

H. The Public Ministry

1. How the local congregation operates publicly: *1 Peter 5:2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers, not because you must, but because you are willing.*

Our church has pastors who serve as shepherds of God's flock. This is ordained by God and called the **Office of the Holy Ministry.**

I. Christ's Return and Judgment

1. We believe Christ will return visibly and in glory. *Acts 1:11 This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.*

2. We believe all the dead will be raised up: *John 5:28-29*

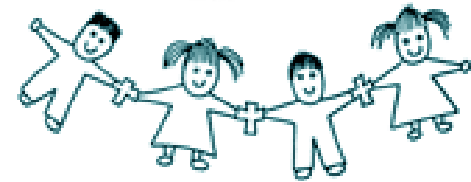
a. The souls of believers will go to heaven: *Mark 16:16*

b. The souls of unbelievers will go to hell: *Mark 16:16 "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.*

3. We believe that at Christ's return the present worlds, as we know it, will come to an end

2 Peter 3:13 But in keep with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

4. We reject any denial of the bodily resurrection and the reality of hell.



PRESCHOOL HANDBOOK

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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Purpose:

The purpose of Christ Our Redeemer's Preschool is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ to both member children and non-member children.

We seek to:

- Assist parents in training their children to be disciples of Christ.
- Provide a safe and active learning environment.
- Provide a Christ centered environment that instills the values laid out for us in God's Word.
- Help each child develop his/her gifts to be used to the glory of God spiritually, socially, physically, academically, and emotionally.

- a. Believe in the real presence
 - b. Are well instructed about the Bible and Lord's Supper
 - c. Are able to examine themselves
 - d. Agree with all the teachings of the Bible
3. Questions to ask yourself before Lord's Supper
 - a. What is present?
 - b. What is offered?
 - c. Am I truly sorry for my sins?
 - d. Will I, with the Holy Spirit's help, change my sinful

life?

G. The Holy Christian Church

1. What it is: *1 Corinthians 1:2 To those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Holy Christian Church is all people everywhere who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior. Since true faith is inside a person only God knows for sure who its members are. For this reason we call it the **"INVISIBLE CHURCH"**.

A Christian congregation is a **group of people gathered around the Word and sacraments.** We call these **"VISIBLE"** churches.

2. God wants us to separate from false teaching churches:

a. Our of love for God and his Word: *2 Corinthians 13:8 We cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.*

b. Out of love and concern for our souls: *Romans 16:17 I urge you brothers to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.*

c. Out of love and concern for the souls of others: *Titus 1:13-14 Rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith and pay no attention to the commands of those who reject the truth.*

3. God wants us to test visible churches: We do that by studying the teaching of the Bible with the teachings of the church. They must agree 100%.

4. God wants us to join with churches that teach the Bible in all its truth and purity. This involves five areas:

- Worship
- Lord's Supper
- Prayer
- Education
- Mission Work

3. We can reject the gift of faith. *Mark 16:16 Whoever does not believe will be condemned.*

4. The Holy Spirit strengthens and keeps us in faith to live God-pleasing lives. This is called

SANCTIFICATION. Our good works and God-pleasing lives are a result of faith, never the cause.

F. The Means of Grace

1. Definition: The Means of Grace are the tools the Holy Spirit uses to bring us to faith and to keep us in faith.

2. What they are. The Bible, Baptism, Lord's Supper (Communion)

a. Baptism

1. What it is: *Matthew 3:11 I baptize you with water.*

Matthew 28:19 Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2. What it offers: *Acts 22:16 Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away.*

Romans 6:3 All of us who baptized into Christ, were baptized into his death.

1 Peter 3:21 This water symbolizes baptism, that now saves you.

Baptism offers us forgiveness, a new life with Christ and heaven.

3. For who it is intended: *Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.* ALL Nations including babies.

a. Babies are sinful: *John 3:6 Flesh gives birth to flesh.*

b. Babies can believe: *Matthew 18:6 If anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.*

b. Lord's Supper

1. What it is: *1 Corinthians 10:16 Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ.*

The Lord's Supper offers bread and wine in a natural way and Christ's body and blood through a miracle. Through this we receive forgiveness, strength for Christian living and eternal life. We call this the **REAL PRESENCE – meaning Christ's body and blood are really present along with the bread and wine.**

2. For who is it intended: Repentant sinners who

Objectives for Preschool:

- To follow God's Great Commission, to make disciples of all nations.
- To guide the children to a better understanding and closer relationship with their Savior, Jesus Christ.
- To provide an opportunity for the children to develop socially with other children.
- To provide meaningful play experiences that contribute to the developmental needs of the child.
- To provide an educational foundation upon which future learning experiences can be based and to foster readiness for the primary grades.
- To help the children develop an interest in the world around them.
- To foster in the children the idea that learning can be FUN!

Enrollment Policy:

All who enroll must agree to the purpose for which the school was established, as set forth in the PURPOSE and OBJECTIVES, and to all conditions set forth in the PRESCHOOL HANDBOOK.

Children of Christ Our Redeemer (COR) and sister congregations will be given first consideration. Children of non-members will be accepted under the following conditions - that the parents:

1. Have a sincere interest in Christian education.
2. Be willing to participate in the activities of the preschool.
3. Be willing to support the religious instruction of their children (help with memory work at home, family devotions, prayers, etc.).

Applications are subject to the approval of the principal.

Non-Discriminatory Policy:

COR Preschool admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration policies, athletic or other school-administered programs.

Class Size:

We maintain a class size that represents a ratio of no more than 1 to 10 (Teacher to students).

Age of the Child:

The child must be four years old by the 1st of October of that school year for our four year old program.

3. We believe man lost this divine image by yielding to the temptation of the devil and sinning. This brought sin and death to ALL men.

Psalm 51:5 Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Romans 8:7 The sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

4. We believe no man can save himself. *Romans 3:23 For ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

D. We believe in Jesus Christ, the God-man.

1. Immediately after the first sin, God promised to send a Savior.

1 John 4:9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

2. We believe Jesus is

a. True God: *1 John 5:20 Jesus Christ, he is true God and eternal life.*

b. True man: *1 Timothy 2:5 There is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*

3. We believe Jesus died and rose for all men.

Isaiah 53:5 He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Luke 24:5-6 "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, he is risen!"

OBJECTIVE JUSTIFICATION: Jesus died for all men for all time. This is the chief teaching of the Bible.

4. We believe there is nothing we can do to earn heaven by ourselves. *Titus 3:5 He saved us, not because of the righteous (good) things we have done, but because of his mercy.*

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

E. We believe in the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of faith. *Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace (Getting Rich At Christ's Expense) you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.*

PERSONAL JUSTIFICATION: Christ's work becomes mine personally by faith.

2. The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of faith by using the Means of Grace.

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

A. God and his revelation

1. We believe in the Triune (three in one) God, one God in three persons

Genesis 1:26 "Let us make man in our image."

Matthew 28:19 Baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- a. The Father who created us
- b. The Son who redeemed us (bought us back from Satan to the Father)
- c. The Holy Spirit who sanctifies us (sets us apart as God's people)

2. We believe God reveals himself in:

- a. Nature: *Psalm 19:1 the heavens declare the glory of god, the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*
- b. The Bible: *John 3:16 God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.*

B. The Bible

1. We believe the whole Bible is true: *John 17:17 Your Word is truth.*

2. We believe the Bible is factual on all matters (science, history, etc.) and contains no errors. *John 10:35 Scripture cannot be broken.*

3. We believe God used men, using their own style, to write the Bible.

2 Peter 2:21 Men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (Verbal Inspiration) 1 Corinthians 2:13 We do not speak in words taught by human wisdom, but words taught us by the Holy Spirit.

C. Creation and Man

1. We believe the world was created in 6 natural and consecutive days.

Exodus 20:11 In six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:5 And there was evening and there was morning - the first day.

2. We believe God created man sinless.

Genesis 2:26 "Let us make man in our own image, in our likeness." (Man's thoughts were in full harmony with God's thoughts.)

Forms:

The following forms are to be given to school personnel upon registration:

1. Application
2. Birth Certificate Copy
3. Health Records: Immunization Record Copy
4. Medical Emergency Form
5. Health Assessment Form
6. Time & Talent Form
7. Tuition Form

Discipline:

In a Lutheran Preschool the disciplinary procedure is that of the Law and Gospel. Discipline is accomplished by counseling with God's word. **"Preach the Word...correct, rebuke and encourage -- with great patience and careful instruction." 2 Timothy 4:2**

Actions and methods are carried out evangelically, out of love and for the good of the individual involved. Discipline is not something done to the child, it is done for the child. **"...the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." Hebrews 12:6**

Through school orientation and the teacher, the child and the parent become aware of the school rules and disciplinary procedures. Discipline and love work hand in hand, one being the function of the other.

Hopefully, by working together, the parent(s) and teacher can resolve any problem. Again, the principal, pastor and school board are there to help also. When all else fails expulsion will be carried out by the school board.

Hours:

Our preschool program is in session from 8:30a - 11:30a on Mondays through Thursdays.

If the school needs to be closed due to inclement weather or for some other reason, you will be notified by phone early that morning.

Preschool students **must be accompanied** to and from the classroom by an adult. The adult must sign in and sign out each school day. Unless there is an unusual circumstance, please see that students arrive not more than 15 minutes early for preschool since teachers are busy with preparation before each session.

Students **must be picked up promptly** when classes are dismissed as teachers are busy tidying up and recording information for student portfolios after the day's activities and are unable to supervise your child properly. Late pick up also proves to be unsettling to the children.

When an emergency prevents you from picking your child up on time, please notify the school immediately so we may assure your child that he has not been forgotten.

A late fee of \$1.00 per minute will be charged to parents who pick up their children after 11:40am. For the comfort of your child, please call and notify us when you must pick your child up late.

Authorized Pick-up:

Please give us a list of all authorized persons who are able to take your child home as the faculty/staff are not responsible for transporting your child to and from your home.

COMPUTER CENTER

Learn basic computer skills

Play games related to topics taught

Cooperating by playing games with other children

TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE (may be modified by the teacher as needed during the school year)

8:30-8:45	Mon & Wed Chapel; Tues & Thurs Free Play
8:45-8:50	Bathroom Break
8:50-9:10	Morning exercise, Good morning Song, Job Assignments
9:10-9:30	Bible Lesson, Bible Songs
9:30-9:45	Free Play
9:45-10:00	Handwriting Without Tears (colors, shapes, numbers, letters)
10:00-10:30	Bathroom/Recess/Snack
10:30-10:40	Clean-up/Quiet Book Time
10:40-11:00	Circle Time (Monday-Science, Tuesday-Art, Wednesday-Social Studies, Thursday-Math)
11:00-11:15	Free Play/Thursday Show and Tell
11:15-11:30	Book/Music & Movement/Dismissal

Fees:

REGISTRATION: A \$150 enrollment fee should be attached to the enrollment form. That fee will be non-refundable upon the child's acceptance to our preschool.

TUITION: The tuition fee is \$260 per month per child for 9 months. The total tuition for the year is \$2,340.

Closing:

Our prayer is that during this year, with parents and teachers working together, your child will grow spiritually, socially, physically, and academically within our Christ-centered atmosphere.

MANIPULATIVE CENTER

Opportunity to count, sort, explore and group objects

Small motor coordination

Understand basic concepts of numbers and shapes

SCIENCE CENTER

Understand concepts related to God's gift of seasons

Understand weather, magnetism, and living things

Compare objects based on weight, length

Compare objects based on composition

Perform simple experiments

Sharpen God given talents through thinking skills

DRAMATIC PLAY CENTER

Role play and express feelings

Recognize real-life roles played by adults

Play cooperatively with others

Develop language skills by dramatizing sacred stories

Develop language skill by dramatizing secular stories

WOODWORKING CENTER

Small muscle coordination

Small motor coordination

Recognize the use of tools

Opportunity to build and experiment with basic tools

COLORADO CENTER

Appreciate the beautiful state in which we live

Role play camping in a play tent

Learn about the animals and plants in our state

Learn how to take care of the world God has created

LATE PICK-UP POLICY

Parents who arrive late to pick up their child after school not only affect the school's program schedule, but also the underlying trust of their child. There is a sense of abandonment, however brief, when they are not picked up on time. Because we are responsible for your child until they are back in your care, it is imperative that they are picked up by you (or whomever you have given that responsibility to) on a timely basis. If you are going to be late, please call us. Communication is vital as we work together for the welfare of your child.

The students are dismissed at 11:30. After 11:45a, a pick-up fee is assessed. Unless you have contacted us, late pick-up fees are assessed as follows:

- Child must be picked up by 15 minutes after class is dismissed
- \$1 per minute will be charged the first 5 minutes after 11:45a.
- \$5 per minute will be charged for anything after 10 minutes late
- Only 3 late occurrences will be tolerated each month (excused or not), if more incur, fines will be doubled
- Payment of late fees are due by the last day of school that week.
- Consistent late pick-ups may cause your child to be withdrawn. Staff will work with parents to resolve problems causing late pick-up.

When a child is not picked up after class, staff will first try to contact the parent-guardian, then the emergency contact numbers. If we have had no contact from the parent/guardian or emergency contact numbers after 3 hours, as required by the Laws of the State of Colorado, the school must contact the local police department to take custody of the child. Abandonment is considered child abuse in the State of Colorado.

Clothing and Personal Belongings:

Please dress your child in comfortable play clothes and sturdy shoes for preschool. Many activities are messy, so clothing should be durable and washable! The preschool day usually includes outdoor time, so dress children warmly and include hats, mittens and boots (and indoor shoes) when appropriate. Label your child's outerwear to avoid confusion! Send the children in clothes they can manage themselves.

Children should not bring items such as purses, money, candy and toys to preschool so they won't be misplaced or forgotten. This does not include show and tell items.

Snack Time:

The purpose of snack time is for nutrition, enjoyment of eating, extension of sensory experience, time for learning concepts such as sharing, color, size, counting, shapes, textures, sweet/sour -- to broaden the child's grasp of the concept of God's gift of food.

A snack schedule will be sent home every month. We also celebrate birthdays during the snack period. Parents may bring a birthday snack and napkins for their child's birthday. Please bring healthy snacks and drinks for the children.

Field Trips:

There are some walks and field trips scheduled during the year. Drivers will be needed as well as your child's car seat.

Parent Participation

You are your child's most important teacher, and we need your help. All parents are encouraged to participate in the classroom several times during the school year. Let us know if you wish to assist more often. In addition, other opportunities are provided for parent participation throughout the year. Watch the school note for details.

Health

Your child's health is a matter of major importance to all of us. If your child has allergies or health problems, please make the staff aware of them and special arrangements will be made if necessary. You may be called to pick up your child if he appears to have symptoms of illness during the

class period. In such cases, the parent is contacted. In case the parent cannot be located, we will call the number of a friend or neighbor listed on the child's application or emergency card. Paramedics will be called in case of emergency. We cannot give any medications. When children are ill, please keep them at home; the preschool does not have facilities available for the care and comfort of sick students. **Call us at 303-337-3108 if you are sick or not coming.**

Note:

To keep you better informed concerning the activities and functions of our school, a school note will be sent home. Please remind your child to be prompt in bringing the note directly to you.

Curriculum:

Play is the child's work. Much of his sensory motor play is preparation for later cognitive development. Our goal is to open a young child's awareness of his Lord's world and stir his inquisitiveness. It can help him to accept himself as he is, a special and unique child of God.

During these early childhood days, the preschool will help the child grow spiritually by teaching Christian truths as found in God's Word.

NOTE: Centers may vary during the school year.

ART CENTER

Small muscle coordination
Experiment with God's gift of color, texture and design.
Follow a series of steps in sequence
Advance from the scribble stage to basic shapes and representative art.

BLOCK CENTER

Classify by shape, size and color
Build imaginative structures
Experiment with balance
Recognize simple number concepts.

LANGUAGE CENTER

Recognize symbols (letters and pictures)
Sequence and retell story events
Learn new vocabulary words
Understand progression of reading from left to right
Understand progression of reading from top to bottom