

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost
at First Lutheran Church in St. Helens, Oregon
Sunday, September 29, 2024, at 10:00 AM



Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

All are welcome in our worship! *Your presence here is a gift from God. We particularly welcome visitors and guests, and we would love to have you join us for coffee hour immediately following the worship service.*

Follow this worship bulletin as your guide to the service from beginning to end. Leaders speak the words in regular type; **people speak (or sing) the boldface words.** Please rise, whether physically or simply with your heart, during the portions of the liturgy marked by an asterisk*.

To get ready for Zoom worship (at home)

We celebrate Holy Communion together via Zoom as well as gathered in person. Please have bread/cracker(s) and a cup of wine/grape juice ready if you and those with you plan to take part. If you do not have access to wine/grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup; Christ is fully present as the "Bread of Life."



GATHERING

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP – PRELUDE AND SILENT PRAYER

Dr Denise Reed

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Robert Neubert

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

Amen.





1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

* 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

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. (*brief silence*)

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



WORD

Listen! God is calling.

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19:7-14

Read responsively:

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING – James 5:13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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Thanks be to God.



*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*** GOSPEL –Mark 9:38-50**

The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Robert Neubert

SERMON

Pastor Robert Neubert



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

* APOSTLES' (BAPTISMAL) CREED

With the whole people of God, we make public profession of our faith.

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 again 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.

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing, especially *Charles Boelk, Carlene Clore, Rachel Freitag, Doreen Gordon, Marilyn Hensley, Judy Gail Johnson, Kim Mathisen, Mary* and all those we lift up upon our hearts or our lips.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones. Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

*** SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you!

Greet those around you with gestures that signal Christ's peace.



MEAL

*God feeds us
with the presence of Jesus Christ,
risen from the dead.*

OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

Thank you for joining us today! If you would like to support the ministries of First Lutheran, you may place your offering in the wooden bowl when it is passed to you. You may also make your offering by mail, through our website or by using the QR code seen here, with offerings going through VANCO.



As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

* OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. *(brief silence)*
Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

*** GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*** PREFACE**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*** THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

We pray together, as Jesus taught us:

**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.

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus welcomes you to this table.

Come, here is your God.

About our communion practice: All are welcome at the Lord's Table. The music ministers commune first, along with worshipers on Zoom. The communion server and pastor commune last. An usher will invite you forward, or you may request that Communion be brought to you.

You may kneel or stand at the altar rail. Receive the bread in your hand or hands and eat it. Ask if you prefer a gluten-free wafer.

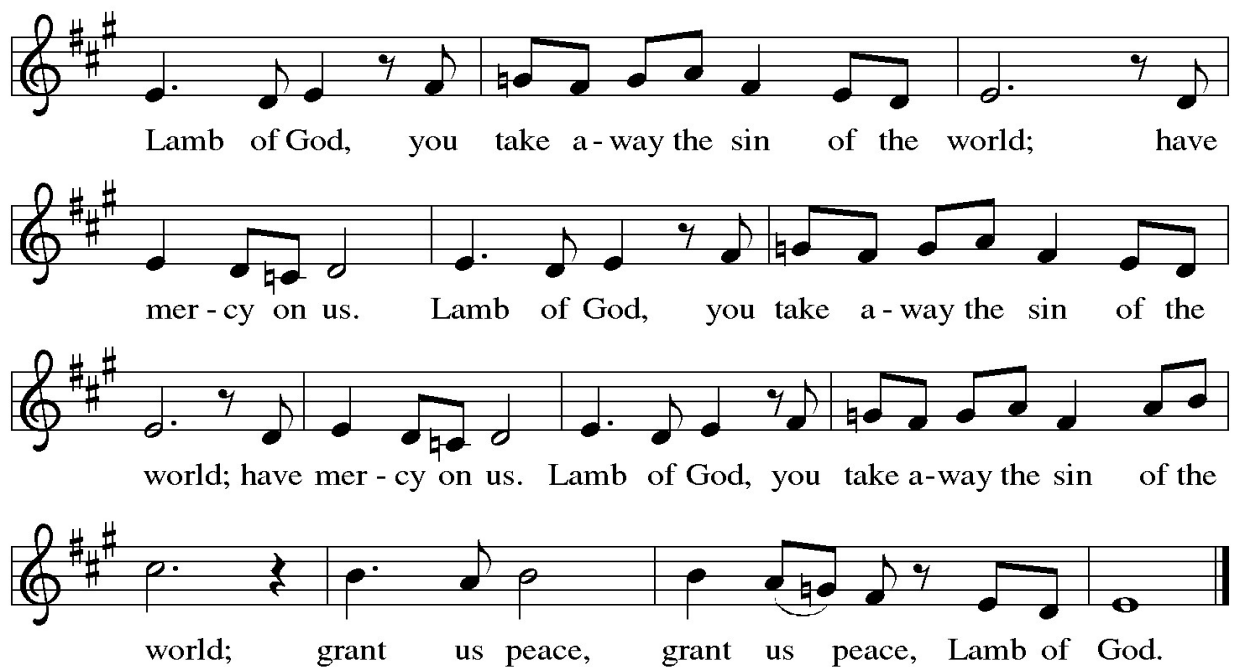
Take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the assisting minister's tray and drink it.

Your group will leave the table together after communing. Place your empty cup in the basket on the way back to your seat.

We believe that Christ is truly present at the Lord's Table in the consecrated bread and wine, and Christ welcomes all who wish to receive the Holy Sacrament.

Anyone who does not wish to commune is welcome to still come forward. Please signal your wish for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

"Lamb of
GOD."



Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged and think my work's in vain,

2 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,

3 Don't ev-er be dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain.

you can tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all."

and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re-fuse to lend.

*** BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy God,
 you have welcomed us to this meal
 and fed us with dignity at your table.
 Send us now to welcome others
 and to be at peace with one another,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Send us now to welcome others
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Amen.

SENDING ~

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

* BLESSING .

God all mighty, God most merciful

✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.

*SENDING SONG

Guide My Feet

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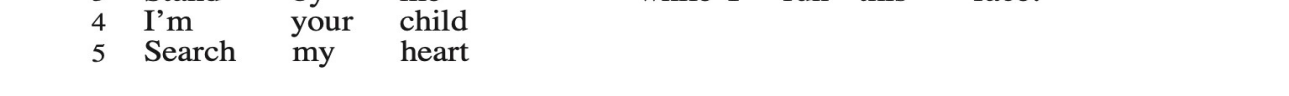
Leader



All



1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart



Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart



Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

* SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Today's Assisting Ministers

Worship Leader: Pastor Robert Neubert
 Worship Musician: Dr. Denise Reed
 Cantor: Frank Kenny
 Lay Readers: Sandy Young
 Communion Preparer: Katie Garman
 Communion Server: Caroline DuBois
 Communion Clean-up: Geri Logan
 Tech: Kitty Heide
 Ushers: Matt & Kate Freitag
 Altar Flowers: The Horas
 Coffee Hour: Jean LeMont & Laura McDonough

(Next Week –October 6th)

Pastor Robert Neubert
 Dr. Denise Reed
 Frank Kenny
 Beth Hunnicutt
 TBD
 TBD
 Geri Logan
 TBD
 Norris & Sharyn Sundeen
 Mike & Linda McCoy
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Happening This Week

Sunday 9/29	Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship at 11:00 am
Monday 9/30	Book Club at 11:00 am AlAnon at 7:00 pm
Tuesday 10/1	Pastor's Bible study at 10:00 am WELCA meeting at 1:00 pm Community Meals at 5:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study at 6:00 pm Properties Meeting at 7:00 pm
Wednesday 10/2	Quilters & Crafters at 10:00 a.m. AA meditation at 6:30 pm
Friday 10/4	Parents Anonymous at 12:00 noon
Sunday 10/6	Blessing of the Animals at 9:30 am Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship at 11:00 am

Celebrating This Week

Birthdays

10/5 Patrice Neubert

Anniversaries

10/1 Warren & Kriss Fincher

Last Sunday's Worship Attendance

In Person: 47

Zoom: 1

Last Sunday's Offering (Envelopes)

\$2630.00

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS will take place on **Sunday, Oct. 6**, before worship at 9:30 in the parking lot behind the kitchen. (If it rains, we will move indoors). Bring your pet in a manner that keeps it and the pets around it safe; in other words, in a carrier or leashed, and at a distance if necessary. (You may bring a picture of your pet instead of bringing it "in person" if you wish.) In the blessing, we will thank God for your pet(s) and ask God to make you an instrument of God's care and love for your pet(s) and to keep them safe this year.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin next Sunday, October 6 at 11:30 a.m. The classes will be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. If you know anyone (kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbors, random kids you found on the streets) between the ages of 10-14, they are welcome to join us as we explore what it means to be part of the church. For more information, contact Pastor Robert.

HARVEST BAZAAR

The Harvest Bazaar committee has already been hard at work. There is a VERY large sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall just waiting for you to volunteer with the bazaar. Please see the October Skylight for more information and watch for updates in the Weekly Windows. One popular event that will be happening is the silent auction. If you have a new or VERY gently used item that you would like to donate for the auction, please see Caroline DuBois.

BABY CARE KITS

Time is running out! The kits will be shipped in mid-October. Items still needed are size 9-24 mo. jackets or sweatshirts, sleepers, t-shirts (long or short-sleeved) and socks. Also, wrapped gentle bar soap,

LAY HELPERS

The lay helper sheet for October is up on the bulletin board and waiting for you all to sign up to help wherever you can. And don't forget about the flower chart and coffee/fellowship sign-up, too.

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