



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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Agreement for Enrollment

We could not be more pleased and privileged with the potential opportunity to serve your family. We are passionate about our mission and thrilled to share the joy of Jesus with our students.

St. Paul's mission is very spiritual in nature. In addition to offering our grade school education, we want every one of our students to learn more about God's Word and Jesus Christ. At St. Paul's, spiritual matters are more than a class or a daily devotion. Lessons from God's Word are an integral part of everything we teach and do.

We do realize, though, that you might not be familiar with who we are or the spiritual aspects of what we will teach your child. So in order for you to be able to get to know us better, we have provided the following basic outline of what we believe and teach. It is important to us that you have a clear understanding of how we will minister to your child with the truths of God's Word.

We believe...

The Bible is the true word of God. It clearly teaches all we need to know in order to receive eternal life. It is a timeless message meant for all people and the only right standard for our Christian faith and life.

(2 Peter 1:21, 1 Corinthians 2:13, 2 Timothy 3:16, John 10:35, Luke 11:28, John 5:39)

There is only one true God, who reveals himself as three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is why he is called "Triune" or "Trinity," which mean "three in one." These three persons in one God are all distinct, and yet are all fully God. They are equal in power, glory, eternity, and in every quality. To deny or ignore one person is to deny all of them. God is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

(Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, Matthew 3:16-17, John 5:23, Genesis 1:1, Job 19:25, 2 Thess. 2:13)

At the beginning of time, God created heaven and earth and all creatures. He did this in six normal days. God created everything out of nothing using only his almighty Word. Man and woman are God's special creation, made in the image of God (perfect righteousness, holiness, and harmony with God's will).

(Genesis 1:1, Genesis 1:31, Exodus 20:11, Psalm 33:6, 9; Genesis 1:27, Ephesians 4:24, Colossians 3:10)

The first man and woman, Adam and Eve, lost the image of God when they gave in to the temptation of Satan and sinned – that is, disobeyed God's command. This brought on them the judgment of God. Since that time all people are conceived and born sinful, desire to do what is evil, and are by nature spiritually dead and lost. Therefore we are unable to reconcile ourselves to God by our own efforts and we deserve only God's eternal punishment in hell.

(Genesis 3:17, Genesis 5:3, Psalm 51:5, Genesis 8:21, Ephesians 2:1, Isaiah 59:2, Romans 6:23)

Nevertheless, our loving God sent Jesus Christ to take away the sins of all people of all times and places. God freely offers to all sinners the salvation that Jesus won for us. God offers and gives forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation to all who believe in these gospel ("good news") promises.

(John 3:16, John 1:29, Romans 3:24, Romans 1:16, 1 Timothy 2:4)

Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person, the Savior of all mankind. He is the eternal Son of God, equal to the Father and the Holy Spirit in every way. He is also the son of the Virgin Mary. He became man to redeem all people from slavery to the devil. He lived a perfect life in our place, keeping all of God's commands for us. He also died on the cross as our innocent substitute to pay the price sufficient to take away the sins of the world. Three days later Jesus rose again from the dead to prove that he defeated sin and death and won salvation for us. Jesus ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us and is ruling over all things for the good of his people. On the Last Day he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

(Matthew 1:23, John 5:23, Ephesians 1:7, Romans 5:19, Romans 4:25, John 14:2-3, Ephesians 1:22, Acts 10:42)

God declared all sinners "not guilty" in his sight when Jesus Christ died on the cross for us. Because Jesus was our perfect substitute in life and in death, God credits Jesus' perfection to us. The sinner receives this free gift of forgiveness, not by doing good works, but only through faith in Jesus Christ and his redemptive work. Salvation is completely a gift of God.

(Romans 3:22-24, 2 Corinthians 5:19, 21; Romans 4:5, Romans 3:28, Ephesians 2:8-9)

Baptism is a sacred act instituted by God. By applying water connected with God's Word, it offers and gives the forgiveness of sins, new spiritual life, and eternal salvation to all who believe. Baptism is meant for young and old, including children – all who need the gifts and promises offered by God in baptism.

(Matthew 28:19, Acts 22:16, John 3:5-6, Titus 3:5, 1 Peter 3:21, Luke 18:15-16, Mark 16:16)

Holy Communion is a sacred act instituted by Christ. In this special meal we receive Jesus' true body and blood together with bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. Communion is the highest expression of unity between God and believers, so only those in total doctrinal fellowship should commune together.

(Matthew 26:26-28, 1 Corinthians 11:23-29, Jeremiah 31:31-34, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

If you would like more information regarding what we believe, please refer to the website of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod at www.wels.net. Our pastor Paul Hirsch (pahirschki@gmail.com or 402-371-1233), would also be glad to speak with you.

By enrolling your child in our school, you understand that the aforementioned will be taught and you are giving us permission to minister to your child in this way. It is understood that your child is expected to worship with our school family as we come together once per week for chapel on Wednesdays. You are invited to join us as well. How blessed we are to openly and boldly give thanks and praise to God together!

It is also understood that your child will abide by Christian moral standards as prescribed to us in God's Word and outlined in our most recent student and parent handbook.

Again, we are so appreciative of the potential opportunity to serve your family. We pray that you will partner with us as we carry out our mission with you – to provide an exceptional education, preserve a Christ-focused school culture, promote spiritual growth and Christian service, and prepare life-long disciples of Jesus Christ. May God bless our partnership!

(Signature of Parent)

(Name of Student[s])

Date: _____

