

This Week at Our Savior –December 8-15

Sunday	Fellowship Hour Worship with A Touch of Brass & Sunday School Confirmation	9am 10am 6-7:30pm
Monday	Staff Meeting Christian Education Mtg Council Mtg	10:30am 6pm 7pm
Tuesday	<i>Cluster Clergy Text Study</i>	10am
Wednesday	WELCA Christmas Luncheon Advent Supper (Pasta Bar) Joyful Noise Mid-week Advent Service w/Holden Evening Prayer	noon 5:45-6:45pm 6pm 7pm
Thursday	Kinship Bible Study	3:30pm
Friday		
Saturday	Worship	5:30pm
Sunday	Fellowship Hour Worship & Sunday School Confirmation Call Committee Mtg	9am 10am 6-7:30pm 7pm

CHILDREN'S DOODLE PAPER

Little Lutheran Doodle Pads are available at the activities shelf near the sound board. Children are welcome to use this paper during worship service.

READINGS

The lectionary readings for December 14 & 15 are Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18.

BE INVITATIONAL

Invite someone to worship with you. All of us know someone who needs the Lord and a place to worship and serve. In your circle of influence be an influence for Jesus Christ. **Your invitation will make a difference in that person's life!**

ONLINE GIVING—You can give electronically to OSLC—just download the Vanco Mobile app or go to our website at <https://oslcwayne.org/give/>



Announcements

WELCOME!

The prophet Isaiah and John the Baptist call through the ages: "Prepare the way of the Lord!" This second Sunday of Advent we gather to do just that. Welcome to worship.

We ask all worshippers to please share with us their presence by signing the Welcome to Worship pad as it is passed in the pew. Prayer Request cards can be found in the hymnal racks.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Hearing devices are available at the sound tech desk at the back of the sanctuary.

RADIO BROADCAST

In memory of Pearl Harbor by Harold E. Thompson, Jr. Radio broadcast of our Sunday morning worship service can be heard live on AM 1590 and FM 98.9, online at waynedailynews.com and the Wayne Radio app.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

As a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, this is an open table, all are welcome to come and celebrate Holy Communion. We commune because Jesus told us to do so to remember him. In remembering him, our faith is strengthened as together we "proclaim the Lord's death" for the world and for forgiveness of sins. **Clear juice** is provided for those who prefer an alternative to wine and **Gluten free wafers** are available.

WELCOME A TOUCH OF BRASS

The brass ensemble, *A Touch of Brass*, joins us in worship this Sunday to lead us in singing carols and to provide special music of the season throughout the service. Their presence has become a holiday tradition for Our Savior, and a wonderful way to get our hearts ready for the coming nativity.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS— Dec. 11

The second **Mid-week Advent service with Holden Evening Prayer** will be held on **Wednesday evening, December 11**. The service will begin at 7pm.



Supper will precede the service from 5:45—6:45pm in the church Social Room. *There is no charge for the meal, but a freewill offering is taken with proceeds going to the group or organization providing the meal.* **This week's menu:** Pasta & Salad served by the Outreach Ministry Team.



LADIES CHRISTMAS POTLUCK— Dec. 11



On **Wednesday, December 11, at 12:00 noon**, Our Savior's Women of the ELCA will be having their Annual Christmas Luncheon. **All ladies** of the congregation are invited to come and enjoy good food, fellowship and Christmas Fun! Please bring a side dish (salad or dessert) to go with the meal we have provided, and your own table service. *Come join in what promises to be a very enjoyable afternoon!*

Attention: Working ladies! Can't stay for the program? That's OK! We'd still love to have you join us for lunch!

CHRISTMAS VISIT— Dec. 17

The Outreach Ministry Team will be visiting the Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services Center in Madison on **Tuesday afternoon, December 17**. This is a center that houses young boys and girls who are offenders, some major and some lesser. Following a short program, there will be an opportunity to visit with the young people and share refreshments with them. Adults of the congregation are welcome to participate in this event; **meet at the church at 12:45 and leave by 1pm**.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING— Dec. 18

Join us on **Wednesday, December 18**, as we go Christmas Caroling at Wayne Countryview, Kinship Pointe and the homes of several members of OSLC. Meet at the church at **6pm**. Afterwards, we'll reconvene back at the church to enjoy homemade soup, hot cocoa and coffee.

A sign-up sheet will be at the information desk if you'd like to help provide one of the following for supper: a pot of soup, a pan of bars or cookies, relishes or a tray of meat, cheese and crackers.)



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP— Dec. 24

Traditional lessons and carols **Christmas Eve** candle light services with Holy Communion will be held at **5 and 7pm**.

The 5pm service will be broadcast live on KCTY-The City (98.9 FM, 1590 AM and online at waynedailynews.com as well as the Wayne Radio app for iPhone or Android). The service will also be streamed live on our Facebook page.

POINSETTIAS



Anyone wishing to share a poinsettia to add to the beauty of the Christmas holiday is asked to bring it or have it delivered to the church. Please have the plant marked with your name.

Please contact the church office if your plant is given in honor or memory of someone.

YEAR-END REPORTS

In preparation for our annual meeting in January...**all Ministry Team chairpersons are reminded to turn in their year-end report by the end of December**

CALENDAR ITEMS

Reminder...please contact the church office regarding **any** meetings or gatherings scheduled; especially those held after office hours, so that they can be added to the master calendar. **If no evening activities are listed, the church building is locked at approx. 5pm.**

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

Philippians 1:9-11 – And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Love is the theme for the Second Sunday in Advent. When we cultivate love in our lives as steward/disciples, it does overflow and guide our lives on the paths of strength and joy.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are in need of worship assistants for our 5 & 7pm Christmas Eve worship services. If you and/or your family would like to assist, please sign-up on the sheet at the information desk or contact the church office. We need greeters, ushers, lay worship readers, acolytes, communion assistants, projection, and sound tech.

DOLLAR DOOR OFFERING—SALVATION ARMY FUND

Each month our Dollar Door Offering (offering plate in center of the Narthex) goes to support the efforts of a different ministry. The December Dollar Door Offering recipient will be the Salvation Army Fund. *(Monies raised stay in Wayne and are used locally.)*

5TH SUNDAY—NOISY OFFERING!

In months with a 5th Sunday (June, September, **December**) we will gather a "Noisy Offering" on that 5th Sunday. **December 29 is a 5th Sunday!** Save up your loose change (or cash) to throw in the bucket and make some noise!



The Noisy Offering will be added to the December Dollar Door Offering for the Wayne Salvation Army Fund.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, provides a free Advent devotional for personal or congregational use. Copies of the 2024 Devotional book entitled, "Joy of Heaven, Here on Earth" are available at the table at the back of the sanctuary.

The Devotional is also available online at luthersem.edu/godpause/advent-devotional/. God Pause subscribers will receive "Joy of Heaven, Here on Earth" by email each day of Advent.

PRAYER TIME

This month's "Prayer Time" in the December Newsletter features *Advent—A Time of Waiting*. "While we patiently wait for the birth of Jesus, we can spend time in reflection and prayer. This is a four part devotion for the four weeks of Advent. You may choose to read, reflect, and pray one day out of the week or each day of the week, reflecting on a different question each day. This Advent, may we all join together to look for God's promises already being fulfilled."

Our Savior's Newsletter is mailed out each month; a copy can also be found on our website: www.oslcwayne.org.

COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS NEEDED

Do you love to bake? One request Pastor Chad repeatedly receives is for homemade bread during communion. Are you willing to help bake the unleavened bread? Whether you've done it in the past or are willing to give it a try for the first time, we would love to hear from you! If you are willing to make unleavened bread to be used for communion, please call or text Liz Hagmann at 402-369-3313.

Right now we just want to know how many bakers we can count on. Details about a recipe, how much to make at one time, how often you will be asked to bake, and how to store or freeze the bread will come at a later date once we know how many bakers there are. Thank you for considering helping out by baking bread.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

December 8, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Road Maintenance

When John the baptizer arrives on the scene, it must mean Jesus is just around the next bend. Yet the path ahead that the prophet Isaiah describes has no bends or curves. It is a way made straight, one on which the rough spots have been smoothed out and the stumbling blocks removed. Our daily lives are rarely, if ever, made straight and smooth, though. The stressors we encounter at work, the difficulties of parenting or caring for family, the challenges that come as we get older fill our paths with twists and turns. Little is plain and simple, in life or in scripture. The point of the gospel is not that everything will be smooth for us if we just have faith. But neither are we hopelessly lost along the way. The good news is that God provides a way forward. Amid the obstacles are also openings.

Preparing our hearts to follow the way of Jesus involves work. Just as maintaining a roadway demands ongoing inspection and service, our spiritual lives and the lives of our faith communities require consistent, long-term attention, care, and commitment. During Advent, we in the church together recommit to the “roadwork” necessary for preparing the way. We open ourselves to receiving the gift of God’s creative presence in the world.

Faith is the opening through which God begins this work. We do not baptize ourselves. We are not called to do the work alone. Rather, we are baptized into a community of faith, as members of Christ’s body in the world. God’s grace given to us in word and sacrament transforms and empowers us to work collectively, to care for one another and God’s creation, to work for justice and peace. Life together won’t always be smooth or straightforward. There will be obstacles. But by the grace of God, there are also open roads ahead.

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In Our Prayers . . . December 7 & 8, 2024

“Be joyful always: pray continually: give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Hospitalized this week:

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health Concerns:

- For those recovering from injury or illness.
- For those undergoing treatments for cancer and other health issues.

Guidance:

Spiritual Healing/Strength:

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

- For providing strength to those facing tough times in the next few weeks.

Deaths:

Other Prayers:

- For those traveling for the holidays.
- All prayers placed in the Prayer Bowl.



Take a prayer rock; say a prayer. Place the prayer (rock) in the Prayer Bowl. Each week prayers in the Prayer Bowl are lifted to the Lord.

...but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer. Psalm 66:19

Worship Assistants

This Weekend (12/7 & 8)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber
5:30pm

Greeters-Ronnie Doring
LWA & CA-Nancy Breikreutz
Acolyte-Mason Nelson
Projection-Melissa Rabbass
Sound-Dave Baier
Ushers-Cheryl Roberts, Ron & Corliss
Krusemark
Altar Guild-Peggy Hank, Melia Hefti
10am

Greeters-Dorothy Wert
LWA & CA-Amelia Legler
CA-Cynthia Puntney, Dorothy Wert
Acolyte-Serenity Victor
Projection-Barb Stenwall
Sound-Jerry Robinson
Video-Kris Robinson
Ushers-Ron Magnuson, Pete Reeg,
Kelvin Puntney
Altar Guild-Madge Bruflat, Julie Grone

Mid-week Wednesday (12/11)

Acolyte-Mason Wendte
Projection-Amber Labenz
Video-Kris Robinson
Sound-Jerry Robinson
Ushers-Roger Lentz, Stan Stenwall, Larry
Lueders

Next Weekend (12/14 & 15)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber
5:30pm
Greeters-Cheryl Henschke
LWA & CA-Tyler Frevert
Acolyte-Sophia Petersen
Projection-Margaret Hansen
Sound-
Ushers-Dorothy Wert, Marsha Roth
Altar Guild-Julie/Jim Hansen, Cheryl Henschke
10am

Greeters-Alex & Jess Wieland
LWA & CA-Kenna Blecke
CA-Kim Dunklau, Norah Armstrong
Acolyte-Layton Becker
Projection-Leslie/Tyler Johnson
Sound-Amber Labenz
Video-Leslie/Tyler Johnson
Ushers-Tom Hansen, Tim & Trisha Peters
Altar Guild-Mary Hansen, Teri Koenig

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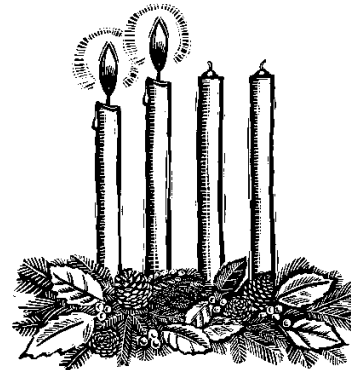
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The Mission of Our Savior:
*That all may know Christ,
grow in Christ,
and joyfully go with Christ.*



Welcome

December 7 & 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

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Ministers:

The People of Our Savior

Pastor:

Rev. Chad Rademacher

Program Staff:

Connie Webber
Director of Music

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Coordinator of Children's Ministry

Order of Worship

Prelude (Sun) *A Touch of Brass*

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: ELW 283

Advent Candle Lighting

Confession & Forgiveness

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Hymn of Contemplation: ELW 269

Children's Time (Sun)

First Reading: pg. 874
Malachi 3:1-4

Special Music (Sun) *A Touch of Brass*

Psalm: Luke 1:68-79

Hymn: ELW 279

Second Reading: pg. 1068
Philippians 1:3-11

Gospel Acclamation: ELW 262

Gospel: pg. 934
Luke 3:1-6

Message

Hymn of the Day: ELW 282

Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing the Peace

Offering

Special Music (Sun) *A Touch of Brass*

Offering Song & Prayer

**Great Thanksgiving, Preface &
Holy, Holy, Holy**

Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Special Music (Sun) *A Touch of Brass*

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

Parting Blessing

Sending Song: ELW 836

Dismissal

Postlude (Sun) *A Touch of Brass*
End of Worship. Beginning of Service.