This Week at Our Savior – Aug 30-Sept 6

Sunday	Fellowship Hour	9am
	Worship	**10am**
	Worship at Countryview	1:30pm
Monday	Staff Mtg	10:30am
	Confirmation Planning Mtg	6pm
Tuesday	*Cluster Clergy Text Study*	*10am*
	Communion at Countryview	2pm
	Communion at Kinship	3:30pm
Wednesday	OWL's Bible Study	10am
	WELCA Board Mtg	10am
	Joyful Noise Rehearsal	6pm
Thursday	Sleeping Mat Ministry	9am
	Women Who Love to Talk and Eat at Runza	6pm
Friday	Wedding rehearsal	5pm
Saturday	Kniesche/Sanchez Wedding	3pm
	Worship	**5:30pm**
Sunday	Fellowship Hour	9am
	Worship	**10am**
Monday (Sept 7)	***office closed for Labor Day***	

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 September 5 & 6 are Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20.

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

The psalmist reminds us that God's name is majestic in all the earth (see Psalm 8:9, NRSV). With love for God and for one another, let us approach the throne of grace from which all blessings flow. Welcome, friends! **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.

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.*

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Ronnie Karel. Ronnie died on Sunday, August 23, 2026. A Celebration of Life Reception was held on Friday, August 28. Please keep her family in your prayers as they mourn her death.

UNITED IN MARRIAGE

Congratulations to Schuyler Schweers & Payton Coon who were united in marriage at Our Savior on Saturday afternoon, August 29, 2026. May God richly bless their lives together.

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?"**

BROKEN OPEN

This fall, Our Savior is stepping into a season of stewardship we're calling Broken Open — a season built around one question: what does it mean to give of ourselves back to God? You'll find a bulletin insert today with the key dates: we kick off the weekend of September 12 and 13, gather for a Blessing Brunch on October 18, and land at Celebration and Commitment Weekend on November 14 and 15. Take the insert home, write down those dates, and start praying this week about what God might be inviting you into.

KIT CHALLENGE FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Our Savior's **Charity Circle will be assembling Personal Care and Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief in October,** in time to ship them out the first week of November — and has challenged the whole congregation to help us!

A donation center is in the narthex, and we're tracking items received. Items included in the kits are:

- 70-sheet spiral notebooks
- 30cm rulers
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt/safety scissors
- Unsharpened #2 pencils
- Black or blue ballpoint pens
- Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2.5" erasers
- Light-weight bath-size towels
- Bath-size bar soap
- Adult toothbrushes
- Sturdy combs
- 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!

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.

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!**

BOOK STUDY GROUP BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

Our Thursday morning book study group will begin the first **Thursday** in September, **September 10, at 10am.** We will be reading a book by one of our favorite authors, Joyce Rupp, entitled The Years of Ripening, Reflections on Aging in the Later Years. We would love to grow our group! Please join us! For more information or to get a book ordered contact Mary Mohl (402-841-1009).

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.

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 September 13, October 18, and November 8 & 22.**

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

August 30, 2026
LECTIONARY 22

Take Up Your Cross

Jesus issues a difficult invitation to his disciples: "Take up [your] cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). While the disciples may have hoped for a Messiah who would set the world right through satisfying displays of force and strength, Jesus offers them a different vision. His new kingdom or reign will not be built on traditional concepts of power and glory. It is instead a kingdom centered on the cross.

Today we, too, may long for a mighty Messiah to put the world back in order, throw down corrupt rulers from their thrones, and take away suffering once and for all. And like Peter, we may find ourselves crying out in disbelief, "God forbid it, Lord!" (v. 22) when Jesus redirects our gaze to the cross.

The cross reminds us that following Jesus requires nothing less than our whole lives. To follow Jesus is to love our neighbors with a self-sacrificing love, to sit in the discomfort of another's struggle, and to be willing to lay down our own power and privilege to see the world from our neighbor's point of view. Following Jesus requires practicing courage as we show up for one another in the least glamorous moments of life: in the hospital room, at the gravesite, in the living rooms of the brokenhearted, in the streets marching for justice. To follow Jesus is to open our hearts to the world's pain and to practice loving others with God's generous love, trusting that there is always more than enough.

Putting love of God and neighbor above power, prestige, and comfort is countercultural. It might even get us into trouble. But through Jesus' own life, death, and resurrection, we are freed to enter into the world's suffering, trusting that God's love always gets the last word and that we will indeed be brought to new life through God's resurrection power.

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In Our Prayers... August 29 & 30, 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:
- For 3-yr-old Penelope, who was diagnosed with B-cell Leukemia.
- 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 servants starting new ministries in Your name.

Deaths:
- For the family of Ronnie Karel.

Other Prayers:
- For Students & teachers as they begin a new school year.
- For farmers as they prepare for harvest.
- Give us a willing spirit, dear Lord, a spirit willing to worship and serve you wholeheartedly.
- 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 (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

Next Weekend (9/5 & 6)
Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber

5:30pm
Greeters-Paula Gemelke
LWA & CA-Tyler Frevert
Acolyte-Cohen Woehler
Sound-Dave Baier
Projection-Melissa Rabbass
Ushers-Cheryl Roberts
Altar Guild-Janet Sievers, Paula Gemelke

10am
Greeters-Bill & Rhonda Blecke
LWA & CA-Karma Magnuson
CA-Sue Olson, Dorothy Wert
Acolyte-Serenity Victor
Sound-Trisha Peters
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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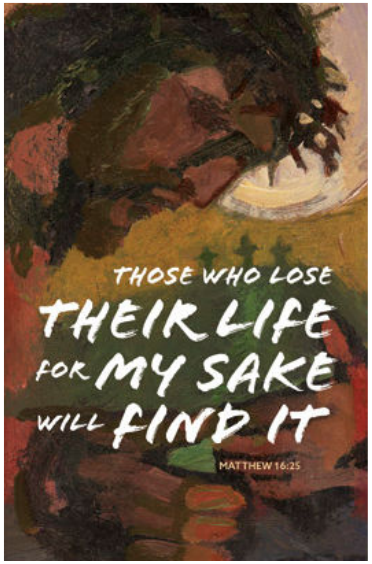
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Our Savior Lutheran Church

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



Welcome

August 29 & 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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The People of Our Savior

Pastor:
Rev. Chad Rademacher

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Connie Webber
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Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry

Order of Worship

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Gathering Song: ELW 660
Confession & Forgiveness
Greeting
Prayer of the Day
Hymn of Praise: ELW 879
First Reading: pg. 704
Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm: Psalm 26:1-8
Special Music *(Sun)*
Second Reading: pg. 1034
Romans 12:9-21
Gospel Acclamation
Gospel: pg. 894
Matthew 16:21-28
Message
Hymn of the Day: *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*
Creed
Prayers of Intercession
Sharing the Peace
Offering
Special Music *(Sun)*
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 656
Dismissal
Postlude

End of Worship. Beginning of Service.