

This Week at Our Savior – December 22-29

Sunday	Fellowship Hour Worship & Sunday School	9am 10am
Monday	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Tuesday	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Communion <i>(Broadcast live on AM 1590 and FM 98.9)</i> Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Communion	5pm 7pm
Wednesday	Office Closed	
Thursday	Office Closed Kinship Bible	3:30pm
Friday		
Saturday	Worship	5:30pm
Sunday	Fellowship Hour Worship w/Noisy Offering	9am 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 28 & 29 are 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52.

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 to worship. Like Mary and Elizabeth, we share the anticipation of what God is birthing — through Jesus, and in all our lives always. **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 honor of our wedding anniversary by Verdel & Virginia Backstrom. 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.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Linda Young. Linda died on Monday, December 16. A memorial service was held here at Our Savior on Friday, December 20. Please keep her family in your prayers as they mourn her death.

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 need a few more worship assistants for our 5 & 7pm Christmas Eve worship services. If you would like to assist, please sign-up on the sheet at the information desk or contact the church office. We need ushers, 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.

BIBLE STUDY AT KINSHIP

Bible Study at Kinship meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays, at 3:30pm. This study led by Sharon Garvin uses Lectionary readings and a resource from the ELCA entitled, *Daily Discipleship*. Join them this **Thursday, December 26, 3:30pm**. 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.

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

If you’re an eligible Thrivent Financial member and have Choice Dollars® available to direct, please consider designating your available funds to Our Savior. For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice.” Or go to: <http://thrivent.com>.

NEED A LAST MINUTE 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).
- We have extra **2024 Pies-4-You pies for sale**—apple, cherry, peach, rhubarb and strawberry-rhubarb! Please contact the church office to purchase pies; **cost is \$15**.

IRIS PRAYER CHAIN

Our Savior’s Prayer Chain is shared via our IRIS (*Immediate Response Information System*)...with each participant being notified of a prayer request by receiving a phone call, email or text. If you would like to be added to our Prayer Chain, please let the office know (402.375.2899 or kris@oslcwayne.org).

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.***

SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS

In an effort to provide continued support to the Wayne Food Pantry; each month we designate particular items that the pantry provides. A blue basket is available in the Narthex to collect the donated items.



For December: **paper products**—Kleenex and disposable diapers; **cleaning items**—detergent, laundry soap, hand soap and window, floor and furniture cleaners; **toiletry items**—shampoo, conditioner, deodorant for men and women, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, hair brushes, and hand and body lotion.



GOSPEL MESSAGE

December 22, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Not Fate but Faith

It's easy to take for granted that everything came together just so. With Christmas only days away, the expectant mood of the Advent season turns swiftly to joy. We might as well already be pacing outside the stable as we eagerly anticipate the baby soon to be born. Because we know what happens next, we might even assume that events *had* to unfold exactly the way they did: The angel Gabriel came to Mary, her pregnancy seemed inevitable, and the promises God had made to Israel would be proven complete. We are not likely to give Mary's role in the story a second thought. We assume she had little choice. At least that's the way we often think about her response.

But that's not entirely the way the story goes. The gospel itself doesn't assume as much. Elizabeth certainly doesn't. She acknowledges Mary's willingness to honor the angel's announcement: "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord" (Luke 1:45). For indeed, the angel's words initially confused Mary: none of it seemed to make sense. Her part in the story could have ended there. And yet she is moved by what she hears. Her trust in God's word is neither coerced compliance nor certain knowledge, but a response rooted in trust—not a foregone conclusion but a faithful leaning into the promises presented to her. The story did not have to go the way it did, but Mary trusted that it would.

Often only when we reflect on the journey we've already made, do we fully appreciate the ways God has repeatedly shown up. There's a gift in such moments of clarity. There's also a gift in the realization that even in seemingly impossible circumstances, choices must often be made. This was true for Mary, and also for Jesus. His journey from the cradle to the cross was not fate: it was a series of faithful choices, like Mary's, to trust in God's promises of new life.

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In Our Prayers . . . December 21 & 22, 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: Sandra Henschke

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health Concerns:

- For Pastor Bill Koeber as he has surgery on Tuesday, December 24, at the Med Center.
- 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 always watching over us and keeping us safe.

Deaths:

- For the family of Linda Young.
- For all those missing loved ones during the holidays.

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 (12/21 & 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 Bruflat

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!

Next Weekend (12/28 & 29)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber

5:30pm

Greeters-Myrna Wacker-Tuttle

LWA-Jim Hansen

Acolyte-Landon Woehler

Projection-Margaret Hansen

Sound-

Ushers-Dave & Joan Baier

Altar Guild-No Communion

10am

Greeters-Pat Carnes

LWA & CA-Amber Labenz

Acolyte-Nash Hansen

Projection-

Sound-Jerry Robinson

Video-Kris Robinson

Ushers-Steve McLagan, Ron Carnes, Alex Phelps

Altar Guild-No Communion

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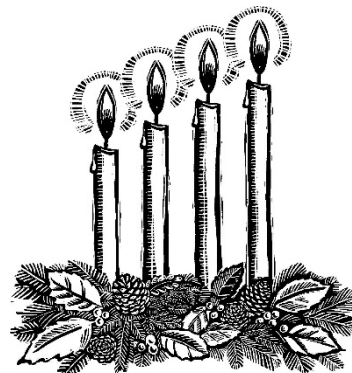


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Our Savior Lutheran Church

The Mission of Our Savior:

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



Welcome

December 21 & 22, 2024

Fourth 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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Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: ELW 283

Advent Candle Lighting

Confession & Forgiveness

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Hymn of Contemplation: ELW 838

Children's Time (*Sun*)

First Reading: pg. 849

Micah 5:2-5a

Psalm: pg. 932

Luke 1:46b-55

Special Music (*Sun*)

Second Reading: pg. 1095

Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Acclamation: ELW 262

Gospel: pg. 932

Luke 1:39-45

Message

Hymn of the Day: ELW 275

Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing the Peace

Offering

Special Music (*Sun*)

Offering 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.