

# This Week at Our Savior – March 23-30

<b>Sunday</b>	Fellowship Hour <b>Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>	9am <b>10am</b>
	Confirmation Class	4pm
<b>Monday</b>	Staff Meeting	10:30am
<b>Tuesday</b>	Cluster Clergy Text Study	10am
<b>Wednesday</b>	OWL's Bible Study Lenten Supper ( <i>Grilled Hotdogs &amp; fix 'ins</i> ) <b>Midweek Lenten Worship</b> HS Youth Group ( <i>following worship</i> )	10am 5:45-6:45pm <b>7pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Bible Study at Kinship	3:30pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Fish Fry! @ City Auditorium</b>	<b>begin serving at 5:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
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## READINGS

The lectionary readings for March 29 & 30 are Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.

## 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!**

## STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

**Isaiah 55:2** – Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

*Stewardship is about making wise choices in life – choices that promote health, wellbeing and faithful living. Isaiah asks the key questions and provides wise advice.*

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# Announcements

## WELCOME!

Isaiah announced God's invitation: "Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink ... it's all free!" (55:1, NLT). Are you thirsty for good news, peace, hope, love? Christ is the water of life. 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.

## CHILDREN'S OFFERING JAR & DOODLE PAPER!

The glass **offering jar**—*you might remember it as the Tanzania jar!* — is back up front! *Children are invited to take forward an offering when they come up for the Children's Sermon. Adults, feel free to send your pocket change with any of the children coming forward.*

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

## RADIO BROADCAST

In loving memory of Elmer & Ruth Wacker's wedding anniversary from their children and families. Radio broadcast of our Sunday morning worship service can be heard live on AM 1590 and FM 98.9, online at [waynedailynews.com](http://waynedailynews.com) and the Wayne Radio app.

## CALENDAR ITEMS

**Reminder...**please contact the church office regarding any meetings or gatherings scheduled at the church; 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.**



## FISH FRY THIS WEEK!

Our Savior will hold its **5th Annual Fish Fry** on **Friday, March 28 at the Wayne City Auditorium, beginning at 5:30pm.** The menu will include fish, cheesy potatoes, bread, salads and desserts; a cash bar will also be available. Hotdogs and chips will be available for kids. All proceeds from the event will benefit OSLC Ministries.

All are invited to be part of this fundraiser; **please plan to help/contribute and attend!**

## JOIN US DURING LENT

**Midweek Lenten services will be held at 7pm each Wednesday evening, through April 9.** The services will include a scripture reflection, a faith story and Holden Evening Prayer. Our Lenten worship theme is *Our Journey of Baptism into Christ.*

**Join us for supper each Wednesday evening before worship;** supper is served from **5:45–6:45pm.** There is no charge for the meal, but a freewill offering is taken with proceeds going to the group or organization providing the meal. Come, invite a friend or neighbor, and enjoy the evening as community in Christ. **This week's menu: grilled hotdogs & fix 'ins.**



## GOSPEL MESSAGE

March 23, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

### *We Have Choices*

We have choices, right? Obviously. There's little question about that; it's a fact. Many of these choices are piled and piling up in the lockboxes of our upbringing and experiences, of our moral certainties, religious convictions, political opinions, or economic maneuverings. We make choices about our educational endeavors, vocational callings, use of our days and years, relationship commitments, dietary habits, travel destinations, color coordination, hairstyles, sexual behaviors, EV or gas, whole or skim, movie or book. All these choices—be they monumental or minuscule, automatic or sleep-depriving, public or private, frivolous or practical, courageous or cowardly—we shuffle, sort, and seal in one envelope or another: one labeled right and one marked wrong, the good envelope and the bad envelope.

Our choices mostly happen like that until for some reason, hard telling what reason, our certainties are disturbed and our absolutes begin to rattle like loose bolts under the frame of an old truck on a potholed road. It's what happens when, by mistake or under force, good or bad luck, we discover that broccoli isn't disgusting, snakes aren't slimy, the earth isn't flat, men may love men, more might not be better, aliens need not be strangers, and God's justice surely demands mercy.

Jesus started tugging at a snag of choices with a parable about a tree, a vineyard, a gardener, a saw, and manure. The tree was a no-hoper (there could be lots of reasons). With not a fig on a limb, if it had been another variety of fruit tree you'd call it a "bad apple." The choice: saw or donkey dung. Jesus rejects the blade, chooses the excrement.

Martin Luther (liking Latin) said, "*Simul justus et peccator*," meaning we are at the same time both saint and sinner. Or as Jesus put it, love those bum branches down to their roots, put your hands in the dirt, and see what fruit they bear.

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## In Our Prayers... March 22 & 23, 2025

"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 my grandpa who fell earlier this week.
- For my boss who started chemo.
- 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 families together in church.
- For time spent with family and friends.
- For those sharing their faith stories this Lenten season.
- For never stopping to try to get our attention.

##### *Deaths:*

##### *Other Prayers:*

- For those traveling.
- 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 (3/22 & 23)**

**Organist/Pianist:** Connie Webber  
5:30pm

**Greeters-**

**LWA & CA-**Grant Miller

**Acolyte-**Hadley Woehler

**Projection-**Margaret Hansen

**Sound-**

**Ushers-**Dave & Joan Baier

**Altar Guild-No Communion**

10am

**Greeters-**Tim & Trisha Peters

**LWA-**Dave Anderson

**Acolyte-**Mason Wendte

**Projection-**Amber Labenz

**Sound-**Trisha Peters

**Video-**Tom Hansen

**Ushers-**Steve McLagan, Ron Carnes, Alex

Phelps, Pete Reeg

**Altar Guild-No Communion**

**Wednesday (3/26) 7pm**

**Acolyte-**Sophia Petersen

**Projection-**Melissa Rabbass

**Sound-**Amber Labenz

**Video-**Tom Hansen

**Ushers-**Ron Magnuson, Kelvin Puntney, John

& Noah Magnuson

**Next Weekend (3/29 & 30)**

**Organist/Pianist:** Connie Webber  
5:30pm

**Greeters-**Jim Hansen

**LWA & CA-**Nancy Breitzkreutz

**Acolyte-**Landon Woehler

**Projection-**Margaret Hansen

**Sound-**

**Ushers-**Cheryl Roberts, Ron & Corliss

Krusemark

**Altar Guild-**Marsha Roth, Janet Sievers,

Kim Lueders

10am

**Greeters-**Bill & Rhonda Blecke

**LWA & CA-**Norah Armstrong

**CA-**Madge Bruflat, Kin Dunklau

**Acolyte-**Layton Becker

**Projection-**Barb Stenwall

**Video-**Kris Robinson

**Sound-**Jerry Robinson

**Ushers-**Roger Lentz, Stan Stenwall, Larry

Lueders

**Altar Guild-**Debbie Bargholz, Rhonda Blecke

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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

**March 22 & 23, 2025**

*Third Sunday in Lent*

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**Ministers:**

The People of Our Savior

**Pastor:**

Rev. Chad Rademacher

**Program Staff:**

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Virginia Kniesche

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### Order of Worship

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Gathering Song: ELW 803**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

**Greeting**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Hymn of Contemplation: ELW 325**

**Children's Time (Sun)**

**First Reading:** page 671

Isaiah 55:1-9

**Psalms:** Psalm 63:1-8

**Special Music (Sun)**

**Second Reading:** page 1044

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Gospel:** page 950

Luke 13:1-9

**Message**

**Hymn of the Day:** *Old Rugged Cross*

**Creed**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Sharing the Peace**

**Offering**

**Offering Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Parting Blessing**

**Sending Song: ELW 324**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

*End of Worship. Beginning of Service.*