

This Week at Our Savior – Dec 29-Jan 5

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| Sunday | Fellowship Hour Worship w/Noisy Offering | 9am 10am |
| Monday | Staff Meeting | 10:30am |
| Tuesday | | |
| Wednesday | Office Closed | |
| Thursday | Sleeping Mat Ministry | 9am |
| Friday | | |
| Saturday | Worship | 5:30pm |
| Sunday | Fellowship Hour Worship & Sunday School | 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.

POINSETTIAS

Thank you to all who furnished poinsettias to enhance the Christmas season. You may pick them up anytime. Please leave the plastic dish that is under the plant. If you do not find your poinsettia, please check the east hallway near the multi-purpose room.

READINGS

The lectionary readings for January 4 & 5 are Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:[1-9] 10-18 or Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12.

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!

Merry Christmas — yes, still! As the church continues to celebrate Christ's birth, we invite you to bask in the goodness of God. 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 loved ones by Rich & Sandra Gathje and 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.

FLOWERS

In loving memory of Rev. John H. M. Shiery, Rev. & Mrs. George H. Shiery, Lucille (Shiery) Toepel, Emil & Ella Reinhardt, David Shiery, Mark Shiery, and Rev. Douglas Toepel from their family.

5TH SUNDAY—NOISY OFFERING!



In months with a 5th Sunday (June, September, **December**) we gather a "Noisy Offering" on that 5th Sunday. **This is a 5th Sunday!** Toss your loose change (or cash) 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.)*

YEAR-END REPORTS & ANNUAL MEETING

In preparation for our annual meeting in January...***all committee chairpersons are reminded to turn in their year-end report as soon as possible!***



The Annual Meeting of Our Savior Lutheran Church will be held on **Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 11:15am.** The Annual Report will be available at the information desk or in the church office mid-January.

Please plan to be present as we embrace the wonderful opportunities God has given us to do ministry.

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. It's always so heartwarming to see the children joyfully give to the work of the church.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

December 29, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Wandering Away

“Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” (Luke 2:49). Such bold questions for a tween Jesus to press upon his worried parents! Clearly Mary and Joseph face some significant challenges as they sort out how to parent the Son of God.

If you were to wander away from your travel companions in an unfamiliar city, where would they find you? Might you duck away in search of a bookstore or a café or a particular type of museum? Would you gravitate toward a public park or cathedral or riverbank? Might you return to your room for a nap?

We can question the wisdom of wandering away from one’s group without giving notice. But perhaps we can also empathize with Jesus’ desire to meet his spiritual needs, and with the attraction of a place his spirit feels most at home. He takes himself somewhere he can draw close to God.

We also might identify for ourselves those times and places our spirits feel most at home, the practices in which we draw close to God in unique and personal ways. We can do this alone or with others. We can do this in explicitly sacred spaces; often, we find what we need in communal worship, shared ritual, and the study of scripture. We may also crave nourishment from art, nature, literature, music, rest, creative outlets, silence, movement, meditation, tears, and laughter . . . so many things.

Throughout his adult life, Jesus will regularly separate himself from groups to rest and pray because these things refresh his soul. What places and practices renew your spirit? How can you create the space you need for such prayer, reflection, and rest? How can you become as attuned to the needs of your inner life as Jesus was to his?

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In Our Prayers . . . December 28 & 29, 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: Pr. Bill Koeber

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health Concerns:

- A speedy recovery for Gabriel following sinus surgery.
- 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 recovery of a young mother who recently suffered a stroke.

Deaths:

- For the family of Nancy (Hansen) Niemann as they mourn her death.
- For all those missing loved ones during the holidays.

Other Prayers:

- Be with families as they travel for Christmas, that they may arrive safely.
- 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 (12/28 & 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

Next Weekend (1/4 & 5)

Organist/Pianist: Shelly Armstrong

5:30pm

Greeters-Melia Hefti

LWA & CA-Tyler Frevert

Acolyte-Tyler Daniels

Projection-Melissa Rabbass

Sound-Dave Baier

Ushers-Cheryl Roberts, Ron & Corliss
Krusemark

Altar Guild-Karen Zach, Denise Broders

10am

Greeters-Dorothy Wert

LWA & CA-Karma Magnuson

CA-Cynthia Puntney, Dorothy Wert

Acolyte-Cameron Hays

Projection-Amber Labenz

Sound-Trisha/Logan Peters

Video-Kris Robinson

Ushers-Ron Magnuson, Pete Reeg,
Kelvin Puntney

Altar Guild-Trisha Peters, Martina Swanson

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The Mission of Our Savior:

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



Welcome

December 28 & 29, 2024

First Sunday of Christmas

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Ministers:

The People of Our Savior

Pastor:

Rev. Chad Rademacher

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Director of Music

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Coordinator of Children's Ministry

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: ELW 267

Confession & Forgiveness

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Hymn of Contemplation: ELW 279

Children's Time (*Sun*)

First Reading: page 243

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalm: Psalm 148

Second Reading: page 1074

Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel Acclamation: ELW 528

Gospel: page 934

Luke 2:41-52

Message

Hymn of the Day: ELW 292

Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing the Peace

Noisy Offering & Offering

Offering Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Parting Blessing

Sending Song: ELW 288

Dismissal

Postlude

End of Worship. Beginning of Service.