

This Week at Our Savior – May 18-25

Sunday	Fellowship Hour Worship	9am 10am
Monday	Sleeping Mat Ministry Staff Meeting Worship & Music Team Mtg Foundation Board Mtg	9am 10:30am 5pm 7pm
Tuesday	Cluster Clergy Text Study	10am
Wednesday	OWL's Bible Study Visitation Ministry Group Devotions at Kinship 8 th Grade Confirmation Gathering	10am 1pm 3:30pm
Thursday	Kinship Bible Study	3:30pm
Friday		
Saturday	Worship	5:30pm
Sunday	Fellowship Hour Worship	9am 10am
	Worship at Countryview	1:30pm
Monday	(26 th) Office Closed for Memorial Day	

READINGS

The lectionary readings for May 24 & 25 are Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5; John 14:23-29.

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!

Psalm 148 calls all creation to praise the Lord. We join with springtime blooms and buds, more hours of sunlight, newborn animals, singing birds and greening landscapes. 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!

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

Note: Children are invited to take forward an offering **during the regular offering time.** Adults, feel free to send your pocket change with any of the children coming forward.



RADIO BROADCAST

In loving memory of Norma Backstrom from Wanda, Beau & Mallory & families and Nancy & Terry, and In loving memory of Lawrence & Audrey Lauck by Jerry & Kris Robinson 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.

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.

HOLY BAPTISM

At our Sunday service, we welcome Quincy Dale Taylor into the family of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Quincy is the son of Garrett & Cara (Lubberstedt) Taylor. He was born April 30, 2025. His sponsors are Jaci Brunssen and Dylan Taylor.

FOUNDATION GIFTS

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.

OWL'S BIBLE STUDY

The OWL's Bible Study has just started a study on the book of Isaiah. 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 week on Wednesday, May 21, 10am.

"YOU VISITED ME..."

The Visitation Ministry Group meets to sign and send cards to church members and to share a visit with friends. Please come and be a part of our Visitation Ministry Group. The group will meet on **Wednesday, May 21, at 1pm**. For more information about this wonderful ministry, please contact Rhonda Blecke, Sandra Lutt or the church office.

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 **Thursday, May 22**. Everyone is welcome.

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

John 13:34-35 – I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

Cultivating safe space where love is the language and there's room at the table for everyone should be a guiding principle for stewards of community. After all, Jesus commands it. What would it take for our congregation to become known as "the love church" in your community?

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 10am beginning June 3rd 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS 2025!

SIGN UP NOW!

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

Location: **Our Savior Lutheran Church**
Save these dates: **Mon., July 28–Thurs., July 31**
Each day's fun happens from: **5:30–8pm**
*a light meal will be provided.
Includes children: **PreK–5th Grade (ages 4-12)**
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GAMES | SNACKS | MUSIC

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QUILT MINISTRY GROUP

Our Savior's Quilt Ministry Group welcomes anyone who would like to help "tie" quilts. You don't need to know how to sew or quilt; simply "tie" a knot! Consider joining the Quilt Ministry Group as they tie quilts to be given to Lutheran World Relief and other organizations that need them. The group will meet **next Tuesday, May 27, at 9am**. Everyone is welcome!



YOU'RE INVITED TO A

Charity Circle will host an **All-Church Picnic** on **Wednesday, June 25, 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!

GOSPEL MESSAGE

May 18, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Deceptive Simplicity of Love

As the Gospel of John portrays Jesus, the rabbi often speaks in cryptic terms, and his teachings in today's reading are no exception. "The Son of Man has been glorified"? "Where I am going, you cannot come"? (John 13:31, 33). The disciples must have heard Jesus' instructions about love with a sigh of relief—finally, clear words. They are given a new commandment, to love one another, just as Jesus has loved them. All they must do is love each other, and everyone will know they're Jesus' disciples.

One wonders how long it took before the disciples realized just how complicated this was going to be. If we're honest, we have to ask, Have we figured it out in the past 2,000-plus years? After all, Jesus' love often mystifies us. Whom does he love? The leper. The tax collector. The outcast. The rich young man. The person living with addiction. The collections agent. The teen who just tagged your wall with spray paint. The wealthy CEO.

Suddenly, this loving doesn't look so easy.

The context of this week's passage makes it clear that Jesus isn't averse to speaking truth in love. Just before today's exchange, Jesus signals to Judas that he knows what he's up to. Just after, he cautions overeager Peter that despite his best intentions, he too will betray Jesus. Love isn't syrupy and bland, slathered across our world in rosy hues that cover up injustice or hard times.

Love is a commitment. Love extends outward from Jesus, through us, to bring everyone whom Jesus loves into the communion of saints. That means Judas, and Peter, and the graffiti tagger, and the CEO—and you. Us. Every person, in every pew, and every child of God who couldn't identify a pew if they skinned their shin on one.

Each of our communities is a little different. Our everyday "each others" are different too. But the good news is, "each other" always includes everyone—even us.

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In Our Prayers... May 17 & 18, 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: Connie Webber

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health Concerns:

- For Dawn as a treatment plan is determined.
- For Grandma.
- Positive outcome to my sister in law's fetal MRI.
- For my upcoming surgery in Omaha on June 5th.
- For those recovering from injury or illness.
- For those undergoing treatments for cancer and other health issues.

Guidance:

- Strength to have difficult conversations at work.
- Be with all graduates, Lord, as they continue their journey in life.

Spiritual Healing/Strength:

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

- For the wonderful promises given at the Easter resurrection.
- For seasons to rest and recover.

Deaths:

- For the family of Curt Frye.
- For the community of Cozad as they mourn the loss of the Koch family.

Other Prayers:

- For rain.
- 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 (5/17 & 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

Next Weekend (5/24 & 25)

Musician: Shelly Armstrong

5:30pm

Greeters-Paula Gemelke
LWA & CA-Kathy Becker
Acolyte-Tyler Daniels
Projection-Margaret Hansen
Sound-Jim Hansen
Ushers-Dave & Joan Baier
Altar Guild-Denise Broders, Cheryl
Henschke

10am

Greeters-Peters Family
LWA & CA-Madge Bruflat
CA-Karma Magnuson, Norah Armstrong
Acolyte-Logan Peters
Projection-Gabriel Armstrong
Sound-Trisha Peters
Video-Tom Hansen
Ushers-Steve McLagan, Ron Carnes, Alex
Phelps, Pete Reeg
Altar Guild-Trisha Peters, Martina Swanson

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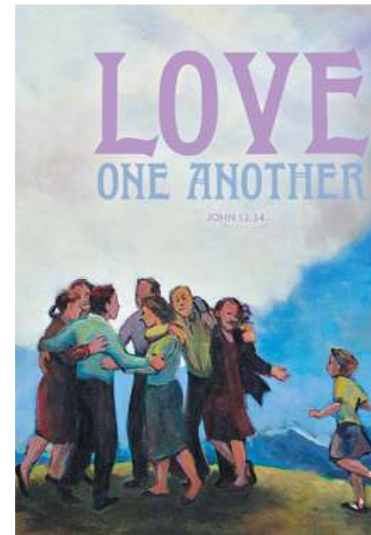


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Our Savior Lutheran Church

The Mission of Our Savior:

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



Welcome

May 17 & 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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The People of Our Savior

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Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: ELW 789

Confession & Forgiveness

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Hymn of Praise: *I Need Thee Every
Hour*

First Reading: pg. 1003
Acts 11:1-18

Psalm: pg. 571
Psalm 148

Second Reading: pg. 1132
Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel Acclamation: ELW 174

Gospel: pg. 982
John 13:31-35

Message

Hymn of the Day: ELW 732

Creed (*Sat*)

Holy Baptism (*Sun*)

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 545

Dismissal

Postlude

End of Worship. Beginning of Service.