

# This Week at Our Savior – May 11-18

<b>Sunday</b>	Muffins with Mom & Coffee with Council <b>Worship &amp; Sunday School</b> ( <i>last day of SS</i> )	9am 10am
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Foundation Grand Deadline</i> Staff Meeting Christian Ed Mtg Fellowship Team Mtg Council Mtg	10:30am 6pm 6:30pm 7pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Cluster Clergy Text Study</i>	10am
<b>Wednesday</b>	Joy Circle	2pm
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Worship</b>	5:30pm
<b>Sunday</b>	Fellowship Hour <b>Worship</b>	9am 10am

## READINGS

The lectionary readings for May 17 & 18 are Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35.

## DOLLAR DOOR OFFERING

Each month our Dollar Door Offering (offering plate in center of the Narthex) goes to support the efforts of a different ministry. The **May Dollar Door Offering** will go to support Our Savior's **Mission Team**. Together our dollars can help them help others!

## 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, and Happy Mother's Day! Today we remember that no matter the state of our human relations with parents, children and others, Jesus our Good Shepherd loves and cares for us without fail.

**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 Darrel Heier. 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.

## 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.

## FOUNDATION GRANTS & GIFTS

The second-quarter meeting of the Foundation Board of Our Savior Lutheran Church will be held on **Monday, May 19**, at 7pm. 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.

## 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!*



## YOU'RE INVITED TO A

Charity Circle will host an **All-Church Picnic** on **Wednesday, June 25, at 6pm at Bressler Park** (we'll gather in the church social room if it's too hot to be outside). Broasted Chicken, Potatoes and water will be provided; please bring either a Vegetable, Salad or Dessert to share and your own table service. *Please sign up at the information desk in order to get count for food. All are welcome!*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS 2025!

### SIGN UP NOW!

A vibrant poster for Vacation Bible School 2025. At the top left is the 'True North' logo featuring a bear and the text 'True North tracking bears in a wild world'. The main title 'VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025' is in large, stylized purple letters. Below it, the location is 'Our Savior Lutheran Church' and the dates are 'Mon., July 28–Thurs., July 31'. The time is '5:30–8pm' and a note says '\*a light meal will be provided.' The audience is 'PreK–5th Grade (ages 4-12)'. The theme is 'Looking for mountains of fun? You "otter" be here!' with an illustration of an otter. At the bottom, it lists 'NEW FRIENDS | AMAZING EXPERIMENTS | ADVENTURES | GAMES | SNACKS | MUSIC' and shows illustrations of a bear, a moose, and a mountain landscape.

Register @  
[tinyurl.com/TrueNorth2025](https://tinyurl.com/TrueNorth2025)



## WELCA CIRCLES AND INTEREST GROUPS

All women of the congregation are always welcome and invited to participate in a Circle and/or Interest group. **Joy Circle meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2pm** and Charity Circle meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7pm. The Visitation Group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 1pm, the Quilting Group meets on Mondays at 9am during the spring/summer/fall months and Caring Cooks contacts participants for meals as needed. For more information about any of these groups, please contact the church office or refer to the monthly Newsletter.

Join us this **Wednesday, May 14, for Joy Circle, 2pm in the Social Room; Kathy Becker, PMA, will provide the program. All women of the congregation are invited!**

## BOOK STUDY—*Boundless Compassion Creating a Way of Life*

You are invited to participate in a 6-week study on the book *Boundless Compassion Creating a Way of Life* by Joyce Rupp.

*Boundless Compassion* extends an invitation to grow in the kind of love that motivated Jesus to be a compassionate presence. This love will flow generously through us into the lives of those in need of love and compassion. Joyce Rupp's goal is that each reader will be re-inspired and motivated to live compassionately.

Each participant will need their own copy of the book *Boundless Compassion Creating a Way of Life* by Joyce Rupp. It is available on Amazon. Participants will also need a notebook or a basic journal for daily reflections. You do not need to purchase *Prayers of Boundless Compassion* or *The Boundless Compassion Journal* also by Joyce Rupp.

Our book study will be led by Mary Mohl, a Boundless Compassion Facilitator. We will meet Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning June 3<sup>rd</sup> for approximately one hour in the multipurpose room here at the church.

Is this book study right for you? This study is appropriate for anyone hoping to develop compassion for self or for others or for anyone wanting to reenergize their ability to offer loving kindness to people around you.

Please call the church office to register.



## PRAYER TIME

This month's "Prayer Time" in the May Newsletter features **Praying with Images**. "Praying with images is an invitation to use visual elements to help us pray. The images give us access to feelings that can lead us to prayer. They serve as a focal point, helping to ground our thoughts during prayer and reduce distraction. The images evoke emotions allowing a more personal connection with God so that He is able to speak directly into our hearts. Praying with images can lead to feelings of peace, comfort, and a deeper understanding of our faith."

Our Savior's Newsletter is mailed out each month; a copy can also be found on our website: [www.oslcwayne.org](http://www.oslcwayne.org).

## 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>.

## GOSPEL MESSAGE

May 11, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### *All Your Answers Questioned*

Some years ago, a class from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago had T-shirts made with the slogan “LSTC: The place to get all your answers questioned.” What does it mean to advocate questioning at a seminary? Shouldn’t the church train leaders to provide answers? It is a common assumption that we achieve right faith by coming to a correct interpretation of divine things. Indeed, many people of faith are ready and willing to provide that correct interpretation. But faith is more than a set of propositions. It is a relationship of trust with the living Lord.

For his part, Jesus tends to resist easy answers. “How long will you keep us in suspense?” his interrogators ask in today’s gospel reading from John. “If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly” (10:24). But Jesus’ reply is hardly straightforward: “I have told you, and you do not believe, . . . because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me” (10:25-27).

We may crave clarity, but faith is not always clear-cut. It is filled with subtlety, ambiguity, tension. Even as God desires abundant life for us, God also calls us to lay down our lives for each other. The gospel encompasses both suffering and hope, death and new life. The Son of Man comes not to be served but to serve, to shepherd.

These truths are hard to “tell plainly.” That is not to say we should not seek understanding in the life of faith. But faith also means having our answers questioned, allowing God to renew our minds for the sake of our relationship with Christ who claims us for himself. After all, the gift and challenge of discipleship is not to come to indisputable conclusions about God, but to follow our Shepherd on the way.

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### **In Our Prayers...** May 10 & 11, 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 Neil Carnes, son of Ron & Pat, who had surgery.
- For those facing surgery or other medical procedures. May they have a smooth and speedy recovery.
- Healing for Dawn.
- For those recovering from injury or illness.
- For those undergoing treatments for cancer and other health issues.

##### ***Guidance:***

##### ***Spiritual Healing/Strength:***

- For my niece as she heals from cancer.
- For my granddaughter as she heals from a broken shoulder.

##### ***Prayer of Thanksgiving:***

##### ***Deaths:***

- For the family of Jacki Zeiss.

##### ***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 (5/10 & 11)**

**Organist/Pianist:** Connie Webber

**5:30pm**

**Greeters-**Myrna Wacker-Tuttle

**LWA & CA-**Jean Blomenkamp

**Acolyte-**

**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

**Next Weekend (5/17 & 18)**

**Musician:** Alan Bruflat

**5:30pm**

**Greeters-**Ron Doring

**LWA & CA-**Tyler Frevert

**Acolyte-**Mason Nelson

**Projection-**Jim Hansen

**Sound-**Jim Hansen

**Ushers-**Rod & Melia Hefti

**Altar Guild-**Cheryl Henschke, Dorothy Wert

**10am**

**Greeters-**Lynette Lentz

**LWA & CA-**Roger Lentz

**CA-**Lynette Lentz, Sue Olson

**Acolyte-**Serenity Victor

**Projection-**Kenna Blecke

**Sound-**Jerry Robinson

**Video-**Kris Robinson

**Ushers-**Dave Anderson, Dave Olson,  
Brad Wieland

**Altar Guild-**Lynette Lentz, Cynthia Miller

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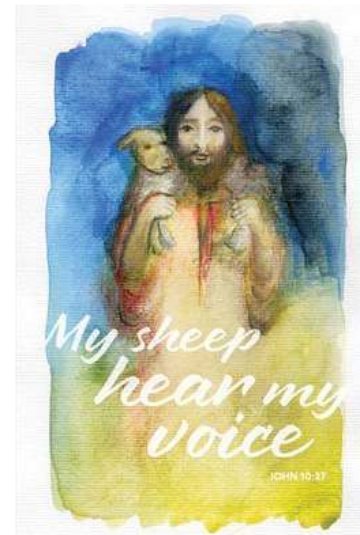


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confidence in God's grace.—The Evangelical  
Lutheran Church in America.*

## Our Savior Lutheran Church

### **The Mission of Our Savior:**

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



## Welcome

**May 10 & 11, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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### **Ministers:**

The People of Our Savior

### **Pastor:**

Rev. Chad Rademacher

### **Program Staff:**

Connie Webber

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Virginia Kniesche

*Coordinator of Children's Ministry*

### Order of Worship

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Gathering Song:** ELW 778

**Confession & Forgiveness**

**Greeting**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Hymn of Contemplation:** ELW 502

**Children's Time** (*Sun*)

**First Reading:** pg. 1001

Acts 9:36-43

**Psalm:** pg. 491

Psalm 23

**Second Reading:** pg. 1122

Revelation 7:9-17

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Gospel:** pg. 978

John 10:22-30

**Message**

**Hymn of the Day:** ELW 631

**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 789

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

*End of Worship. Beginning of Service.*