

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Skyline Ward

October 17, 2021



*And it came to pass that Jesus spake unto them, and bade them arise.
And they arose from the earth, and he said unto them: Blessed are ye
because of your faith. And now behold, my joy is full.
And when he had said these words, he wept, and the multitude bare record
of it, and he took their little children, one by one, and blessed them, and
prayed unto the Father for them.
And when he had done this he wept again;
And he spake unto the multitude, and said unto them: Behold your little
ones.*

3 Nephi 17: 19-22

Welcome and Announcements

Presiding:	Bishop Beau Keenan
Conducting:	Brother Craig Andresen
Organist:	Sister Melissa McMurray
Director:	Sister Lynn Grove
Opening Hymn:	#85 “How Firm A Foundation”
Invocation:	T.B.A.
Ward Business:	T.B.A.
Primary Special:	“Choose The Right”
Speakers:	Sister Alison Andresen
High Council:	Brother Craig Andresen
Sacrament Hymn:	#196 “Jesus Once of Humble Birth”

Passing of the Sacrament

Closing Hymn:	#85 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”
Benediction:	T.B.A.

Church Broadcast link: Sundays at 11am.

<http://mywebcast.churchofjesuschrist.org/Events/renonevadastake>

Be sure to use the ward website for the latest announcements:

<https://renonvstakeinfo.org/>



Just Serve October Spotlight

Many opportunities to serve this month, from being a tutor and giving rides to donating socks. Check the church website to sign up.



10/26- 6-8pm is the annual Trunk or Treat; Pizza and salad will be provided. Costume parade and trunk or treat to follow!



Family History classes will be held in the resource room at 12:30 next to the Bishop's office. Sign up to attend.

Children today find themselves in many different and complex family configurations.

For example, today, twice as many children in the United States are living with only one parent than were 50 years ago. And there are many families that are less unified in their love of God and willingness to keep His commandments.

“Children are entitled to birth within the bonds of matrimony, and to be reared by a father and a mother who honor marital vows with complete fidelity. ...

“Husband and wife have a solemn responsibility to love and care for each other and for their children. ... Parents have a sacred duty to rear their children in love and righteousness, to provide for their physical and spiritual needs, and to teach them to love and serve one another [and] observe the commandments of God.”

We recognize the many good parents across the world, of all faiths, who lovingly care for their children. And we gratefully acknowledge the families in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who are wrapped in the care of a father and mother converted to the Savior, who are sealed by the authority of the priesthood, and who are learning in their family to love and trust their Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

But my plea today is for the hundreds of thousands of children, youth, and young adults who do not come from these, for lack of a better term, “picture-perfect” families. I speak not only of the youth who have experienced the death, divorce, or diminishing faith of their parents but also of the tens of thousands of young men and young women from all around the world who embrace the gospel without a mother or father to come into the Church with them.

These young Latter-day Saints enter the Church with great faith. They hope to create the family ideal in their own lives at a future day. In time, they become an important part of our missionary force, our righteous young adults, and those who kneel at an altar to begin their own families. These children and youth are blessed with believing hearts and spiritual gifts. “Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them ...

“And [said] whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.”

While a child’s earthly situation may not be ideal, a child’s spiritual DNA is perfect because one’s true identity is as a son or daughter of God.

President Thomas S. Monson has said: “Help God’s children understand what is genuine and important in this life. Help them develop the strength to choose paths that will keep them safely on the way to eternal life.” Let’s open our arms and our hearts a little wider. These youth need our time and our testimonies.

May 2016, By Elder Neil L. Andersen *Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

