

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • OCTOBER 13, 2024



Cross Lutheran Church

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Psalm:

10/13 Henry Mizinski 10/20 Amelia Brynildson

Ushers:

10/13 Matt Wickoren and Sharon Crist 10/20 Dan Erickson and Katie Erickson

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10/13 Henry Mizinski 10/20 Amelia Brynildson

Livestream Producer: Nick Gudknecht

Altar Guild:

October: Kay Stack

Coffee:

10/13 Wayne and LuAnn Lund

If you are interested in serving coffee following worship, please sign-up on the bulletin board between the narthex and the kitchen.

If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday Worship, sign up on the bulletin board in the back of the narthex, or contact the office.

GATHERING

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



*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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

*GREETING

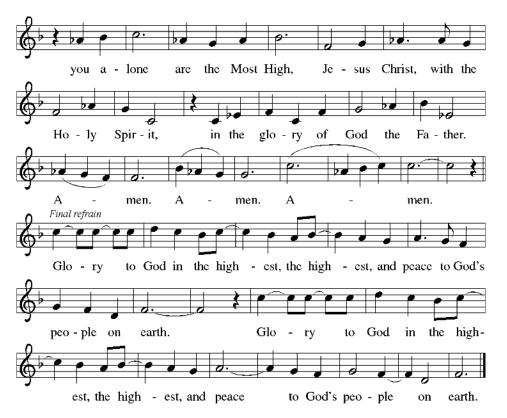
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



The Liturgy of Holy Communion, which we celebrate every Sunday, is the principal form of Lutheran worship. Here, the Holy Spirit gathers us around the means of grace— the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.

The basic pattern of this liturgy—gathering, word, meal, sending—is a structure that allows for freedom and flexibility in the ways our worship may be shaped locally, while focusing on what the church holds in common. The whole people of God are joined by the same gifts of grace, for the sake of the same mission of the gospel, into the life of the one triune God.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

God who answers prayer, We are blessed and humbled that you hear us when we call to you in our time of deepest longing. Receive our gratitude for your listening ear. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us through scripture in reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

Hannah prayed and said,
"My heart exults in the LORD;
my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies because I rejoice in your victory.

We gather around the WORD in reading, preaching, and song, as we enter into the steadfast love of God as proclaimed through Holy Scripture.

For Lutherans, the Gospel of Christ—the Good News of what God has done in Jesus —is at the heart of our public witness and proclamation.

This Good News is received through the Gospel accounts of the apostles Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, yes, but also in the writings of Paul, John, and Peter; in the witnesses of the Old Testament prophets; the memories of the people of Israel; and through the poetry and prose of Psalms, Ecclesiastes, Proverbs and others. The Gospel is truly the Good News of Christ proclaimed from Genesis to Revelation, whenever and however it points to God's loving, redeeming, and creative power in, with, and through Jesus Christ and by the Holy Spirit. Good News indeed. There is no Holy One like the LORD,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

Talk no more so very proudly;
let not arrogance come from your mouth,
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.

Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.

The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low; he also exalts.

He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes

and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world.

He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked will perish in darkness, for not by might does one prevail.

The LORD! His adversaries will be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven.
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;

he will give strength to his king and exalt the power of his anointed."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16 (read responsively)

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

SECOND READING Hebrews 10: 11-17

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

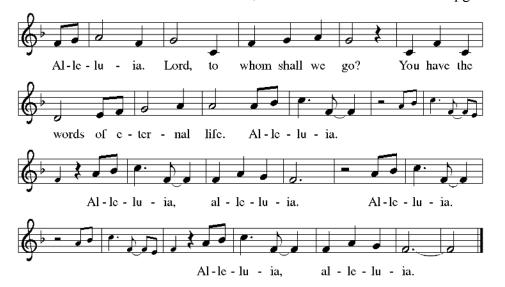
"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,"*
and he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*ACCLAMATION Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go? pg. 188



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*GOSPEL

Luke 1:46-55

The Gospel according to Luke... Glory to you, O Lord.

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.

Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name;

indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his child Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever."*

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

PREACHING SCRIPTURES Here are the main biblical texts for the coming weeks:

October 13

1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10: 11-17 Luke 1:46-55

October 20

2 Samuel 7:1-17 Psalm 89:1-4 Romans 4:13-18 Luke 1:30-33

SERMON





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For all the faith-ful wom - en who served in days of old, To Han-nah, pray-ing child - less be - fore the throne of grace, We hon - or faith - ful Mar - y, fair maid - en, full of grace. All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
you gave a son and called him to serve be - fore your face.
She bore the Christ, our broth - er, who came to save our race.
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.

Grant us her per - se - ver - ance; Lord, teach us how to pray

May we, with her, sur - ren - der our-selves to your com-mand

With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save. and trust in your de - liv' - rance when dark - ness hides our way. and lay up - on your al - tar our gifts of heart and hand. we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

*APOSTLES CREED

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

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

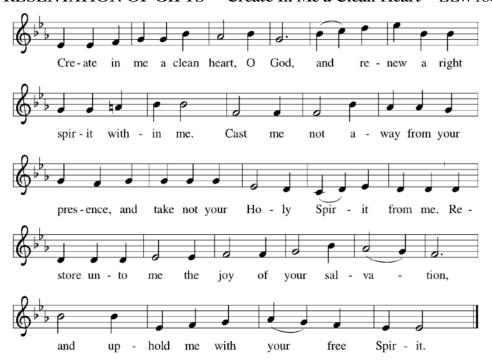
PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you. Please share a covid-friendly sign of peace with those around you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY Consolations, No. 1 Franz Liszt
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS Create In Me a Clean Heart ELW188



OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

This week we pray for:, Marya, Linnea, Gabby and her unborn baby, Margo, Roman Joseph, Sherry, Ray and Clara, Dawn, Brady, Richard, Judy, Sheree, Marv, Dottie, BettyLu, Robin, Jerrod, Lonna, Heather, Kelly, Dawn L., Michael, Sara, Mary, and Steve.

We pray for Kelly and

We pray for Kelly and John, missionaries in Papua, New Guinea.

We offer continued prayers for the families of Allen Stack, Bud Nasby, Ellie Scot-Meyer, Steven Tekautz and Dave Davidson. If you have a name to add or remove from this prayer list, please contact Jamie Gudknecht or Pastor Scott.

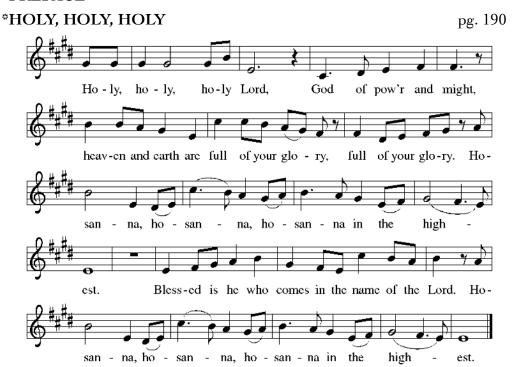
OFFERING

We bring our offerings to God with grateful hearts, in confidence they will be used to support the work of the church both here and throughout the world.

In ELCA liturgy, the
Offering is set within the
context of the Meal, for it
is here that we set the
table with the fruits of
our hands— financial
offerings, yes, but also
bread and wine which are
products of human effort
and gifts of our gracious
God. It is from this table
of blessing that God
feeds us with the
presence of Christ.

*DIALOGUE The Lord be with with you. you. And al - so Lift your We lift the Lord. uр hearts. them to give thanks the Lord our God. Let us to is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE



In Holy Communion, we receive the gift of Christ's presence in bread and wine (the body and blood of Jesus) through the holy promise that this gift is "for you." All who desire to receive Christ's presence in, with, and through the wine and the bread are invited to this table.

We remember God's faithfulness to God's people and God's purposes.

*PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life;

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:

the promise to Israel,

the rescue from Egypt,

the gift of the promised land,

the words of the prophets;

and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,

who proclaimed the good news in word and deed

and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In faithful response, we join our voices to proclaim the sacred story:

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

*PRAYER OF THANKFULNESS

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer that 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 forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

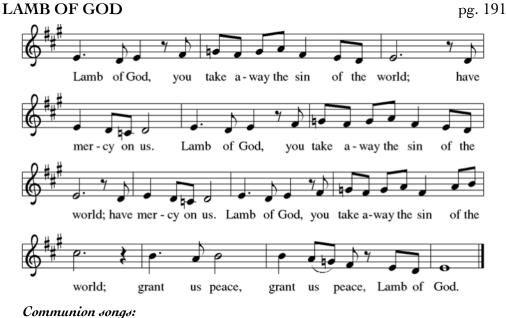
All are invited to proclaim the words of institution along with the presiding pastor.

Today we practice continuous communion using a pouring chalice as a common cup. Ushers will invite you to proceed up the aisle towards the pastor. Please offer cupped hands to receive the bread. Proceed to the cupbearer, select an empty cup and hold it for the lay minister to fill. Please recycle your cup in the basket provided and return via the side aisle.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please tell the pastor when you approach to receive the bread. Pre-filled grape juice cups are available in the silver tray.

Children who are not yet communing and others wishing not to commune may receive a blessing from the pastor. Please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest.

Individual sealed communion sets are also available at the sanctuary entrance. **ANOINTING** After communing, you may receive prayer and anointing with oil from the assisting minister in the narthex.



ELW 787 - On Eagle's Wings, ELW 592 - Just as I Am, Without One Plea

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Spirit **SENDS** us, restored and refreshed in the Word and the Meal, to share the Good News.

SENDING

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

*BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you and remain with you always. Amen.



liv - ing Bread from heav en, how well you feed your guest!

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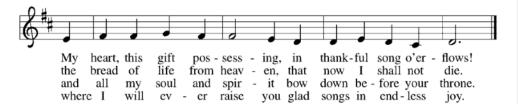
- 2 My Sav-ior, you have led me with in your ho-liest place, 3 You gave me all I want ed; this food can death de stroy.
- 4 Oh, grant me then, well-strength-ened with heav'n-ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv filled my heart with en have rest. and here your-self have And you have free - ly me with trea - sures of your cup of end - less fed grace; grant - ed the my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



bless - ing! O \mathbf{O} won-drous food of cup that heals our woes! giv - en what mer - it the you have free - ly earth could nev - er buy, fa - vor you have shown, Lord, I do not praise you where none can peace de - stroy, and bring me home to



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*DISMISSAL

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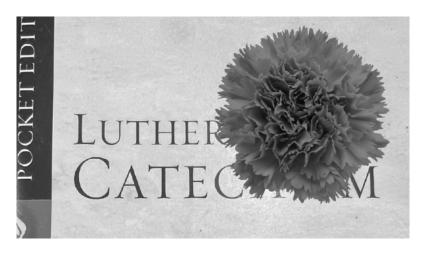
Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ. Thanks Be To God.

POSTLUDE Sonata, No. 51 Domenico Cimarosa



Adult Education: Lessons from the 2024 Youth Gathering

One of the joys of the 2024 youth gathering that Pastor Scott and our confirmation youth attended in July was the depth of the teaching. And although it was directed mostly for youth, the wisdom shared is good for people of all ages. Join Pastor Scott for adult education, **Sunday, October 20 at 11:00 am** for the final session of the series: **Created to Be: Lessons from the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering.** We'll share videos of some of the main speakers at the youth gathering and consider how questions asked of the youth might apply to our own adult lives and our ministry together at Cross.



Mark Your Calendars: Confirmation Sunday, October 27

Please plan on joining us for worship as Amelia,
Henry, and Kirby publicly affirm their baptismal faith
and join the adult membership of
Cross Lutheran Church.



What's in Your Closet?

Joseph's Coat Fall Clothing Drive
October 13 through November 17
New or gently used SEASONAL clothing
(All sizes/men, women and children)
ALL ITEMS IN WHITE TRASH CAN LINERS!
Place in the coat room.
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

Sing Around the Fire Wednesday Nights

Now that the weather is turning cooler, we've brought back last Summer's popular *Sing Around the Fire* gathering, Wednesdays at 5:00 on the East Lawn under the trees. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket, something to drink, and (if you want) a snack to share. If you play guitar or another campstyle instrument, feel free to join in the fun. Chords and songbooks will be provided. We'll meet every week until it gets too difficult.



TODAY AT CROSS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP Join us after worship in the community room for coffee and fellowship.

NO ADULT EDUCATION today. We will resume next Sunday in the community room, with Pastor Scott finishing a series called "Created to Be" based on teachings from the ELCA Youth Gathering.

Today we welcome **Reverend Juli Thompson** to preach and preside during worship. Pastor Juli is associate pastor at St. Stephens in White Bear. She was born in Virginia and raised in Mississippi and Alabama. Despite this, she has endured Minnesota winters since 1992. She has degrees from Beloit College, Luther Seminary, and the University of Virginia. Since ordination in 2000, she has served as a parish pastor, as an interim ministry specialist, as a faith-based community organizer, and as a chaplain in hospitals, hospices, and senior living facilities. She is the mother of two delightful children, a dedicated knitter, a passionate Tolkien fan, and believes that, while all dogs are good dogs, Dachshunds are the best.

CHANCEL CHOIR. Choir rehearsals are Thursdays from 6-7pm. Anyone is welcome to join, regardless of experience. If you have any questions, contact Ken at worship@crosslutheranchurch.org.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY meets Thursday mornings at 10:30 am in the community room. All are welcome! It is always a lively time.

COMMUNITY MARKET is Wednesday, October 30th at 2:30pm. Volunteers please come at 1:30pm to set up.

JOHN GLENN JET LAUNCHING PAD items for the coming school year:

October: Tee Shirts (Plain Colors), Sizes: Kids L, XL - Adults XXL

November - Sweatpants (All sizes)

December - ChristmasGifts/Gift Cards

January - Socks

February - Feminine Hygiene Products

March - Deodorant

April - Bar Soap

May - Feminine Hygiene Products

Ongoing: Kleenex, Black Expo Markers, Coats

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THIS WEEK AT CROSS

Sunday, October 13

9:30am

Sunday Worship

10:30am

Coffee Fellowship

1:00 - 5:00pm

Promesa De Dios

5:00 - 9:00pm

Ebenezer Elim

Monday, October 14 Office Closed

Tuesday, October 15

1:00-5:30pm

Pastor Scott office by appt

4:00pm-6:00pm

Website Review

Wednesday, October 16

1:00-6:00pm

Pastor Scott office by appt 5:00 pm

Sing Around the Campfire 5:00 pm

Adventista Septimo Dia

Thursday, October 17

10:30-11:30am

Bible Study/Comm. Rm

11:30-2:30pm

Pastor Scott Office by apt

3:00-4:00pm

Worship at the Shores

6:00-7:00pm

Choir rehearsal

Friday, October 18

7:00pm - 10:00pm

Ebenezer Elim

Saturday, October 19

9:00am - 1:00pm

Adventista Septimo Dia

1:30pm - 4:30pm

Cross Organ Practice

5:00 – 7:00pm

Adventista Septimo Dia

Sunday, October 20

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10:30am

Coffee Fellowship

11:00am-12:00pm

Adult Ed

1:00-5:00pm

Promesa De Dios

5:00 - 9:00pm

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