

This Week at Our Savior – May 4-11

Sunday	Fellowship Hour	9am
	Worship & Sunday School	10am
	<i>Reception for HS Graduates following worship</i>	
	Tanzania Presentation by Pr. Deb Hammer	1pm
Monday	Staff Meeting	10:30am
	Property Team Mtg	5:30pm
	Executive Committee	5:45pm
Tuesday	Cluster Clergy Text Study	10am
	WELCA Board Mtg	10am
	Communion at Countryview	2pm
	Communion at Kinship	3:30pm
Wednesday	OWL's Bible Study	10am
	Confirmation	6pm
Thursday	Kinship Bible Study	3:30pm
Friday		
Saturday	Worship	5:30pm
Sunday	Muffins with Mom & Coffee with Council	9am
	Worship & Sunday School	10am

READINGS

The lectionary readings for May 11 & 12 are Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30.

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, friends! As Jesus met Saul (later called Paul) in a powerful light and voice on the road to Damascus, so he meets us here. It might be less dramatic, but it's no less real. **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 Fred & Lena Heier's birthdays from Byron & Barb Heier. 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.

2025 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Our Savior graduating seniors will be recognized this Sunday, May 4, at the 10am worship service. Following the service, the graduates will be honored with a reception hosted by the Fellowship Ministry Team. Please keep our graduates and all graduates—high school and college—in your prayers as they embark on a new chapter in their lives.

This year's graduates are Norah Armstrong, Alexis Frye, Amelia Legler, Alec Schaffer, Brayden Woehler and Carlyle Young.

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

John 21:12a – Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." *There's nothing like gathering for a meal to build community. Jesus hosted meals to reassure his disciples of his love and presence. Notice that Jesus' meals are always relational, not transactional. Fostering community through table fellowship and conversation helps us see the Christ in one another's faces. Who are you inviting to the table?*



MUFFINS WITH MOM!—Sunday, May 11

Join us for **Muffins with Mom!** on **Sunday, May 11—Mother's Day**, during the Fellowship Hour from **9–9:45am**. Come for a treat and fellowship time as we **celebrate Mother's Day!** All are welcome!

OWL'S BIBLE STUDY

The OWL's Bible Study will be starting a study on the book of Isaiah in May. The study guide we follow consists of 6 chapter sessions taking us through the month of July. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10am and plan on meeting during the summer.

Consider joining our group and learn along with the rest of us! We encourage adults of any age to participate. Don't worry about having time to do homework—there isn't any! If you're wondering if this Bible study is right for you, just come and see. We'd love to have you join us.

Join them this month on Wednesdays, May 7 & 21, 10am.

KINSHIP BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study at Kinship meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, at 3:30pm. This study led by Sharon Garvin uses Lectionary Bible readings and a resource from the ELCA entitled, *Daily Discipleship*. Join them on **Thursdays, May 8 & 22**. Everyone is welcome.

FOUNDATION GRANTS & GIFTS

The second-quarter meeting of the Foundation Board of Our Savior Lutheran Church will be held on **Monday, May 19**, at 7:00 p.m. All grant applications need to be turned in to the church office by Monday, May 12 to be considered; contact the church office to receive an application.

The Foundation is once again encouraging members of Our Savior to support the work of the Foundation by making a Memorial Day Remembrance gift to honor someone special or as a memorial to a deceased loved one. (*Forms are available in the May Newsletter or at the information desk.*)

RHUBARB FOR PIES-4-YOU

If you (or your neighbor!) have rhubarb ready and would like to donate it to the annual Pies-4-You fundraiser, **please chop it up into small pieces (ready for a pie) and put into freezer bags**. It can be put in the church freezers (*storage area at back of social room, north freezer*). If you have questions, please contact the church office.

EASTER LILIES

Thank you to all who provided Easter Lilies this year; you are welcome to take them any time! They will be placed in the east hallway near the multi-purpose room when they are taken out of the sanctuary.

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE

Norah Armstrong would like to invite the OSLC family to an open house to celebrate her graduation.

Where: *The Front Porch*

When: *Saturday, May 17 from 3-6:30 PM*

Thank you for your support and guidance through the years!

JOIN PR. DEB THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON!



You are invited
to attend a Presentation
on the
2025 Nebraska Synod Vision Trip
to Tanzania

Presented by Pr. Deb Hammer



The Nebraska Synod has been partners with the Northern Diocese for 25 years and will be celebrated at the Synod Assembly this year. The partnership began back in 1999 with a pastor exchange between Pastor Martin Russell from Our Savior in Wayne, Nebraska, and Pastor Kiveli at Kotela Parish in Morangu, Tanzania.

Please join Pr. Deb Hammer as she shares some history of the partnership with the Northern Diocese and the joys of her journey traveling to visit our companions. Pr. Deb will share updates on what is happening at Kotela Parish today.

Sunday, April 6, 2025 | 1pm
First Lutheran Church, Allen

Sunday, May 4, 2025 | 1pm
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Wayne

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tinyurl.com/TrueNorth2025



SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTE—the last day for Sunday School will be Sunday, May 11.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

May 4, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Grace upon Grace

The risen Christ is difficult to recognize at first. According to today's gospel reading from John, even as he approached his disciples on the beach, they "did not know that it was Jesus" (John 21:4). Neither did Mary Magdalene recognize him outside the tomb on Easter morning. She assumed he was the gardener (20:14-15). Apparently, resurrection changes Jesus to the extent that he appears a stranger even to his closest friends.

That is, until he makes himself known to them again. In Mary's case, he simply speaks her name. "Rabbouni! Teacher!" she replies, newly hopeful as she carries the good news to the others (20:16-18). For the disciples in the fishing boat, it is a miraculous catch that brings Jesus' identity to light. "It is the Lord!" the beloved disciple says to Peter, who promptly dives overboard to reach Jesus on the shore (21:7).

As the story draws to a close, Jesus returns to his disciples with signs that he will continue to be with them. He calls them by name, feeds them with abundance, and invites them again into lives of purpose: "Do you love me? . . . Feed my sheep" (21:17). In this way, the end of the Gospel of John recalls the beginning. Jesus, crucified and risen, continues to grant his followers "grace upon grace" (1:16).

Moreover, the end of John signals the beginning of Jesus' ministry alongside disciples through the ages. The risen Jesus is a mystery to us too. We may not readily recognize him in the course of daily life. Yet even as he is hidden from view, he is also revealed. In baptism, he calls us by name. At his table, he feeds us with abundance. At the doorways of our gathering places, he invites us again and again into lives of purpose. Grace upon grace.

Christ is risen indeed. Come, follow him!

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In Our Prayers . . . May 3 & 4, 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 those recovering from injury or illness.
- For those undergoing treatments for cancer and other health issues.

Guidance:

Spiritual Healing/Strength:

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

- For serving us Your very own body and blood.
- For life-giving rains that were so very needed.

Deaths:

- For the family of Betty Graff.
- For the family of Gene Mitchell.

Other Prayers:

- 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 (5/3 & 4)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber

5:30pm

Greeters-Melia Hefti

LWA & CA-Nancy Breitreutz

Acolyte-Caysen Gamble

Projection-Melissa Rabbass

Sound-Dave Baier

Ushers-Cheryl Roberts, Ron & Corliss
Krusemark

Altar Guild-Janet Sievers, Marsha Roth

10am

Greeters-Chad & Tiffany Henderson

LWA & CA-Karma Magnuson

CA-Lynette Lentz, Kim Dunklau

Acolyte-Nash Hansen

Projection-Barb Stenwall

Sound-Jerry Robinson

Video-Kris Robinson

Ushers-Roger Lentz, Stan Stenwall,
Larry Lueders

Altar Guild-Madge Brufat, Julie Grone

Next Weekend (5/10 & 11)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber

5:30pm

Greeters-Myrna Wacker-Tuttle

LWA & CA-Jean Blomenkamp

Acolyte-Landon Woehler

Projection-Margaret Hansen

Sound-Duane Blomenkamp

Ushers-Dorothy Wert, Marsha Roth

Altar Guild-Cheryl Henschke, Myrna Wacker-
Tuttle

10am

Greeters-Kevin & Teri Koenig

LWA & CA-Steve McLagan

CA-Cynthia Puntney, Kenna Blecke

Acolyte-Grant Law

Projection-Leslie/Tyler Johnson

Sound-Amber Labenz

Video-Leslie/Tyler Johnson

Ushers-Tom Hansen, Tim & Trisha Peters

Altar Guild-Mary Hansen, Teri Koenig

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The Mission of Our Savior:

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



Welcome

May 3 & 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

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The People of Our Savior

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Rev. Chad Rademacher

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Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: ELW 853

Confession & Forgiveness

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Hymn of Praise: *All Things Bright and
Beautiful*

Dismiss for Sunday School (*Sun*)

First Reading: pg. 1000

Acts 9:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 30

Second Reading: pg. 1120

Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: pg. 990

John 2:1-19

Message

Hymn of the Day: ELW 825

**Recognition & Blessing of
Graduates** (*Sun*)

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 866

Dismissal

Postlude

End of Worship. Beginning of Service.