

This Week at Our Savior – Mar 30-Apr 6

Sunday	Fellowship Hour	9am
	Worship & Sunday School	10am
	Confirmation Class	4pm
Monday	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Tuesday	<i>Cluster Clergy Text Study</i>	10am
	WELCA Board Mtg	10am
	Communion at Countryview	2pm
	Communion at Kinship	3:30pm
Wednesday	OWL's Bible Study	10am
	Lenten Supper (<i>baked potato bar</i>)	5:45-6:45pm
	Midweek Lenten Worship	7pm
	HS Youth Group (<i>following worship</i>)	
Thursday	Sleeping Mat Ministry	10am
	Women Who Love to Talk and Eat	6pm
Friday		
Saturday	Worship	5:30pm
Sunday	Fellowship Hour	9am
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READINGS

The lectionary readings for April 5 & 6 are Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8.

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

2 Corinthians 5:17 – So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The way a bubbling spring renews and refreshes a stream bed, so the Holy Spirit continually renews our souls. Relax and be continually renewed in Christ.

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!

Like a loving father welcoming a prodigal child home and inviting the other to join the feast, God welcomes us all. Let us celebrate such amazing grace.

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!

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

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.**



RADIO BROADCAST

In loving memory of my dad, Lester (Bud) Smith's birthday from Roger & Lynette Lentz. 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.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

The January, February, March issue of the *Christ in Our Home* devotional books are at the information desk. Both regular and large-print copies are available.

BOLD WOMEN & SPRING GATHERING

Bold Women's Day was **observed the first Sunday of March**, celebrating all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. With this being "Bold Women of Faith" month, **the Women of the ELCA Executive Board is extending an invitation to all women of OSLC, to attend the Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 26, at Atkinson.** We especially hope to encourage our young women of faith, who have never attended a Spring Gathering to accept our invitation to expand their faith experience.

It is a good experience and an opportunity to meet other young women of faith. A sign-up sheet to carpool is at the information desk and registration forms are on the kiosk; registrations are due by April 18.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

March 30, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Getting to the Fat Calf

Whatever you think of, however you feel about this story, don't fool yourself into believing that it is all about a party. Pie-in-the-sky piety skims the fat and squeezes the fruit out of the parable, reducing a teaching about what is wildly prodigal to a mere morality play.

Here's the bulk of the story: abandonment, longing, waste, famine, then hunger, humiliation, and dishonor, dying in pig dirt, shame unto pleading, resentment, sore bitterness . . . loss in every direction. Loss and falling—from comfort and certainty, respectability and character; from pleasure into pain, well-being into misery. Jesus told this agonizing, heartbreaking, undignified, lowdown, vanished-hope story for a reason. Jesus knew what life can be like. He recognized the deep ravines of loss and the gullies into which we fall. It doesn't look as if the story begins in those sad places, but it surely lands and sits there for a while, the kind of sedentary existence that is too much like an awful eternity.

A father, bereaved and insulted (Was he not the parent he hoped, thought, intended himself to be?), is left gazing into an empty distance. A child disappearing (Why such urgency to run from his birth home?) is left in disgrace. A child dutiful, hard at work, utterly dependable (How had he come to feel so cheated, denied of love?) is left mucking in thick refusal.

And while it is so . . . And though it is true . . .

Suddenly, or maybe it's eventually, the story becomes larger. The story collides with gospel. The late preacher and theologian Frederick Buechner observed, "The gospel is bad news before it is good news." Jesus knew how we fail the world and how the world fails us. Jesus was a truth-teller, the whole truth: rags and robes, pigpen and dance floor, defiance and embrace, but no pie-in-the-sky piety. Instead, a festive roast in the oven! That's how grace behaves.

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In Our Prayers . . . March 29 & 30, 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 Tiffany (Frerichs) Foote, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is exploring treatment options.
- For those recovering from injury or illness.
- For those undergoing treatments for cancer and other health issues.

Guidance:

Spiritual Healing/Strength:

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Deaths:

Other Prayers:

- The people who protect us.
- 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 (3/29 & 30)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber
5:30pm

Greeters-Jim Hansen
LWA & CA-Nancy Breitreutz
Acolyte-Landon Woehler
Projection-Margaret Hansen
Sound-Jim Hansen
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 Brufat, 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

Wednesday (4/2) 7pm

Acolyte-Nash Hansen
Projection-
Sound-
Video-Kris Robinson
Ushers-Tom Hansen, Tim & Trisha Peters

Next Weekend (4/5 & 6)

Pianist: Mary Mohl, Shelly Armstrong
5:30pm

Greeters-Myrna Wacker-Tuttle
LWA & CA-Tyler Frevert
Acolyte-Caysen Gamble
Projection-Melissa Rabbass
Sound-Dave Baier
Ushers-Cheryl Roberts, Ron & Corliss Krusemark
Altar Guild-Myrna Wacker-Tuttle, Denise
Broders, Karma Magnuson

10am

Greeters-Sue Denton
LWA & CA-Amber Labenz
CA-Cynthia Puntney, Kim Dunklau
Acolyte-Grant Law
Projection-Gabriel Armstrong
Sound-Trisha Peters
Video-Tom Hansen
Ushers-Dave Anderson, Dave Olson,
Brad Wieland
Altar Guild-Julie Grone, Mary Hansen

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



Welcome

March 29 & 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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The People of Our Savior

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Order of Worship

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Gathering Song: ELW 338
Confession & Forgiveness
Greeting
Prayer of the Day
Hymn of Contemplation: ELW 779
Children's Time (Sun)
First Reading: page 195
Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm: Psalm 32
Special Music
Second Reading: page 1053
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Gospel Acclamation
Gospel: page 952
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Message
Hymn of the Day: ELW 337
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
Blessing & Prayer after Communion
Parting Blessing
Sending Song: ELW 335
Dismissal
Postlude

End of Worship. Beginning of Service.