilate,	Lk. 23:16
was crucified, died, and was buried.	Mt. 27:32-61 et al.
He descended into hell.	1 Pet. 3:19
The third day he rose again from the dead.	1 Cor. 15:4b
He ascended into heaven	Ac. 2:33-34
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.	Heb. 1:13
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.	Mt. 25:31; 2 Tim. 4:1
I believe in the Holy Spirit,	Mt. 3:16-17
the holy Christian Church,	Eph. 5:23
the communion of saints,	Eph. 4:3-6
the forgiveness of sins,	Rom. 4:6-8
the resurrection of the body,	Ecc. 12:7
and the life everlasting. Amen.	1 Th. 4:17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Having heard the Word of God, we confess our faith in his name. The creed is our saying back to God what he has first said to us. In the Creed we acclaim the truth of the triune God and his work of salvation accomplished for us in his incarnate Son, Jesus Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Philippians 2:11).

#### THANKSGIVING

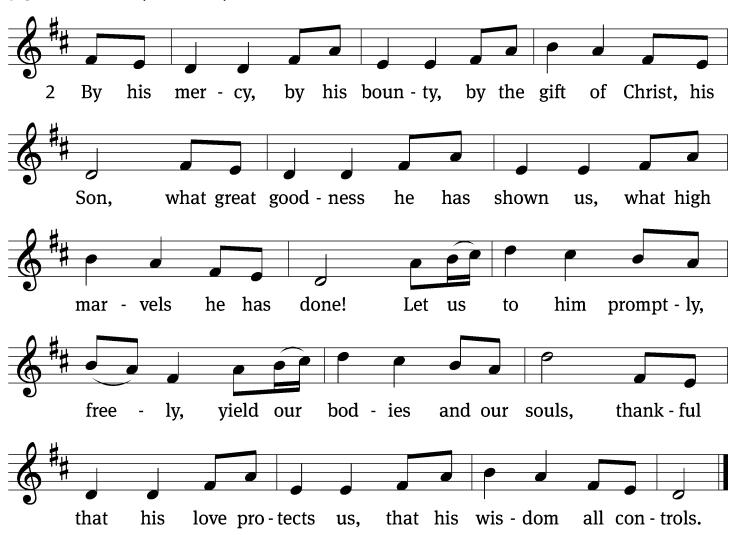
#### **OFFERING**

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

# 748 Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly



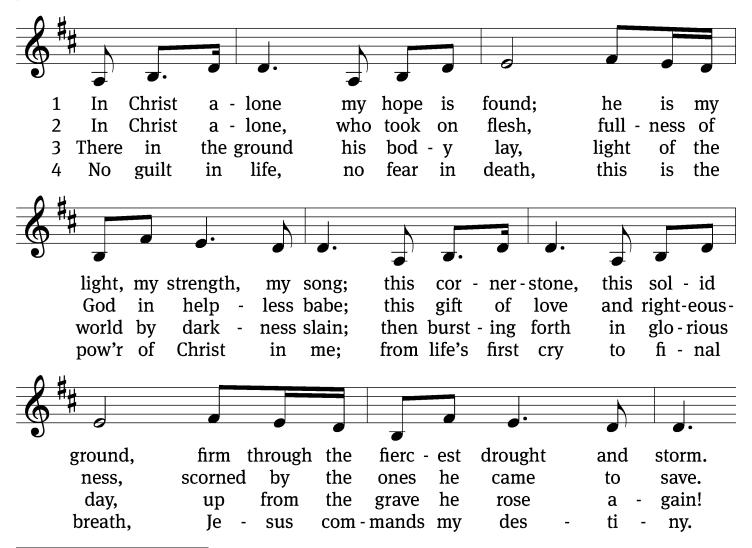
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#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 11

#### LORD'S PRAYER 12

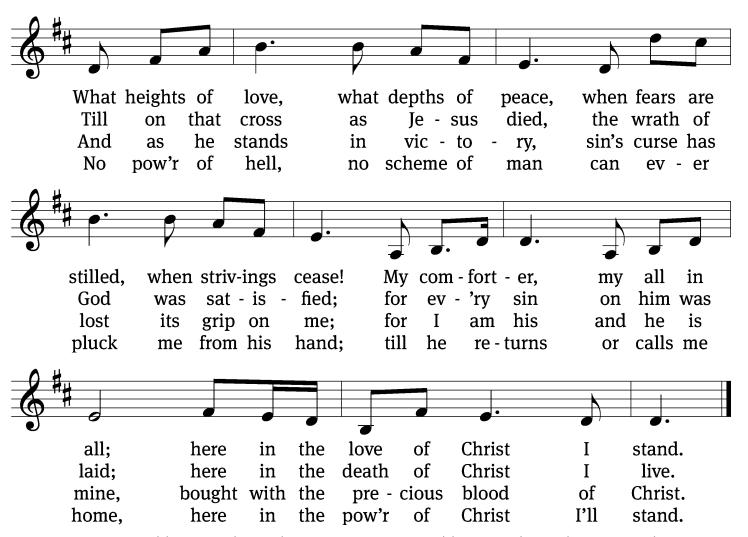
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

# 510 In Christ Alone



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Through the Prayer of the Church we heed Christ's command to "love one another." One of the greatest forms of love we can show for our neighbor is to pray for them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The Lord's Prayer is a prayer given us by Christ himself. Daily the baptized people of God pray. The Lord's Prayer is both a prayer to pray and a model for all our prayers.



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#### THE LORD'S BLESSING 13

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name. Worshippers may make the sign of the cross on themselves as they are encouraged to live each day with Baptismal confidence, knowing that they have the Lord's blessing and presence with them.

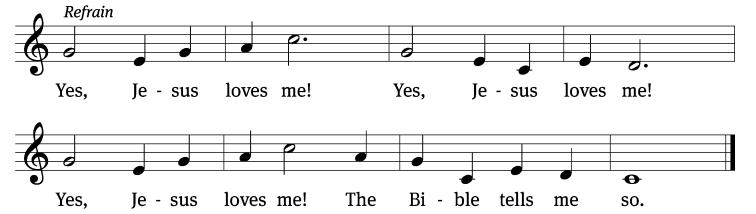
# **584 JESUS LOVES ME**



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so. 2 Je - sus loves me! He who died heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to him be - long; He will wash a - way my sin, they are weak, but he is strong. let his lit - tle child come in.



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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

The altar flowers are given by Aaron and Samantha Yoder in celebration of their 6<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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

Malachi 4:1-6 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Luke 21:5-19

#### SERVING THEIR SAVIOR AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16:

Flowers: Janda

Nursery: 8:30am—Jennifer Walters and Vivienne Janda

11:00am—Shelle and Ava Jones

Ushers: 8:30am—Terry Kardatzke and Tim Lenart

11:00am—

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

Sunday Worship 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Thursday Worship 7:00 PM

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

Lord's Supper 1st and 3rd Sundays

Youth Confirmation Sundays, 6:00 PM Sunday Night Bible Study Sundays, 6:00 PM Bible 101 Tuesdays, 7:00 PM

Choir Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

Women's Bible Study 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10:00 AM

Iron Sharpens Iron (*Men's group*) December 6, 8:30 AM Thanksqiving Eve Supper/Worship 11/26, 6:00/7:00 PM

Advent by Candlelight 12/5, 7:00 PM



# Want to hear more from us? Use this QR code to sign up for our weekly devotion and newsletter.

Adult Bible Study: The New Testament book of Colossians and its partner letter, Philemon, were written by the Apostle Paul to the church in Colosse. Like many New Testament letters, they were written to combat false teaching. The false teaching in Colosse was one that has made a resurgence in modern America: Gnosticism. Gnosticism is the claim that Jesus is not enough, and that you need deeper, secret knowledge to truly know God. Paul writes these letters to the Colossians and to Philemon to stress the all-sufficiency of Christ. Join us this Sunday morning during the Bible study hour at 9:45am for our final study in this series which focuses on the letter to Philemon.

Advent by Candlelight Signup (Ladies): Advent by Candlelight is quickly approaching! Please join the women of Christ Our Savior on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm for a night of fellowship and celebration of the Advent season leading up to our Lord's birth. This year's theme is "Symbols of the Season." Join us as we explore the spiritual blessings symbolized by the ornaments we hang on our church Christmas tree each year. Sign-up sheets are posted in the fellowship area for those planning on attending this event and for attendees willing to bring appetizers/desserts to share. Please contact Sarah Crass (sarah.crass@coslutheran.com) or Melissa Moore with any questions.

Advent by Campfire (Gentlemen): On Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, the men of Christ Our Savior are hosting an evening around the campfire as we prepare for our Savior's birth. Food will be served at 6:00pm, followed by a time of devotion and fellowship. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend (friends and sons are also welcome) or bring any food or drinks. Contact John Dale (john.dale@coslutheran.com) if you have any questions.

<u>Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Dinner:</u> On Wednesday, 11/26, we will have a special Thanksgiving Eve Worship service at 7:00pm. We will also have a soup and sandwich potluck dinner beginning at 6:00pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship area if you can bring food or help with setup.

Note: There will be no service on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

**WELS National Teen Bible Study:** Join fellow teens from around the country for a special online Bible study on Sunday, November 9th, at 6:00 p.m. (Central). The 1-hour Bible study will offer an opportunity to connect with other teens, study and discuss the Word, and apply it specifically to your teen lives today. The Bible study will be led by Dave Scharf, Professor of Theology at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn. More details and a QR code for registration are posted on the church bulletin board.

# WELS Youth Night (Event 1: Friday, 11/21 - Sat, 11/22):

Who: 6th - 12th Grade Youth

What: WELS Youth Night provides a series of youth-focused events, three times a year, not only for the youth of your congregation but also the youth from area congregations. Experience an inspiring evening of games, music, God's Word, small group discussion, food, and fun with fellow youth (6th–12th grade) from all over the area. This first event will be an overnight youth lock-in event. Dinner, snacks, and breakfast will be provided.

When: Event 1 will be held on Friday, 11/21 @ 7 PM and continue with a youth lock-in that ends on Saturday, 11/22 @ 9AM

Where: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (Columbia, TN)

How: Register online now at coslutheran.com

<u>Iron Sharpens Iron:</u> The men of the congregation are invited to join us on Saturday December 6 at 8:30am to study the topic "A Strategic Plan for Christian Living." To sign up for text message reminders about this group, use this QR code:

