This Week at Our Savior – August 23-30

Sunday	Fellowship Hour	9am
	Worship	**10am**
Monday	Sharon Junck graveside service	10:30am
	Pink Flamingo Nite Planning Mtg	5pm
	Council Mtg	6:30pm
Tuesday	*Cluster Clergy Text Study*	*10am*
	Faith Formation Ministry Team Mtg	6:30
Wednesday	Welcome Back BBQ Bash	5:30-8pm
Thursday	Bible Study at Kinship	3:30pm
Friday	Wedding rehearsal	6:30pm
Saturday	Schweers/Coon Wedding	3pm
	Worship	**5:30pm**
Sunday	Fellowship Hour	9am
	Worship	**10am**
	Worship at Countryview	1:30pm

RHUBARB FOR PIES-4-YOU

If you have rhubarb at home that you have frozen for our annual Pies-4-You fundraiser, ***please bring it in*** **and put in the church freezers.** We'd like to get a good count of how many bags we have available for this year.



READINGS

The lectionary readings for August 29 & 30 are Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.

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

With gratitude we come to give thanks to the Lord for God's boundless grace. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we extend a warm welcome to all who have come.

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 Wilmer & Luella Marra by Wilma Moore. 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 Saturday evening service, we welcome Kyler Eric Wacker into the family of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Kyler is the son of Zach & Katie Wacker. He was born June 7, 2026. His sponsors are Luke & Sara Stoltenberg.

HOLY BAPTISM

At our Sunday service, we welcome Dayne Adam Castello into the family of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Dayne is the son of Dylan & Bailey (Bentjen) Castello. He was born March 20, 2026. His sponsors are Natalie Bentjen and Dominic Castello.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the families of Lucille Holcomb and Sharon Junck. Lucille died Saturday, August 15. A funeral service was held here at Our Savior on Friday, August 21. Sharon died on Monday, August 17. A graveside service will be held on Monday, August 24, at Greenwood Cemetery. Please keep their families in your prayers as they mourn their deaths.

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?"**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...for the Annual Golf Outing



Mark your calendars and plan to join us at the Wayne Country Club on **Sunday, September 13, at 4pm** (registration begins at 3:30) for **OSLC's annual golf outing!** Format is **Scramble–**4 person teams (come as a team or one will be made for you). **A meal will follow** at approximately **6:30pm**. Cost is $15 for individuals or $25 for couples; includes 9-hole greens fee, cart rental, prizes and meal. ***Please consider bringing a canned/boxed food or monetary donation; all items collected will be given to the Wayne Food Pantry!***

Contact Darrell Miller at 402.369.2015 (call or text) or darrellmiller1218@gmail.com by Wednesday, September 9 to pre-register and/or set up teams. **Be Invitational—Bring Friends—All are Welcome!**

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 currently most needed are pancake mix, soda crackers and bars of bath soap.

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.

KIT CHALLENGE FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Our Savior's Charity Circle challenged the congregation to help fill **100 School Kits** and **50 Personal Care Kits** for **Lutheran World Relief.** The response has been tremendous! At this time, items still needed are:

For SCHOOL KITS:

- *70 page Spiral notebooks (wide/college-ruled, -8"x10½", no loose-leaf; need 18 more*
- *Rulers (30 cm / cm & inches); need 57 more*
- *Pencil sharpeners; need 79 more*



For PERSONAL CARE KITS:

- *Bath-size towel (dark color); need 15 more*
- *Sturdy comb; need 20 more*

A donation center is in the Narthex. 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.**

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

August 23, 2026
LECTIONARY 21

Revealing God

Jesus came to earth as God *incarnate*, meaning "in or having bodily form." This was no accident. The prophets of the past had used their bodies and their words so people could understand God. In Christ, God was revealed in flesh and blood, allowing us to know who God is and what God's priorities are for creation.

Peter points this out to us, saying that Christ is "the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). As a *living* God, moving among us as Jesus Christ, God reveals Godself directly. God reveals the divine nature and priorities through Jesus' earthly life. Jesus lives without possessions, sharing in the suffering of people who are poor and oppressed. On the Galilean coast he feeds thousands of people before teaching them. He befriends outcasts like Zacchaeus the tax collector and the Canaanite woman. He calls out the greed and misplaced priorities of the wealthy by flipping tables. Instead of merely telling us, Christ incarnate shows us that God has a serious concern for all people on the margins of society.

As the church is formed into the body of Christ, we too now reveal to the world who God is and what God's priorities are. How does our ministry show God's concern for those who are poor and marginalized today? Do we seek out and walk alongside people cast out by dominant society? Do we not only preach the word but make sure people are fed as well?

By accompanying our neighbors in their struggles for dignity, justice, and the right to flourish, we do the good work of followers of Jesus, striving with God for the end of all oppression and death, for a world made whole.

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In Our Prayers... August 22 & 23, 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: Rodney Bauermeister, Vickie Damme

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health Concerns:
- For those recovering from injury or illness.
- For those undergoing treatments for cancer and other health issues.

Guidance:
- Guide our church leadership to hear the desires of our congregation and honor our Lutheran heritage.

Spiritual Healing/Strength:

Prayer of Thanksgiving:
- For those You give to us to go through life's journey with.

Deaths:
- For the family of Sharon Junck.

Other Prayers:
- Give us a willing spirit, dear Lord, a spirit willing to worship and serve you wholeheartedly.
- 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 (8/22 & 23)

Organist/Pianist: Shelly Armstrong

5:30pm

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

10am

Greeters-Ron & Pat Carnes
LWA & CA-Dave Anderson
CA-Lynette Lentz, Cynthia Puntney
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

Next Weekend (8/29 & 30)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber

5:30pm

Greeters-Cheryl Roberts
LWA & CA-Jim Hansen
Acolyte-
Sound-
Projection-Margaret Hansen
Ushers-Rod & Melia Hefti
Altar Guild-Peggy Hank, Jim/Julie Hansen

10am

Greeters-Betty Heier
LWA & CA-Steve McLagan
CA-Karma Magnuson, Cynthia Puntney
Acolyte-Logan Peters
Sound-Jerry Robinson
Projection-Amber Labenz
Video-Kris Robinson
Ushers-Tom Hansen, Tim & Trisha Peters
Altar Guild-Trisha Peters, Martina Swanson

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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.*

"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
Matthew 16:16, NRSV



Welcome

August 22 & 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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The People of Our Savior

Pastor:
Rev. Chad Rademacher

Program Staff:
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Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry

Order of Worship

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Gathering Song: *Great Are You Lord*
Confession & Forgiveness
Greeting
Prayer of the Day
Hymn of Praise: *How Can I Keep From Singing*
First Reading: pg. 667
Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm: Psalm 138
Second Reading: pg. 1033
Romans 12:1-8
Gospel Acclamation: *Seek Ye First*
Gospel: pg. 893
Matthew 16:13-20
Message
Hymn of the Day: *Jesus Messiah*
Holy Baptism
Prayers of Intercession
Sharing the Peace
Offering
Offering Song & Prayer
Great Thanksgiving, Preface & Holy, Holy, Holy
Eucharistic Prayer
Lord's Prayer
Invitation to Communion
Communion Song: ELW 496
Blessing & Prayer after Communion
Parting Blessing
Sending Song: ELW 697
Dismissal
Postlude

End of Worship. Beginning of Service.