



*Will not God
grant justice?*

LUKE 18:7

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 19, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stephanie White**

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Order of Worship (ELW Setting 3)

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

Key to hymnals in the pews:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

Hymnals we do not have in the pews but use their resources in our bulletins:

ACS = All Creation Sings (purple; the new hymnal supplement of the ELCA)

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (green)

TFF = This Far by Faith

SBH = Service Book and Hymnal (1958)

* = Please rise

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send an e-mail to redeemer@gvtel.com to let us know from where you are worshipping.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin

in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection. Those who wish to may kneel.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Water is poured into the baptismal font.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

***Proclamation Hymn**

Day by Day

ELW #790

All face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
 o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav-ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur-ing grace. Sav-ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav-ior,



lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo - ry I be-hold your face.
 with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005

Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882

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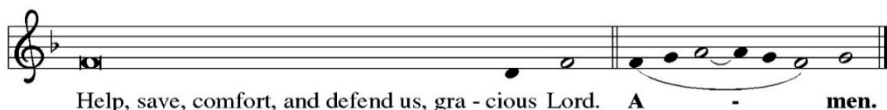
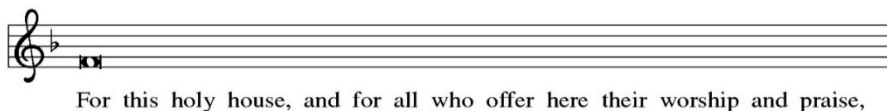
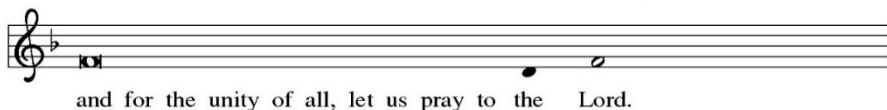
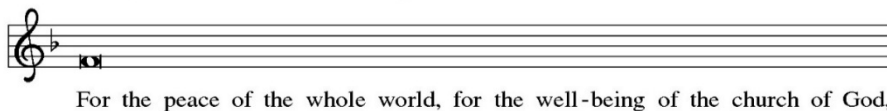
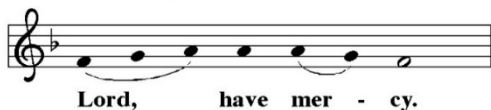
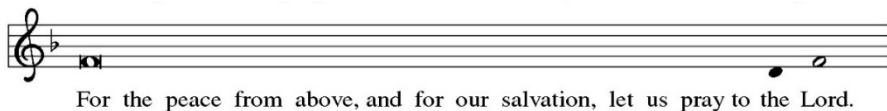
*Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*Kyrie

ELW p.138





Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...O Lord God,

tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries.

Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

First Reading: Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
- ² **My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**
- ³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
- ⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**
- ⁵ the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- ⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
- ⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.
- ⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

Second Reading: The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

2 Timothy 3:14---4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Acclamation**

ELW p. 142



Gospel: Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

***Gospel: Luke 18:1-8**

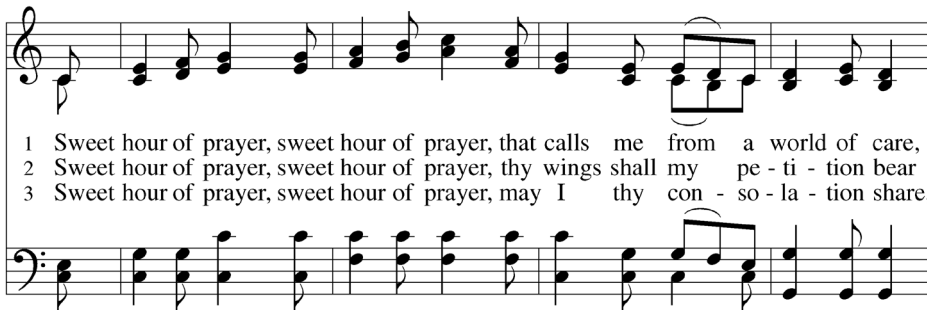
The holy gospel according to St. Luke...

Glory to you, O Lord.

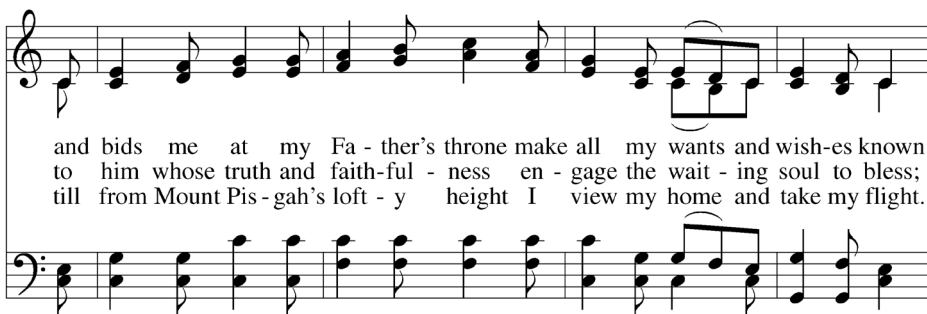
¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The gospel of the Lord.

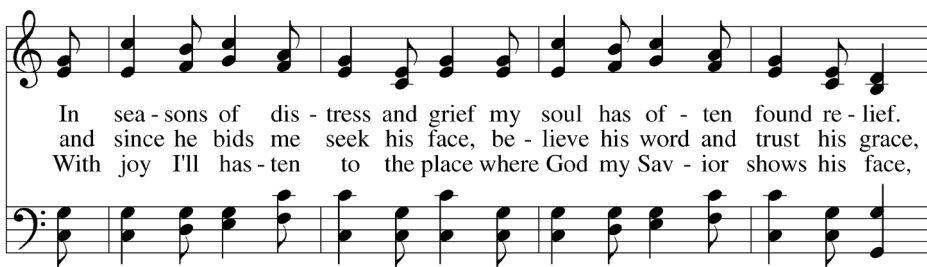
Praise to you, O Christ.



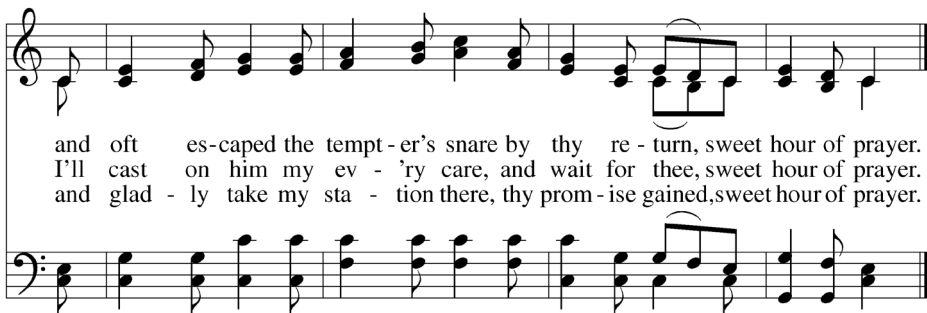
1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,
 2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear,
 3 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, may I thy con - so - la - tion share,



and bids me at my Fa - ther's throne make all my wants and wish-es known.
 to him whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless;
 till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height I view my home and take my flight.



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief my soul has of - ten found re - lief.
 and since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his word and trust his grace,
 With joy I'll has - ten to the place where God my Sav - ior shows his face,



and oft es-caped the tempt - er's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.
 I'll cast on him my ev - 'ry care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.
 and glad - ly take my sta - tion there, thy prom - ise gained, sweet hour of prayer.

***Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Quilt Blessing –

Phyllis Johnson

Leader: God, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Send forth your Spirit today as we call upon you to bless our work and
make it holy. Help these quilts and kits, our offerings of hope, travel
across the furthest distances to reach our most weary neighbors
and surround them with your grace and peace.

ALL: JESUS, OPEN OUR HEARTS TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS.

L: God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing
machines, and the items collected for the kits. May their presence
be a sign of your faithful promise, may these quilts wrap our
neighbors in unending love, and may these quilts offer dignity
and healing.

ALL: JESUS, OPEN OUR HEARTS TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS.

L: God, we give thanks for all those who have taken part in creating
these quilts and kits. May you guide us to greater empathy for our

neighbors in crisis, for the mothers that struggle to feed their hungry children, for the fearful, the anxious, the isolated. May these quilts and kits provide comfort and relief to those who are downtrodden around the world.

ALL: JESUS, OPEN OUR HEARTS TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS.

L: God, be with those who will receive these gifts – neighbors we have never met, neighbors who are far away, neighbors, who like us, long for your grace and mercy. May the work, crafted from our humble hands, serve as a beacon of light and hope to those who are desolate and hopeless and fill them with the peace that is only found in you.

ALL: JESUS, OPEN OUR HEARTS TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS.

L: We thank you for this ministry of service, for the opportunity to comfort those in their darkest hours, to remind our neighbors in Christ of your loving presence. Bring us ever closer to your heart and our neighbors in need throughout the world. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the one who is our hope. **AMEN.**
SENDING - **RESPONSE: AMEN.**

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

*We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering box before the service or at this time. As our tithes and offerings are being collected, **please take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad.***

***Offertory**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW #188

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of the musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody in the treble staff begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and a quarter note A4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords. The lyrics 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right' are written below the staff.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a half note G4, quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and a quarter note A4. The bass staff continues with chords. The lyrics 'spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your' are written below the staff.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a half note G4, quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and a quarter note A4. The bass staff continues with chords. The lyrics 'pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -' are written below the staff.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a half note G4, quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and a quarter note A4. The bass staff continues with chords. The lyrics 'store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,' are written below the staff.

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a half note G4, quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and a quarter note A4. The bass staff continues with chords. The lyrics 'and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.' are written below the staff.

***Offering Prayer**

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***Prayers of the Church**

...God of grace,
receive our prayer.

***Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen

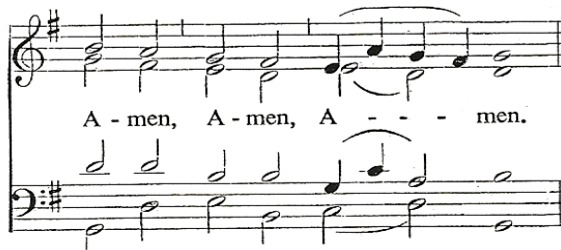


SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

****Benediction and Threefold Amen**

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.



***Sending Hymn**

Let Justice Flow like Streams

ELW #717

Please face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.

Let Justice Flow like Streams



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-king wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus-tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY 9:30 A.M.

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Acolytes:

Ushers: Imogene Helle and Dave Ulrich

Lector: Jane Aandal

Serving at the Altar: Phyllis Johnson and Kathy Carlson

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Video: Dave Ulrich

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Tom Gustafson, Mark & Kathi Jenkins, Tamara Vaughan, Darren Bakke, Shawn Groven, Mason Laidley, Joyce White, Dave Thompson, Sandra Sundahl, Cindy Hughes, Jim Potucek, Rick Harbott, Sara LaFayette Valentine, Michelle Kasprick, Neil Erickson, Shari Safranski, Bob and Barb Horien, Rick and Tami Hanson, Rose Teie, and Fern Melbye.

Financial stewardship
2025 Budget
\$329,106.00
Needed monthly
\$27,425.50
Needed Weekly
\$6,328.96

Quarterly statements are available upon request; please contact Marit at the church office.

Week Ending October 5, 2025
\$4,002.05
Weekly Shortage/Overage
(\$2,326.91)

Altar flowers are given by
Jan Anderson in Thanks to all
Quilters and their helpers. Your
talents are amazing!
Altar flowers are also given by
Redeemer staff in appreciation of
Pastor Steph. Thank you for all
you do!

Devoted Humble Involved
Vibrant Selfless Generous
Charitable Thanks
Loving Friendly giving
Volunteers
Unselfish Helpful Prosperous
Assisting Thoughtful Great
Respectable

Volunteers are needed to read, usher and serve communion. If you can help out in any of these roles, please fill out a volunteer sheet found in the Narthex. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Our quilters did it again! They completed 228 quilts. Thank you to all who helped reach this goal. The annual quilt sale will be held after the blessing of the quilts on Ocxtober 19th through October 22nd. A minimum of \$60.00 is asked for each quilt and the proceeds will go to purchasing fabrics and notions for next year's quilts.

Reformation Sunday and Confirmation/Rite of Affirmation is Sunday the 26th. The color for this day is red, so please wear red if you have it. The 9th grade class will be confirming their faith and a cake reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to stay and celebrate our confirmands.

November 2nd is All Saints Day, a day to celebrate those who have been baptized and those who have passed in the last year. Please come and honor these saints. There will be a time for you to light a candle in the memory garden.

October is Clergy Appreciation Month.

That's why this month is so important. It's a time to show your clergy that their ministry matters — that they are seen, loved, and supported by the people they serve. Here are a few ways you might consider expressing appreciation:

- Share a word of encouragement — *let them know how their ministry has impacted you.*
- Send a card or note — *include a memory, story, or blessing.*
- Offer a small gift or organize a congregational love offering.
- Provide an extra Sunday off or encourage time for rest and renewal.
- Pray for them — *and tell them you're doing so.*
- Offer help with everyday needs — *meals, errands, childcare.*
- Donate to a cause they care about in their honor.
- Recognize them publicly in worship, your newsletter, or on social media.





October Birthdays

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1 – Kylea Bernier **2** – Grace Littlefield, Hunter Goulet **3** – Sara Niemela, Imogene Helle, Fern Melbye **4** – Logan Kruchowski, Melanie Lunsetter, Wally Sjaaheim, Reagan Dagg **5** – **6** – Cindy Dally, Beckem Johnson, Grace Gillespie **7** – **8** – Becky Berg **9** – Henley Anderson, Michelle Kasprick, Renae Dalen, Sue Dupree **10** – Arlette Defreeze, John Mattson, Mya Eidelbes, Scott Huseh **11** – Daylin Eakes, **12** – Dave Thompson **13** - Barb Gehrls, Amanda Miller **14** – Brandon Ortloff, Amanda Coltom **15** – Tim Bergerson, **16** – Eva Eickman, Rolek Anderson **17** – **18** – LaVay Hickerson, Spencer Hempel, Paula Praska, **19** – Heather Bayne **20** – Cody Teie **21** – Seth Anderson, Cassandra Reiersen, Ryan Haugen, Karen Borg **22** – **23** - Maizey Ziegler, Diedre Nordin **24** – Bruce Olson, Janet Myers **25** – Julie Olson, Leah Walker **26** – Kara Jimenez, Steve Milender **27** – Tyler Sele **28** – **29** – **30** – **31** – Nate Hals, Brielle Johns, Myles Johnson

A Look Ahead~

Tuesday, October 21	6pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 22	5:30pm	JAM and 6 th grade confirmation
	6:30pm	Worship Lab
	7:00pm	7 th & 8 th grade confirmation
Thursday, October 23	5:30pm	SWEETS
Sunday, October 26	9:00am	Ryme Tyme
	9:30am	Worship – Reformation/Rite of Affirmation of Baptism