

This Week at Our Savior – December 15-22

Sunday	Fellowship Hour	9am
	Worship	10am
	Confirmation	6-7:30pm
	Call Committee Mtg	7pm
Monday	Sleeping Mat Ministry	9am
	Staff Meeting	10:30am
	Worship & Music Team Mtg	5pm
Tuesday	<i>Cluster Clergy Text Study</i>	<i>10am</i>
	Christmas Visit to JSC in Madison	<i>(meet at 12:45, leave by 1pm)</i>
	Worship at Kinship	3:30pm
Wednesday	OWL's Bible Study	10am
	All-Church Caroling	6pm
	<i>Soup supper to follow</i>	
Thursday		
Friday	<i>January Newsletter Deadline!</i>	
Saturday	Worship	5:30pm
Sunday	Fellowship Hour	9am
	Worship & Sunday School	10am

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 21 & 22 are Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46b-55; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 [46-55].

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!

Welcome! Isaiah declares: "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (12:3, NRSV). May we be nourished by God's gift of salvation as we 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 loving memory of Darleen Dunklau Topp by the Mike Dunklau family. 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.**

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 is 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.

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.

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.

SLEEPING MAT MINISTRY

Sleeping mats are made from plastic shopping bags. This is a great way to recycle all those plastic grocery bags! (A basket is available in the narthex to collect CLEAN bags.) There are several steps to preparing the bags before the mats can be crocheted...so **there are opportunities for all to participate!** Join us on **this Monday, November 18, from 9–11am.**

Consider being a part of this wonderful ministry; both the VA in Omaha and Orphan Grain Train look forward to receiving the mats!

OWL'S BIBLE STUDY

The OWL's Bible Study meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. This study led by Mary Mohl is using a resource from Augsburg Fortress entitled *Songs of the Faithful: Psalms*. Join them on **Wednesday, December 18, at 10am** in the multipurpose room. You do not need to be an Older Wiser Lutheran to join us—just come, no matter your age! **Everyone is welcome!**

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.

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.*)

CHILDREN'S OFFERING JAR WILL RETURN!

The glass offering jar will be back up front in the New Year for the children to bring their offering when they come up front for the Children's Sermon.

Adults, feel free to send your pocket change with any of the children coming forward. The children will have a chance to help decide where to designate the collection money. It's always so heartwarming to see the children joyfully give to the work of the church.

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

Philippians 4:4 – Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. *Joy is the theme for the third Sunday of Advent. Philippians reminds us to rejoice – find the joy – in God.*

Always! Though we live in a world that has many troubles, we can always find joy, in God's love. Joy is a way of life for steward/disciples.

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**

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

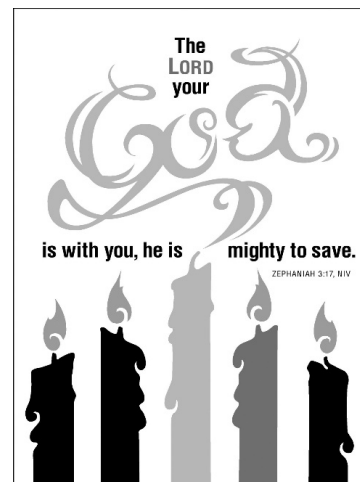
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NEED A CHRISTMAS GIFT?

- A **cookbook** made up of over 500 recipes from friends and neighbors is available for sale with **proceeds benefiting the Greenwood Cemetery and the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department.** **Cost is \$20.** To purchase a cookbook, please contact Virginia Backstrom or the church office (402.375.2899 or kris@oslcwayne.org).
- The **2024 Pies-4-You** event resulted in making 614 pies! The majority of those pies were pre-sold, but a few extra were made. **Those extra pies are available for sale**—apple, cherry, peach, rhubarb and strawberry-rhubarb! Please contact the church office to purchase pies; **cost is \$15.**

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.***



GOSPEL MESSAGE

December 15, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Together Rooted in Christ

The church's preachers and teachers often distinguish between John's baptism and our own baptism into Christ. But perhaps we have sometimes gone too far in supposing they are all that different. Both begin with repentance. Both orient us toward the good news that God forgives our sins and claims us as beloved children. Both call us to "grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God" (*ELW*, p. 227.)

The grace and love of God lavished on us in baptism are not the result of simple mechanics whereby we receive forgiveness because we've pressed the right buttons on the salvation machine. Instead, we live into God's forgiveness in deeply transformative and organic ways, like trees bearing good fruit. That John's baptism is, at its heart, about genuine transformation and living in a new way shaped by God's grace is apparent from the questions people ask him. Called to bear fruits worthy of repentance, they want to know: "What then should we do?" (Luke 3:10).

Advent offers us a wonderful chance to renew the gift of baptism by asking ourselves important questions about our direction in life and our relationships with others. How are you nurturing your prayer and worship life? What are you learning about your relationship with God? How are you growing in faith? How are you caring for others and the world God made? What help or support might you need on your spiritual journey that you're not currently receiving?

John turned people's hearts to God by reorienting them to their community. He encouraged them to share life together by uplifting one another, performing mutual acts of kindness, and nurturing a spirit of thanksgiving. In this season full of expectation, we look to Jesus' coming among us at the same time as we remember that we ourselves have been reborn children of God. In baptism, we have been welcomed into a community of care and support, together rooted in Christ, bearing good fruit, and proclaiming God's good news to all the world.

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In Our Prayers . . . December 14 & 15, 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:

- Be with my mom as she recuperates from pneumonia. Strengthen and heal her.
- 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 the encouragement in faith we receive from others.
- Thank you for the talents of A Touch of Brass.

Deaths:

- Be with those who've lost loved ones, especially Cheryl Kopperud in the loss of her mom.

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 (12/14 & 15)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber

5:30pm

Greeters-Cheryl Henschke

LWA & CA-Tyler Frevert

Acolyte-Sophia Petersen

Projection-Margaret Hansen

Sound-Jim Hansen

Ushers-Dorothy Wert, Marsha Roth

Altar Guild-Julie/Jim Hansen, Cheryl Henschke

10am

Greeters-Alex & Jess Wieland

LWA & CA-Kenna Blecke

CA-Alexis Legler, Sara Rademacher

Acolyte-Layton Becker

Projection-Leslie/Tyler Johnson

Sound-Amber Labenz

Video-Leslie/Tyler Johnson

Ushers-Tom Hansen, Tim & Trisha Peters

Altar Guild-Mary Hansen, Cynthia Miller

Next Weekend (12/21 & 22)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber

5:30pm

Greeters-Paula Gemelke

LWA & CA-Kathy Becker

Acolyte-

Projection-Jim Hansen

Sound-Jim Hansen

Ushers-Rod & Melia Hefti

Altar Guild-Marsha Roth, Janet Sievers

10am

Greeters-Lynette Lentz

LWA & CA-Madge Brufat

CA-Ron & Karma Magnuson

Acolyte-Hadley Dunklau

Projection-Kenna Blecke

Sound-Trisha Peters

Video-Tom Hansen

Ushers-Dave Anderson, Dave Olson, Brad Wieland

Altar Guild-Lynette Lentz, Teri Koenig

Christmas Eve (12/24)

Many gracious volunteers—check the sign-up sheet at the information desk!

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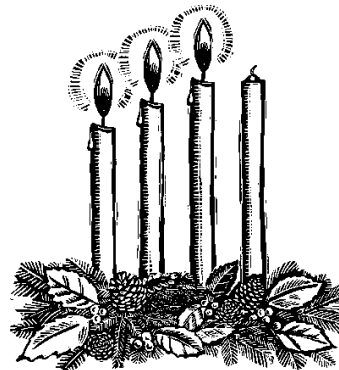


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Our Savior Lutheran Church

The Mission of Our Savior:

*That all may know Christ,
grow in Christ,
and joyfully go with Christ.*



Welcome

December 14 & 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

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Ministers:

The People of Our Savior

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Rev. Chad Rademacher

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Connie Webber

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Virginia Kniesche

Coordinator of Children's Ministry

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: ELW 270

Advent Candle Lighting

Confession & Forgiveness

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Hymn of Contemplation: ELW 296

Children's Time (Sun)

First Reading: pg. 862
Zephaniah 3:14-20

Psalm: pg. 628
Isaiah 12:2-6

Second Reading: pg. 1071
Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Acclamation: ELW 262

Gospel: pg. 935
Luke 3:7-18

Message

Hymn of the Day: ELW 300

Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing the Peace

Offering

Offering Song & Prayer

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

Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

Parting Blessing

Sending Song: ELW 289

Dismissal

Postlude

End of Worship. Beginning of Service.