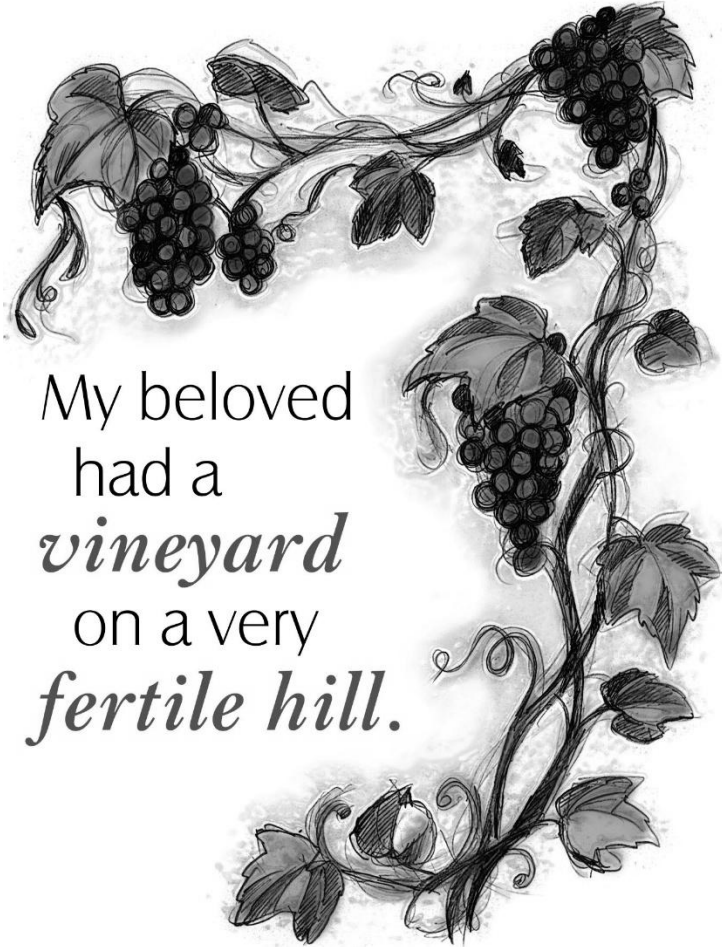


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My beloved
had a
vineyard
on a very
fertile hill.

Isaiah 5:1, NRSV

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2026

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 1

All are welcome...and we do mean ALL. No matter who you are, what you look like, where you are from, or who you love. We are all children of God and loved by God. And just as God loves all of us, we are called to love one another as well.

Call to Worship (Chimes)

Welcome & Announcements – Visitors are asked to fill out a Welcome card from the pew racks and give it to the Assisting Minister during the prelude.

Prayers – You may add to the prayers today by filling out an ivory prayer card found in the pew racks. Prayer cards are collected during the prelude.

Prelude

Air For Flute

- Bach

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

*The congregation responds by reading the words in **bold print**.*

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin. in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

***Opening Hymn:**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW 671

*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.

*Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Beloved God, **from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Musical Offering

This is the Day

Emmanuel Choir

- Kirkland

First Lesson – Isaiah 5:1-7

The First Lesson is from the 5th chapter of Isaiah.

¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds

that they rain no rain upon it.
⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
 is the house of Israel,
 and the people of Judah
 are his cherished garden;
 he expected justice but saw bloodshed;
 righteousness but heard a cry!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm – Psalm 80:7-15

Responsive Singing

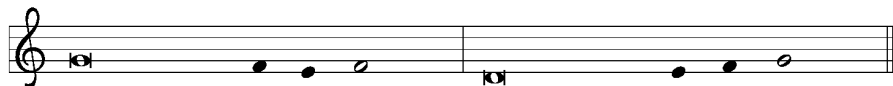
The congregation will please join in singing the refrain at the beginning after it is sung by the choir, as marked between verses and the verses in bold print.



Psalm 80:14-15

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- ⁷ Restore us, O | God of hosts;
 let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
- ⁸ **You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;**
you cast out the nations and | planted it.
- ⁹ You cleared the | ground for it;
 it took root and | filled the land.
- ¹⁰ **The mountains were covered | by its shadow**
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs. R
- ¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea
 and its branches | to the river.
- ¹² **Why have you broken | down its wall,**
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?
- ¹³ The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,
 and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.
- ¹⁴ **Turn now, O | God of hosts,**
look | down from heaven;

¹⁵ behold and | tend this vine;
preserve what your right | hand has planted. **R**

Second Lesson – Philippians 3:4b-14

The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of Philippians.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me.

¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

***Gospel – Matthew 21:33-46**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Rob Eller

***Hymn of the Day:** *There in God’s Garden*

ELW 342

***Apostles’ Creed**

With the whole church let us confess 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 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 the People (please sit)

After each prayer, please offer the words:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

*Thank you for placing your offering in the **Offering Box** before the service began. Your continued financial support of this congregation helps us to do God's work in the community and the world.*

Offering Song *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*

ELW 691



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
 Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

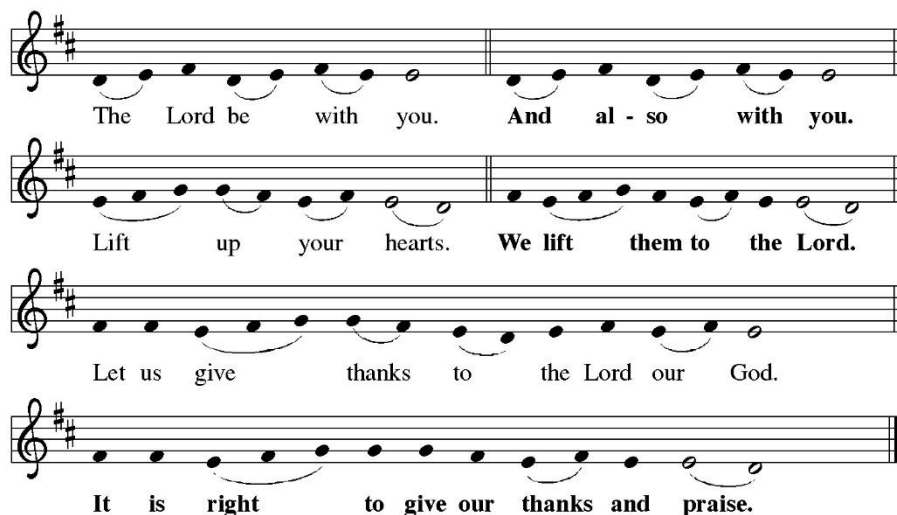
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Offertory Prayer (please sit)

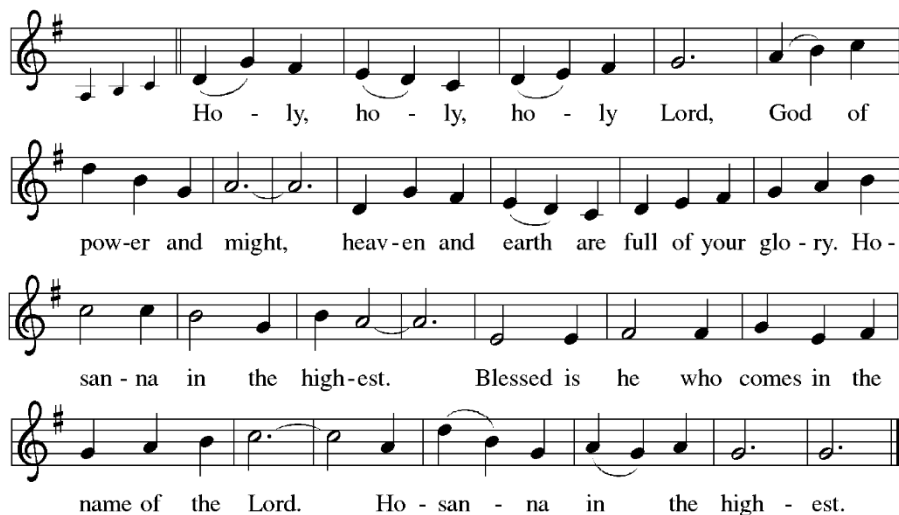
Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

a*Great Thanksgiving (Please Stand)



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise . . .
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus (Please Stand)



*Eucharistic prayer (Please Stand)

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***Lord's Prayer (Please Stand)**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray 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 (Please Stand)**

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry,
come! **Thanks be to God!**

Communion Song



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 -



Communion Distribution (*Your choice of WHITE wine or PURPLE grape juice*)

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

***Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

***Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

***Benediction**

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn:** *All Creatures Worship God Most High* ELW 835
Verses 1, 2, 3, and 6

***Dismissal**

While our worship here has ended, let us continue through our service to others. So go out in joy and be led forth in peace to love and serve the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

How Brightly Shine

- Bextehude

Today's Worship Leaders and Assistants – October 4, 2026

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Robert M. Eller | Assisting Minister: Wayne York

Greeter: Marsha Smith | Lector: Wayne York

Communion Assistants: Kenny Lab and Heidi Torch

Worship Coordinator: Ruth Patrick | Organist: John Foust

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders and Assistants – October 11, 2026

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Robert M. Eller | Assisting Minister: Jerry Gartrell

Greeter: Tom Yanders | Lector: Tom Yanders

Communion Assistants: Barb and Neil Rupe

Worship Coordinator: Ruth Patrick | Pianist: Ruth Patrick

CHURCH COUNCIL

Neil Rupe – President

Ken Lab – Vice President

Wayne York – Secretary

Deb Ritenour – Treasurer
(non-voting)

Paula Freeland

Marsha Smith

Heidi Torch

Attendance 9/27: 33

**Friends of the Homeless
- Jack's House of Hope**

Readings for Next

Sunday

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday October 5

* AA Meeting – 12:00pm

* Tusc County Coin Club –
6:30pm

Tuesday October 6

* Pastor's Group – 11:00am

* Property Committee -
7:00pm

Wednesday October 7

* Mid-Day Prayer Break –
11:00am-1:00pm

* Stamp Club – 6:00pm

Thursday October 8

* COAD Seniors 9:00am

Friday October 9

Saturday October 10

Sunday October 11

* Kid's and Adult Sunday
School – 8:30am

* Adult Choir – 9:00am

* Sunday worship – 9:30am

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion: Please fill out a communion card and place it in the basket during communion. If you are unable to come forward, Pastor Rob will bring it back to your seat. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.

Sunday School: The Sunday School has kicked off! Sunday School meets at 8:30am every Sunday. Kidz Bible School is open to kids age 3 and up. The St. Timothy adult class is open to everyone. We have started a new series called Pastor's Sermon Roundtable where we look at readings for next Sunday and discuss ideas for Pastor Rob to preach on.

The Breakfast Club: Join Pastor Rob on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 8:30am for breakfast while we talk about faith, the Bible, and Pastor's sermon from the previous Sunday. Please let Pastor know if you plan on attending. Bring your Bibles!

Blessing of the Animals: Our annual Blessing of the Animals service is today, Sunday October 4 at 2:00pm in the parking lot. A free will offering will be collected for the Tuscarawas County Humane Society.

Adult Choir: Calling all singers! The Emmanuel Adult Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday September 20 at 9:00am in the downstairs choir room. We would love to welcome new and former members to sing with us this year. If you have questions about choir, please talk to Ruth Patrick.

Bell Choir: Attention all ringers! The Bells of Emmanuel rehearses on Tuesdays at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. Never rang bells before? Come try it out! All are welcome to join. Bell Choir is on break until November.

Mid-Day Prayer Break: Do you have a lot on your mind? Come see Pastor Rob for the Mid-Day Prayer Break every Wednesday from 11am - 1pm outside in front of the church for conversation, prayer, healing, and Holy Communion.

Pastoral Visits: If you or anyone you know would like a visit from Pastor Rob, please call the church office or Pastor Rob to make arrangements.



Commemorations this Week

October 4 – Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226

Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. In a public confrontation with his father, he renounced his wealth and future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. Francis described this act as being “wedded to Lady Poverty.” Under his leadership the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) was formed, and they took literally Jesus’ words to his disciples that they should take nothing on their journey and receive no payment for their work. Their task in preaching was to “use words if necessary.” Francis had a spirit of gladness and gratitude for all of God’s creation. This commemoration has been a traditional time to bless pets and animals, creatures Francis called his brothers and sisters. A prayer and a hymn attributed to St. Francis are included in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (p. 87, #835).

October 6 – William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536

William Tyndale was ordained in 1521, and his life’s desire was to translate the scriptures into English. When his plan met opposition from King Henry VIII, Tyndale fled to Germany, where he traveled from city to city, living in poverty and constant danger. He was able to produce a New Testament in 1525. Nine years later he revised it and began work on the Old Testament, which he was unable to complete. He was captured, tried for heresy, and burned at the stake. Miles Coverdale completed Tyndale’s work, and the Tyndale-Coverdale version was published as the “Matthew Bible” in 1537. For nearly four centuries the style of this translation has influenced English versions of the Bible such as the King James (Authorized Version) and the New Revised Standard Version.

October 7 – Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787

Muhlenberg was prominent in setting the course for Lutheranism in North America. He helped Lutheran churches make the transition from the state churches of Europe to a new identity on American soil. Among other things, he established the first Lutheran synod in America and developed an American Lutheran liturgy. His liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888, used in many North American service books for a majority of the past century. That Muhlenberg and his work are remembered today was anticipated at his death. The inscription on his grave reads, in Latin, “Who and what he was, future ages will know without a stone.”

WHEREVER
**YOU
GO,**
Share
Christ



Altar Flowers Are Given to the glory of God...

In loving memory of my husband, Rev. Stephen Patrick by Ruth Patrick

Church Family and Friends in Need of Prayer...

Assisted Living/Nursing Home:

Kay Frantz, Dorthy Glass, Dick Hugh, Myrna Hugh, Larry Humbert,
Peggy Immel, Shirley Yoder

Other Members:

Sam Bates, Shirley Brug, Jim Deibel, Ed Fishel, Dean Fisher, John Frank,
Diana Gray, Bert Kohler, Phyllis Kohler, Breanne Mathias, Susan Miller,
Marsha Mills, Chuck Moore, Ruth Patrick, Naomi Potts, **Glenna Seperic**,
Chris Smith, Cindy Smith, Dane Smith, Marilyn Swaldo, Judy Swinehart,
Frank Torch, Sandi Hannenkrat-Wemple, Virginia Wyer, **Kari Yanders**,
Rachel Yanders

Friends and Family:

Curt Clark, Boston Crowell, Jennifer Hissner, Kim Menapace,
Ed Serri and Family, Fred Sterling, Diane Troendly

Names in **BOLD** listed above were prayed for at the altar last Sunday



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