

Week 12 Community – Sept 28-Oct 4, 2026: *Humble Service in the Body of Christ*

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Gathering Song [Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service](#) (ELW 712)

Daily Prayer *Jesus, Jesus you are with me as I step into this day.*

Let me hear you gently calling, “Precious child, walk this way.”

Jesus, Jesus when I hear you, calling me to follow you,

In that hour, give me grace to love my neighbor like you do. Amen.

Scripture: Romans 12:5

Context: 3-8 Humble Service in the Body of Christ

...so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Devotional Thoughts

How do you teach children to be humble? We know that children learn best by modeling our example, but as adults we aren't always good at having humility. I have found that one way to teach about being humble is to help folks realize that doing things together with the help of others is almost always a better choice. And this is true when it comes to our relationship with Jesus as well. It is better when we humble ourselves and admit that maybe, just maybe, we should include Jesus in all that we do.

For example, I could clean my house by myself, but wouldn't it be more fun if I had help from my children? It works that way in the church too. We function better as a community of believers when we work together, rely on each other and walk hand in hand through life's ups and downs.

Paul tells us this in Romans as well. We, together, make up the body of Christ. We make promises in baptism that we will be present for each other. But that is sometimes easier said than done. Yet, we learn this week that “each member belongs to the other”. We are responsible to others...and, we are responsible for others. It isn't all about us. Imagine that? This is where the “humble service” come into play. And just like most things, being humble takes practice.

This Week's Challenge? How are we showing up for our neighbor, for our community and for our world? Are we serving out of selfishness, or for the accolades, or are we truly living out our faith as God intended for us to do? Where are you sharing what you know about the body of Christ with others, both young and old? As you pray this week, I invite you to pray for those that are working alongside you to make the world a better place.

Affirmation of Christian Vocation: Make the sign of the cross on your forehead (or if you are doing this devotion with others, make the sign on the forehead of another) while saying...

All that we do belongs to God—our work and our rest.

We follow Jesus with thankful hearts and open hands, serving our neighbor in love.

Morning and evening, at work and at play, our life is in Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN