This Week at Our Savior – August 16-23

Sunday	Fellowship Hour	9am
	Worship	**10am**
	Mary Stalling Retirement Reception	*following worship*
Monday	Sleeping Mat Ministry	9am
	Staff Mtg	10:30am
	Worship & Music Ministry Team Mtg	5pm
	Foundation Board Mtg	7pm
Tuesday	*Cluster Clergy Text Study*	*10am*
Wednesday	OWL's Bible Study	10am
	Visitation Ministry Group	1pm
Thursday	*Newsletter Deadline*	
Friday		
Saturday	**Worship**	**5:30pm**
Sunday	Fellowship Hour	9am
	Worship	**10am**

BACK TO SCHOOL: Prayers & Backpack Blessing



This Sunday, **August 16,** we will **bless backpacks and bags** of all students and adults who've brought them – ***we'll fill them up with Back to School Prayers and Blessings!***

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.***

READINGS

The lectionary readings for August 22 & 23 are Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.

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

We come together to "call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised" (Psalm 18:3, NRSV). All are sincerely welcomed to this service of worship and praise. **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 Larry Test from Fern, Terri & Gabriel and Brenda & Bill. 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.

FLOWERS—In loving memory of Kent & Lois Hall by Lou Wiltse.

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.*

GUEST SOLOIST

We welcome our soprano soloist, Chaley Parks. She grew up in Omaha and is a senior vocal music education major at Wayne State College.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Alan Bruflat. Alan died on Monday, August 10. A funeral service was held here at Our Savior on Saturday, August 15. Please keep his family in your prayers as they mourn his death.

CELEBRATING MARY STALLING

Please join us this **Sunday, August 16, immediately following worship**, as we **celebrate Mary Stalling's retirement** and give thanks for her many years of faithful service to our church family.

Come share a story, offer a hug, and help us honor Mary and celebrate all she has meant to our congregation. We hope you'll join us!

BLESSING BRANCHES—AUGUST

This month, our *blessing branches* are focused on supporting the youngest members of our community. We are partnering with the **Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department** to collect baby hygiene supplies for local families in need.

Take a tag from the branches, purchase the item listed, and return your donation to the tree by **Sunday, August 30th**.

Items such as diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, diaper cream, baby wash, lotion, and other essential hygiene products help provide comfort and care to families with infants and young children.

Together, we can help give every baby a healthy start and remind families throughout northeast Nebraska that they are loved and supported by their community.

WELCOME BACK BBQ BASH

Join us as we kick off a new year of ministry with an evening of food, fun, and fellowship at our **Welcome Back BBQ Bash! —Wednesday, August 26, 5:30–8:00pm**, in the Our Savior Lutheran Church parking lot. *Savor the Smoke. Taste the Goodness.*

Everyone is invited—children, youth, families, congregation members, and our neighbors in the community! Come enjoy a delicious BBQ meal, reconnect after the summer, meet new friends, and celebrate all that God has in store for the year ahead.

Bring your family, invite a friend, and join us for a wonderful evening together. We can't wait to see you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK — and We're Embracing the Mess!

We're bringing the fun of What a Mess! into Sunday School this year! Children in **Pre-K through 4th grade** are invited to join us Sunday mornings from **9:00–9:45 AM** as we explore the messy stories of the Bible and discover how God shows up in the messiness of our lives, too.

- **Rally Sunday & Registration: September 13 - 9:00 to 9:45 am**
- **First Day of Sunday School: September 20 - 9:00 to 9:45 am**

NEW THIS YEAR! Our **5th graders** will be invited to join a special **Pre-Confirmation class on Wednesday evenings**, giving them a space to begin digging deeper into their faith before entering Confirmation. We will have more details about that coming soon.

Come learn, create, wonder, and get a little messy with us as we ask each week: **"Where did we see God in today's mess?"**

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 August: **Peanut Butter,** jelly, jams, honey. **Juices** not needing refrigeration; **Dry, Boxed or packaged items**—rice, complete meals, ramen noodles, Jell-O and puddings, cereal (both hot and cold), flour, sugar, Bisquick, **pancake mix**, Rice-a-Roni meals, pasta of all kinds, boxed meals of all kinds, instant potatoes, dressing, sweet bread mixes, cookie mixes.

Note: Items most needed currently are Cake Mixes, Tomato Soup, Canned Fruit, and Spaghetti Sauce.

GRACE GROWS HERE!

Something new is growing in our narthex! Children, Youth & Family Ministry is excited to begin creating our ***Grace Grows Here*** Corner—a welcoming space that will celebrate our children and youth, share opportunities for faith formation and service, and tell the story of how God is at work through our congregation.

At the heart of the space will be a Grace Grows Here mural, helping transform this corner into a visible reminder that children and youth aren't just the future of the church—they are an important part of our church right now.

Watch in the coming months as this space begins to grow and take shape. We can't wait to see what God grows next!

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

DOLLAR DOOR OFFERING—LWR KITS & SHIPPING FUND

Each month, our Dollar Door Offering (offering plate in the center of the Narthex) supports the efforts of a different ministry. The **August Dollar Door Offering** will go to **Lutheran World Relief Kits & Shipping Fund.** *Together our dollars can help them help others!*

RADIO BROADCASTS

Consider sponsoring a radio broadcast in 2026. We continue to offer the option of having a co-sponsor for the weekend broadcast. If you would prefer to be the only sponsor for the weekend, the cost is $75. If you would like to share the broadcast with another sponsor, the cost would be $40 for each sponsor. Please contact the church office (kris@oslcwayne.org or 402-375-2899) for more information or to reserve a date. **Note: The remaining available dates for 2026 are August 30, September 13, October 18, and November 8 & 22.**

GOSPEL MESSAGE

August 16, 2026
LECTIONARY 20

Breaking Boundaries

Jesus did not stay within the boundaries of his time, much to the frustration of authorities. He broke through not just geographic boundaries but religious, ethnic, and social boundaries as well.

Jesus intentionally broke geographic and ethnic boundaries in visiting the Canaanite communities of Tyre and Sidon. Canaanites and Jews had often been in conflict, so it was not that surprising when the disciples attempted to prevent a Canaanite woman from seeing Jesus. She was breaking boundaries herself in asking that Jesus heal her child. Jesus' first response seems harsh, but as the woman persisted and acknowledged him as "Lord" (something the disciples had been slow to grasp), he healed her child.

In this encounter, Jesus demonstrated that God's love cannot be held back by boundaries created by humans based on who we are, where we are from, what we have done, our background, our position in society, and more. God's grace and restoration are available to all, with no exceptions.

And yet, history is filled with accounts of bias, discrimination, oppression, segregation, persecution, and genocide. Tragically, this continues today in a multitude of ways and a multitude of places.

As present-day disciples, we are called to follow Christ in breaking boundaries, challenging biases, and welcoming all to celebrate God's love at the font and the table. So, what boundaries do we need to break to work for peace and proclaim the good news? How are we and our congregations fighting bias, discrimination, oppression, and persecution wherever we can? How are we persistently asking Christ to heal and restore fractured communities and nations around the world?

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In Our Prayers... August 15 & 16, 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: Sharon Junck

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 promising to equip us for the serving tasks You call us to do.

Deaths:
- For the family of Alan Bruflat.

Other Prayers:
- That we may find calm in the chaos & busyness of a new school year.
- Lord, make us mindful of the joy your grace can be to us. Grant us the gift of your presence, we pray.
- 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 has heard my prayer. Psalm 66:19

Worship Assistants

This Weekend (8/15 & 16)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber

5:30pm

Greeters-Myrna Wacker-Tuttle
LWA & CA-Tyler Frevert
Acolyte-
Sound-Jim Hansen
Projection-Jim Hansen
Ushers-Cheryl Roberts
Altar Guild-Myrna Wacker-Tuttle, Dorothy Wert

10am

Greeters-Kevin & Teri Koenig
LWA & CA-Amber Labenz
CA-Lynette Lentz, Cynthia Puntney
Acolyte-Meleah Larson
Sound-Trisha Peters
Projection-Gabriel Armstrong
Video-Tom Hansen
Ushers-Ron Magnuson, Kelvin Puntney
Altar Guild-Mary Hansen, Teri Koenig

Next Weekend (8/22 & 23)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber

5:30pm

Greeters-Karen Zach
LWA & CA-Nancy Breitkreutz
Acolyte-
Sound-
Projection-Margaret Hansen
Ushers-Dave Baier
Altar Guild-Karen Zach

10am

Greeters-Ron & Pat Carnes
LWA & CA-Dave Anderson
CA-Lynette Lentz, Kim Dunklau
Acolyte-Grant Law
Sound-Jerry Robinson
Projection-Barb Stenwall
Video-Kris Robinson
Ushers-Roger Lentz, Stan Stenwall, Larry Lueders
Altar Guild-Lynette Lentz, Cynthia Miller

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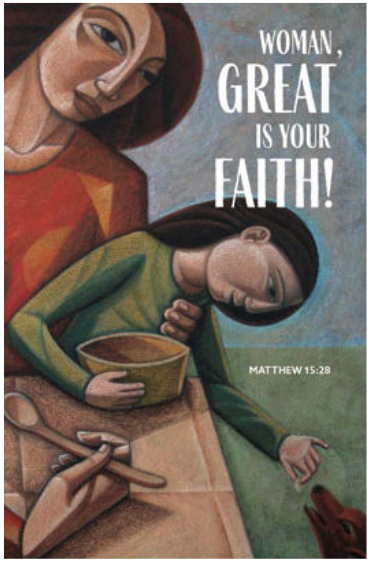
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The Mission of Our Savior:
*That all may **know** Christ,*
***grow** in Christ,*
*and joyfully **go** with Christ.*



Welcome

August 15 & 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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The People of Our Savior

Pastor:
Rev. Chad Rademacher

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Connie Webber
Director of Music

Amy White
Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry

Order of Worship

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Temple Talk *(Sun)*
Gathering Song: ELW 886
Confession & Forgiveness
Greeting
Prayer of the Day
Hymn of Contemplation: ELW 612
Back to School Prayer & Backpack Blessing *(Sun)*
First Reading: pg. 672
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm: Psalm 67
Special Music
Second Reading: pg. 1032
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Gospel Acclamation
Gospel: pg. 892
Matthew 15:10-28
Message
Hymn of the Day: ELW 650
Creed
Prayers of Intercession
Sharing the Peace
Offering
Special Music
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 759
Dismissal
Postlude

End of Worship. Beginning of Service.