This Week at Our Savior – Sept. 20-27

Sunday	Fellowship Hour, **Sunday School**	9am
	Worship	**10am**
	Vitality Initiative Mtg	1:30pm
Monday	Sleeping Mat Ministry	9am
	Staff Mtg	10:30am
Tuesday	*Cluster Clergy Text Study*	*10am*
	Cultivate Faith Bible Study	6:30pm
Wednesday	Waterways Gathering	1pm
	Devotions at Kinship	3pm
	Confirmation (5th, 6th, 7th)	6pm
	Joyful Noise Rehearsal	6pm
	High School Youth Group	7:45pm
Thursday	Bible Study at Kinship	3:30pm
Friday		
Saturday	**Worship**	**5:30pm**
Sunday	Fellowship Hour, **Sunday School**	9am
	Worship	**10am**

CALENDAR ITEMS

Reminder...please contact the church office regarding **ALL meetings or gatherings scheduled** at the church; especially those held after office hours, so that they can be added to the master calendar. ***If no evening activities are listed, the church building is locked at approx. 5pm.***

READINGS

The lectionary readings for September 26 & 27 are Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32.

DOLLAR DOOR OFFERING—PINK FLAMINGO NITE

Each month, our Dollar Door Offering (offering plate in the center of the Narthex) supports the efforts of a different ministry. The **September Dollar Door Offering** will go towards funds raised at **Pink Flamingo Nite.** ***This year's funds will go towards the purchase of a new mammography machine!***

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 warm hearts, we welcome all who have come to worship the Lord. May this be a time of encouragement and inspiration for us all. Welcome! **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 Eveline Thompson from Harold E. Thompson, Jr. 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.*

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Rodney Ahlberg. Rod died on Thursday, August 20, 2026. A funeral service was held here at Our Savior on Friday, September 18. Please keep his family in your prayers as they mourn his death.

BLESSING BRANCHES: LOADS OF LOVE

A little **CHANGE** can make a BIG difference! This month, our Blessing Branches project is **Loads of Love**, and we're inviting everyone at Our Savior to help provide the gift of clean laundry for our neighbors.

Pick up a tube of Mini M&M's, enjoy the candy, and then fill the empty tube with quarters! One tube holds approximately $10 in quarters. **Return your filled tube to OSLC by Sunday, October 18th**. We're also collecting laundry detergent and other laundry supplies. If you'd like, please feel free to grab a tag off the Blessing Branches tree.

And this time, we're not doing it alone! Area churches are joining together to turn all those quarters into a Community Laundry Day on Saturday, October 24th, from 9:00 AM–Noon at The Wash House in Wayne.

Take a tube. Fill it with change. Share some love.

SLEEPING MAT MINISTRY

Sleeping mats are made from plastic shopping bags. This is a great way to recycle all those plastic grocery bags! *(A basket is available in the narthex to collect CLEAN bags.)* There are several steps to preparing the bags before the mats can be crocheted…so **there are opportunities for all to participate!** Join us **this Monday, September 21, from 9–11am.**

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, September 24.** Everyone is welcome.

YOUTH SUNDAY!

Join us for **Youth Sunday** on **Sunday, September 27th!** Several of our 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade confirmation students will be helping with worship duties throughout the service. If your student has not signed up, please let your confirmation leader know. Other opportunities are available throughout the year, including December 13, 2026, and March 21, 2027. Training is provided and adults will be available at each station to help your student succeed! The following participants have already signed up for September 27th, and we have plenty of roles for others wanting to help:

Greeters: Meleah Larson, Camilla Wendte

Acolytes: *Cohen Woehler, Grant Law*

Reader: *Brinley Miller*

Sound: *Weston Nelson*

Projection: *Lincoln Nelson*

Video*: Mason Nelson*

Communion: *Wyatt Dunklau (NEED ONE MORE)*

Ushers: *Ryan Magnuson, Logan Peters, Luke Peters (NEED ONE MORE)*

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 September: **paper products**—Kleenex and disposable diapers; **cleaning items**—detergent, laundry soap, hand soap and window, floor and furniture cleaners; **toiletry items**—shampoo, conditioner, deodorant for men and women, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, hair brushes, and hand and body lotion.

Note: Other items of emphasis this month are individual serving items: granola bars, mac N cheese cups, hot and cold cereal packets, chicken noodle soup, ravioli, and snack items.

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.



WE'D LIKE YOUR HELP… WITH SILENT AUCTION GIFT BASKETS

Our annual Pink Flamingo Nite raffle will once again feature a beautiful vintage quilt and crocheted afghan—and this year, we're also bringing back Silent Auction Gift Baskets! We are looking for donations to help fill our baskets. You can donate one item, several items, a gift card, or an entire basket. Individuals, families, businesses, and groups are all welcome to participate! If you would like to donate, please contact Kim Dunklau (402-369-1696) or the church office to make arrangements for delivery or drop-off. Here are a few basket ideas to get you started:

· Kids' Fun Basket: sidewalk chalk, bubbles, crayons, markers, coloring books, games, DQ gift card, pizza gift card, movie theater gift card, candy, snacks…

· Movie Night Basket: movie theater gift card, popcorn, candy, blanket, socks, fun popcorn bowls/container…

· Wayne Night Out Basket: restaurant gift card, movie theater gift card, bowling alley gift card, bottle of wine, wine glasses, flower gift card, massage gift card...

· Gift Card Gift Basket: a variety of gift cards from local restaurants, shops and businesses

· Or create your own!

Baskets can be donated individually or created as a group—invite friends, family, co-workers, or your favorite group to work together! We suggest keeping the suggested value of each basket between $30–$50. Thank you for helping make Pink Flamingo Nite a fun and successful evening—and for supporting this important cause!

GOSPEL MESSAGE

September 20, 2026
LECTIONARY 25

Scandalous Grace

Jesus loved to tell strange, unsettling stories to illustrate God's grace. Theologians and biblical scholars have wrestled with the parables of Jesus for centuries, trying to make them make sense. But perhaps the beauty of these strange illustrations is that they refuse to succumb to our need for logic or neat conclusions. They are wild, confusing, and often scandalous—much like God's love for God's people.

This parable is one such story that has the power to offend us with its backward-seeming logic. A landowner who keeps inviting new laborers to join the workforce, paying them the same amount for different amounts of work? To be sure, this is not a commentary on how to run a business or abide by fair labor practices. Instead, it is a reminder of the outrageousness of God's kingdom or reign and the scandal of God's grace.

The kingdom of God functions by its own rules: It is a table where there is always room for more people, and an endless supply of bread and wine. It is a font where all are welcome, where all are invited to splash in the waters of baptism and be named children of God. It is a realm where our rules of space and time no longer apply, as we enter into ancient story and liturgy alongside the saints who have come before us. It is a sanctuary where we find the courage to confess our sins and receive God's extravagant, scandalous forgiveness. It is a community where love and justice supersede force and greed. It is a safe place where the most vulnerable are the most cared for, and generosity abounds so that all have enough. And it is a kingdom where all are invited to participate. Much like how the landowner hired new laborers until the end of the day, it's never too late to be welcomed by God's mercy!

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In Our Prayers... September 19 & 20, 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: Pat Carnes, Rick Ellenbecker

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

Guidance:
- That the congregation of OSLC can embrace change.

Spiritual Healing/Strength:

Prayer of Thanksgiving:
- For the promise of a good crop.

Deaths:

Other Prayers:
- Enable us, O Lord, to approach you with pure hearts and proper praise. In Christ's name. Amen.
- 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 (9/19 & 20)

Organist/Pianist: Shelly Armstrong

5:30pm

Greeters-Myrna Wacker-Tuttle
LWA & CA-Jean Blomenkamp
Acolyte-
Sound-Jim Hansen
Projection-Jim Hansen
Ushers-Dorothy Wert, Deb Wert
Altar Guild-Myrna Wacker-Tuttle, Dorothy Wert

10am

Greeters-Chad & Tiffany Henderson
LWA & CA-Lincoln Havranek
CA-Cynthia Puntney, Karma Magnuson
Acolyte-Mason Wendte
Sound-Jerry Robinson
Projection-Barb Stenwall
Video-Kris Robinson
Ushers-Ron Magnuson, Kelvin Puntney
Altar Guild-Mary Hansen, Teri Koenig

Next Weekend (9/26 & 27)

Organist/Pianist: Connie Webber

5:30pm

Greeters-Jim & Julie Hansen
LWA & CA-Nancy Breitkreutz
Acolyte-
Sound-
Projection-Margaret Hansen
Ushers-Dave Baier
Altar Guild-Julie/Jim Hansen, Janet Sievers

10am

Greeters-Alex & Jess Wieland
LWA & CA-Steve McLagan
CA-Lynette Lentz, Kim Dunklau
Acolyte-Jack Wieland
Sound-Trisha Peters
Projection-Tyler Johnson
Video-Tom Hansen
Ushers-Roger Lentz, Stan Stenwall, Larry Lueders
Altar Guild-Lynette Lentz, Cynthia Miller

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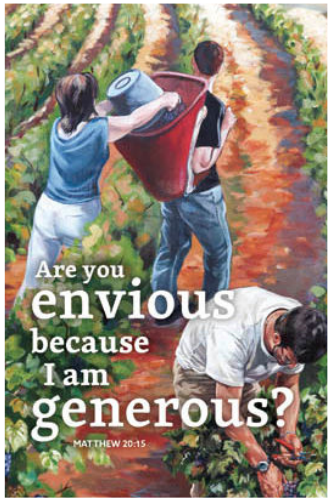
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Our Savior Lutheran Church

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



Welcome

September 19 & 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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The People of Our Savior

Pastor:
Rev. Chad Rademacher

Program Staff:
Connie Webber
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Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry

Addysen Wyant
High School Youth Coordinator

Order of Worship

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Gathering Song: *Great Is the Lord*
Confession & Forgiveness
Greeting
Prayer of the Day
Hymn of Praise: *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*
Children's Time *(Sun)*
First Reading: page 845
Jonah 3:10–4:11
Psalm: page 569
Psalm 145:1-8
Second Reading: page 1069
Philippians 1:21-30
Gospel Acclamation: *Humble Thyself*
Gospel: page 897
Matthew 20:1-16
Message
Hymn of the Day: *Lord, I Need You*
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 669
Dismissal
Postlude

End of Worship. Beginning of Service.