

Our Saviour's & Balsamlund Lutheran Church; ELCA E-News

For October 12, 2025

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 10/12/25—10/18/25

SUNDAY Hebrews 8-10
MONDAY Numbers 33-36
TUESDAY 2 Chronicles 16-20
WEDNESDAY Psalm 119
THURSDAY Proverbs 29-30
FRIDAY Micah
SATURDAY Acts 5-6



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OSLC WEEKLY CALENDAR

10/12 Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 28

9am Fellowship and Men's Breakfast
9am Sunday School
10am Worship



10/15 Wednesday

9am Quilters
1-5pm Janet Eckman SAM, in office

10/19 Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 29

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship / Holy Communion



BALSAMLUND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

If you know of someone who would like a visitation, please let the office or Janet Eckman SAM know and we will accommodate the request in the best possible way.

OSLC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fellowship Hall Reservations: Every first Sunday of the month is reserved for the 4H at 4pm; Oct 14, 10am-4pm for Homemakers Club; Oct 15th, private event in Sanctuary after 3pm.

Adult Choir Singers Needed! Please let the office know if you would like to join. Tenor voices are especially needed. We like to sing the 'Borning Cry' song at Baptisms and practice for the Christmas season will begin soon. Bring your best voice forward! The tenor section carries the songs through, without it we are incomplete.

Saturday October 11th, OSLC Fall Bazaar is 9am-12:30pm. Come check out all the goods and enjoy a soup and pie luncheon.

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In our text this week we are in Luke 17; we see two powerful lessons from Jesus. First, He reminds His disciples how vital forgiveness and faith are, even when they feel small— *"If you had faith the size of a mustard seed..."* (v. 6). Then, in the story of the ten lepers, only one turns back to give thanks when he realizes he's been healed. Jesus notices. Gratitude matters.

These passages remind us that faith and thanksgiving are deeply connected. Faith trusts God to do what we cannot. Gratitude recognizes that God has already been at work in us and through us. Both shape our hearts to reflect Christ's grace in the world.

This week, I find myself especially thankful—for the opportunity to train at Luther Crest, learning from Dr. Karoline Lewis, whose insights opened new ways to engage Scripture with humility and depth. I am truly grateful for both congregations - I could not do this without all of the support both congregations bless me with.

I'm also grateful for the Fall Bazaar at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a joyful gathering where faith and community come together in service and fellowship.

Like the one leper who returned to say thank you, we are invited to pause amid our busy days to notice God's blessings—to recognize how Christ meets us in learning, in community, in moments of joy, and even in challenge.

Gracious God, thank You for the gift of faith that sustains us and the many blessings that surround us. Open our hearts to see Your work in our lives, that we may live with gratitude and share Your love with others. Amen.

In Faith,
Janet Eckman, SAM

