

Dear Our Savior,

I wanted to take a moment on my last day at Our Savior to just express my gratitude to all of you. This last Sunday was so special to be able to worship together both in the morning and evening. What a gift to celebrate two baptisms, 16 first communions, and 120 quilts being sent out to share the love of Jesus with those going through hard times. The music was awesome. The time together at the potluck was truly special getting to spend some social time together. It was truly a special day that I will remember forever.

As I conclude my time at Our Savior, there are two words that are front and center in my mind: *gratitude and hope*. I am filled with gratitude for all of your love and support. I'm thankful for all that God has done, is doing, and will do in this place. I'm grateful for the relationships that we have had and the great people that I've been blessed to work with in my time here at Our Savior. Thank you to each and every one of you for being who you are, your many generous gifts and kind notes. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are truly a blessing.

I am also filled with hope. I believe that God has incredible things in store for Our Savior. God is at work. There is a great team in place that will work together with each of you to further the mission that God has entrusted you. I am convinced that great days are ahead, and I can't wait to see what God does. After all, the success of ministry in this place doesn't rest upon me or even you but on the power of God. If Jesus is the center of who we are and all that we have done, we can't help but be filled with hope. After all, it's all about Jesus.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you. I will miss you all and will continue to keep all of you and this ministry in my prayers. May God richly bless you and fill you with His perfect peace.

Pastor Kevin