This Week at Our Savior – July 26-Aug 2

Sunday	Fellowship Hour	9am
	Worship	**10am**
Monday	Quilt Ministry Group	9am
	Staff Mtg	10:30am
Tuesday	*Cluster Clergy Text Study*	*10am*
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	**Worship**	**5:30pm**
Sunday	Fellowship Hour	9am
	Worship	**10am**

READINGS

The lectionary readings for August 1 & 2 are Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21.

DOLLAR DOOR OFFERING—HAVEN HOUSE

The July Dollar Door Offering will go to support **Haven House**. Together, our dollars can help them help others!

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.

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! We rejoice in your presence as we gather in unity to worship our God. **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.*

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 the 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.***

HEARING ASSISTANCE—Hearing devices are available at the sound tech desk at the back of the sanctuary.

RADIO BROADCAST

In loving memory of Twila Wiltse by 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.*

WELCOME TO OUR GUEST HARPIST!

Harpist Tamala Holmes discovered her love for music at a young age, starting harp lessons at ten. She honed her skills under the guidance of Anna Vorhees of Sioux Falls and furthered her musical development through participation in renowned programs such as Lutheran Summer Music, Augustana Summer Music, and Interlochen Arts Academy camp. An international experience included playing with the Orebo Sweden Youth Symphony. Tamala pursued her musical interests at the Karolinska School of Music in Sweden and earned a music minor from the University of South Dakota. Today, she shares her musical gifts as a freelance harpist, performing at churches, assisted living homes, and private occasions. She is also a member of the Kucinski Symphonic Community Orchestra at Morningside University. Beyond music, Tamala balances her passion with running a small in-home childcare and cherishing time with her five children. In her leisure, she enjoys gardening and sewing.

SOUND TECHS NEEDED! JOIN THE TEAM!

We need to expand our team of **Saturday evening** and **Sunday morning** sound techs! Please consider volunteering for this ministry of the church. ***If interested, please visit with a current tech or contact the church office to learn more.***

VBS GRAND FINALE!

What a week it has been! Thank you to everyone who supported our What a Mess! VBS and our Messes with a Mission cleaning supplies drive benefiting Haven House and the Wayne Food Pantry.

Sunday morning we'll have one final messy celebration as our VBS kids help pie our church leaders in the face to celebrate an incredible week of faith, fun, service, and generosity. You won't want to miss this sweet ending to a wonderful VBS!

Thank you for helping us show God's love to our community—and remember, **when life gets messy, Jesus is with us!**

CULTIVATE FAITH BIBLE STUDY

Looking to grow deeper in your faith this fall? Join us for **Cultivate Faith**, a new small-group Bible study as we journey through the Gospel of Mark together. This 20-week study includes time for Scripture, discussion, and fellowship, and is open to anyone that would like to join a small group or start one.

We'll kick things off with a brief introduction following worship on **Sunday, September 13**. If you're interested, please complete the interest form found in this week's bulletin and return it in the offering plate or to the church office. Questions? Contact Pastor Chad.

Come grow in faith with us!

BLESSING BRANCHES—JULY

As the new school year approaches, our *Blessing Branches* are focused on helping local students start the year with the supplies they need to learn and succeed.

This month, you'll find tags on the branches listing school supply items needed by **Wayne Community Schools**. Simply take a tag, purchase the listed item, and return it to the tree by August 2nd.

All donated supplies will be shared with Wayne Community Schools to help ensure that every child has the tools they need for a successful school year. Together, we can ease the burden for local families and remind our students that their church community is cheering them on.

Thank you for helping us equip young minds and share God's love—one backpack, notebook, and box of crayons at a time.

SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS



In an effort to provide continued support to the Wayne Food Pantry, each month we designate particular items that the pantry provides. A basket is available in the Narthex to collect the donated items.

For July: **canned soups**—large family size or medium size; all kinds; **canned fruit**—peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, mixed fruit, mandarin oranges, applesauce; **canned meats**—salmon, chicken, ham, tuna, stews, macaroni with meat, or cheese, such as spaghetti O's or mac & cheese, spaghetti sauces.

Note: Current items most needed are: Cake Mixes, Tomato Soup, Canned Fruit, and Spaghetti Sauce

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE FOUNDATION

The third-quarter meeting of the Foundation Board of Our Savior Lutheran Church will be held Monday, August 17, at 7pm. **All grant applications need to be turned in to the church office by Monday, August 10 to be considered.** *Applications are available in the Church Office.*

CONFIRMATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to help support our Confirmation Ministry for the upcoming school year. Opportunities include assisting with teaching our 6th and 7th grade students or serving as a mentor for one of our 8th graders through our Mentor program.

If you feel called to share your faith and encourage our youth, please call or text Amy Bloomquist at 402-640-8005, or let Kris know in the church office. We would love to visit with you about these rewarding opportunities and share more specific information with you. Thank you for helping nurture the faith of the youth at OSLC.

2026 QUILT AUCTION

Celebrate summer at the 38th annual Carol Joy Holling Camp Quilt Auction on ***Saturday, July 25, 2026***! "The day promises competitive bidding, good food, great fun, and lots of beautiful quilts donated by friends of camp. Rain or shine, the day will go on! Bring your friends and family! **Admission is FREE!**" *for more information, go to https://www.nlom.org/quilt-auction/*

KIT CHALLENGE FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Our Savior's Charity Circle is challenging the congregation to help fill **100 School Kits** and **50 Personal Care Kits** for **Lutheran World Relief**, to be assembled in October and shipped the first week of November. A donation center will be in the narthex — watch our progress grow! Now's a great time to catch these items on sale.

EACH SCHOOL KIT NEEDS:

4 — 70 page Spiral notebooks (wide/college-ruled, -8"x10½", no loose-leaf)
1 — Ruler (30 cm / cm & inches)
1 — Pencil sharpener
1 — Blunt/safety scissors
5 — Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
5 — Black/blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
1 — Box of 16 or 24 crayons
1 — 2½" eraser

EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT NEEDS:

1 — Bath-size towel (dark color)
2-3 — Bath-size bars of soap, original wrapper
1 — Adult toothbrush, original package
1 — Sturdy comb
1 — Metal nail clippers

For more information about LWR Kits go to: www.https://lwr.org/kits

USE THE CHURCH DIRECTORY APP...

TO STAY CONNECTED! Get our church directory on your mobile device! Call and text members easily. Available for Android & Apple devices. Search for **"Instant Church Directory"** from your App Store. Once installed, you can create a login using your email listed in the directory.

Note: We can add/change pictures in the directory at any time and we'd love to update everyone's profile! If you have a new picture you'd like to use, simply email it to the church office (kris@oslcwayne.org) or there is also the option of uploading it yourself.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

July 26, 2026
LECTIONARY 17

It's the Small Things

Children like to collect things: rocks, sticks, and more. Adults tend to pretend-love the items that are brought to them: "Oh, how beautiful!" "Oh, that's a good one." Children, encouraged, continue their collections, finding the smallest of things and displaying them like they are the most valuable items in the world.

Jesus' parables in today's gospel reading teach the disciples about things that are so small they are often overlooked: a mustard seed, a little bit of yeast, a tiny pearl, and even a net that is quite small until it is filled with fish. These little things in his parables are treasures important for understanding the reign of God.

Adults tend to overlook the small things while seeking larger things, heavier things, shinier things. We walk right past the tiny flower in the crack of a sidewalk, which once would have caught our eye. One pearl? A full necklace is better. A shrub that provides creatures a home? It's now in an inconvenient place.

But Jesus teaches that in God's reign all things, large and small, matter. All people matter. It is a wise disciple who recognizes this. Even King Solomon, with all his wealth, prayed for wisdom. Wisdom helps us see more clearly and begin to understand the depth of God's grace.

And that grace Jesus displayed immediately. "Have you understood all this?" he asked. The disciples answered simply, "Yes" (Matthew 13:51). What a bold answer! They were too worried to admit they did not understand. A little yeast, though, goes a long way. Jesus knew this. Each parable would build on another until the disciples understood the entire collection.

For us today, understanding God's grace takes study, prayers for wisdom, and walking the path while looking for the small things that matter. The reign of God is like a rose among a bramble bush? A child's picture of their home? However you visualize it, it is a treasure to cherish and to share.

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In Our Prayers... July 25 & 26, 2026

"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:

- Give healing to my friend and to my brother-in-law. Give them both your strength and love.
- 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 discovery of new wonders in Your world.

Deaths:

Other Prayers:

- Quiet our spirits, O Lord, so that we might focus upon your presence and know that we are properly worshiping you, our Creator, Redeemer and Comforter.
- All prayers placed in the Prayer Bowl.

PrayerBowls
a place for your prayer intentions



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 has heard my prayer. Psalm 66:19

Worship Assistants

This Weekend (7/25 & 26)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber

5:30pm

Greeters-Dorothy Wert
LWA & CA-Kathy Becker
Acolyte-
Sound-Jim Hansen
Projection-Margaret Hansen
Ushers-Rod & Melia Hefti
Altar Guild-Myrna Wacker-Tuttle, Dorothy Wert

10am

Greeters-Ron & Corliss Krusemark
LWA & CA-Kenna Blecke
CA-Kim Dunklau, Cynthia Puntney
Acolyte-Wyatt Dunklau
Sound-Jerry Robinson
Projection-Amber Labenz
Video-Kris Robinson
Ushers-Tom Hansen, Tim & Trisha Peters
Altar Guild-Trisha Peters, Martina Swanson

Next Weekend (8/1 & 2)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber

5:30pm

Greeters-Melia Hefti
LWA & CA-Grant Miller
Acolyte-Mason Nelson
Sound-Dave Baier
Projection-Melissa Rabbass
Ushers-Cheryl Roberts
Altar Guild-Peggy Hank, Melia Hefti

10am

Greeters-Bill & Rhonda Blecke
LWA & CA-Karma Magnuson
CA-Dorothy Wert, Amy Bloomquist
Acolyte-Aiden Greve
Sound-Amber Labenz
Projection-Leslie/Tyler Johnson
Video-Leslie/Tyler Johnson
Ushers-Dave Anderson, Dave Olson, Brad Wieland
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

July 25 & 26, 2026

Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

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Order of Worship

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Gathering Song: ELW 532
Confession & Forgiveness
Greeting
Prayer of the Day
Hymn of Contemplation: ELW 781
First Reading: pg. 302
1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm: Psalm 119:129-136
Special Music *(Sun)*
Second Reading: pg. 1030
Romans 8:26-39
Gospel Acclamation
Gospel: pg. 890
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Message
Hymn of the Day: ELW 793
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 705
Dismissal
Postlude

End of Worship. Beginning of Service.