



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 2026 at 8:45 & 11:15am

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Trois Pièces, Op.29 – II. Cantilène
Gabriel Pierné (1863-1937)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

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.**

1. English 2. Spanish 3. English



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
 God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
 a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
 gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



sí es la co - mu - ni - ón; pues a - sí es la co - mu - ni - ón.
 feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

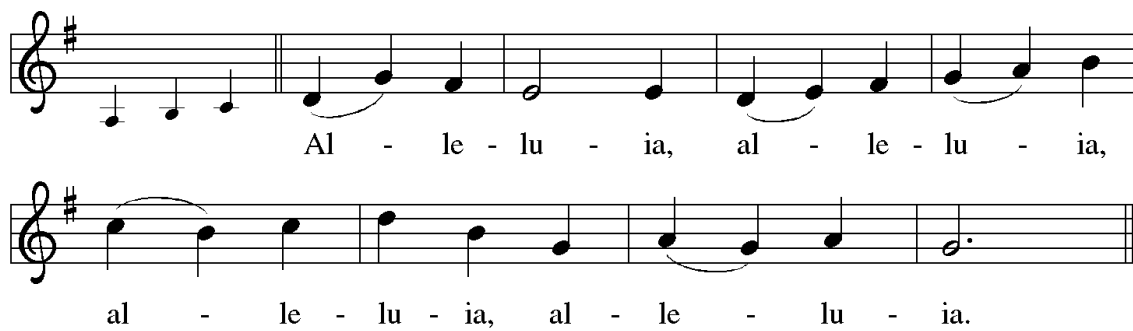
Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God’s peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting One



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew. / **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The gospel of the Lord. / **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor McDonald

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 522—As We Gather at Your Table



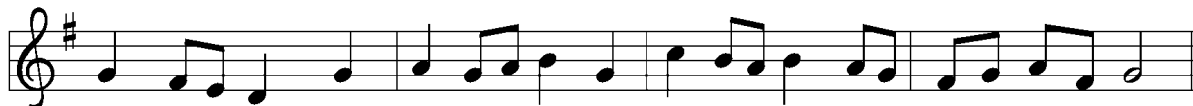
1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

APOSTLE'S 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 INTERCESSION

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new,
we pray for the church and the world.

After each portion of the prayers:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God,
we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All may share a sign of Peace.

Please be seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us or place it in the offering plate,
or use this QR code with your device to securely give your Offering.

You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910



OFFERTORY MUSIC (8:45)

Requiem, VI. Psalm 23
Sir John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

OFFERTORY MUSIC (11:15)

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
arr. Kevin Keil (b. 1956)

The offering is received and is presented at the altar.

Please stand.

OFFERING HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be

1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: '1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee; take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.'

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Continued on the next page)

It is indeed right that we should give thanks and praise, for 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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Please pray in your own preferred language.

**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.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu reino,
hagase tu voluntad,
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,
mas libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites us to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are stations at the foot of the chancel steps.

Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ.

(Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server)

Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew, please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you. / The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: **Amen.***

AGNUS DEI

ELW Setting One

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 -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 472—Eat This Bread

REFRAIN sung by congregation, VERSES sung by Cantor

Refrain
“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

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

Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 207—Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

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.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

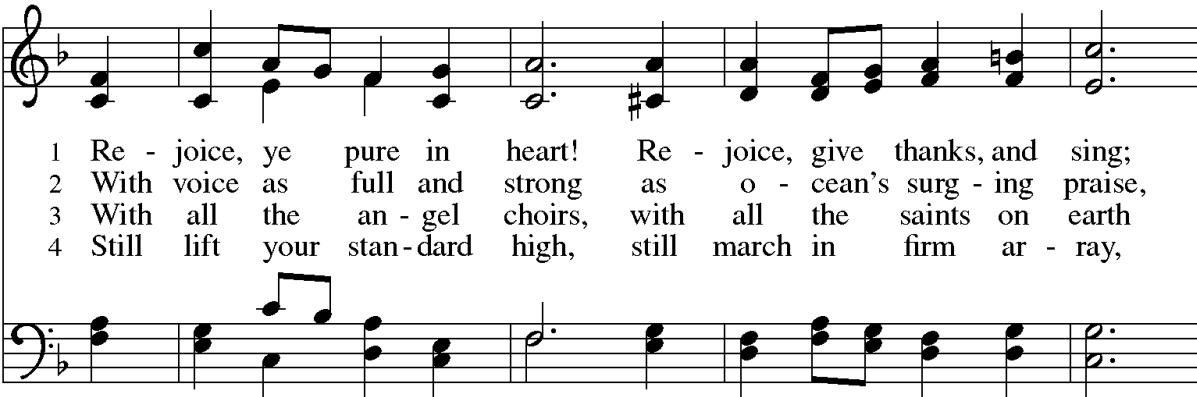
Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

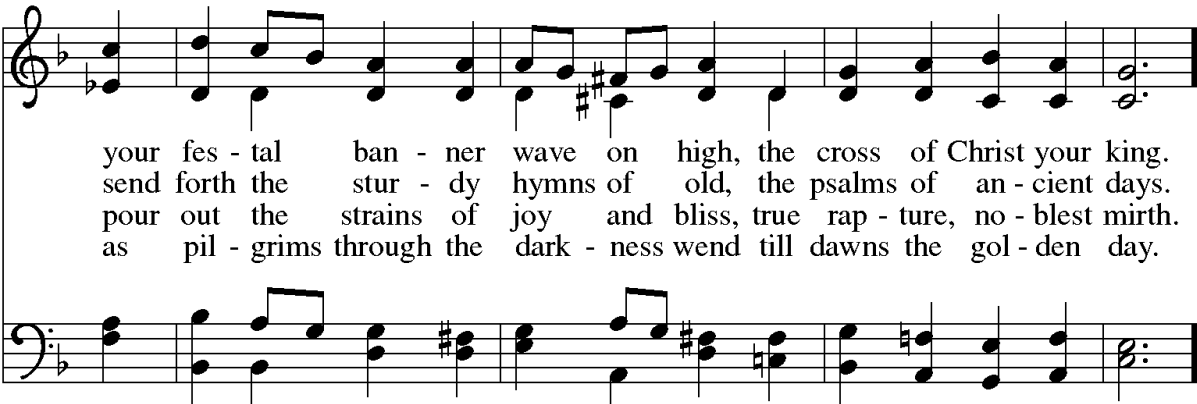
Amen.

The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

5 At last the march shall end;
 the wearied ones shall rest;
 the pilgrims find their home at last,
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
 the Lord whom we adore:
 the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
 one God forevermore. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trois Pièces, Op.29 – I. Prelude
Gabriel Pierné (1863-1937)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

Bishop Richard Graham 8:45
Bishop Emeritus, Metro DC Synod, ELCA

The Rev. Connie A. Miller
Senior Pastor

PREACHING MINISTER

The Rev. Dean McDonald
Support Pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski
Confirmation Pastor

COMMUNION SERVERS

Willard Unkenholz 8:45
Gerson Vasquez
I.T. Ministry

READERS

Eli and Max Handwerker
Sarah Aderholdt

CRUCIFERS

Willard Unkenholz
Jacob Bolledu

MUSICIANS

Adam Scott Graham
Director of Music

Schola Cantorum
Luis Gonzalez, Oboe
Dr. Tanya Greenfield, Harp
8:45 Worship Service

Barbara Sanders
8:45 Carillon Guild

Donna Nelson, Flute
11:15 Offertory Music

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

10:00 a.m.

Pick up a flyer on the credenzas.
Have you checked our on of the classes?
Don't miss out.

A FEW ITEMS FOR THE CALENDAR:

LET'S TALK

THIS MORNING, OCTOBER 11

One Family, Two Faiths:

My Journey of Christian-Muslim Love and Understanding

Saint Luke member, Sunday Shomari

shares his life journey

in Tanzania

with a Christian mother and Muslim father

Sunday, October 18

Festival of St. Luke, Evangelist

Guest Preacher Bishop Philip Hirsch

God's Work our Hands Sunday

Quilt Dedication

Service project between the services at 10:00 a.m.

Blankets for the Linus Project

Sunday, October 25

Festival of the Reformation

One Morning Service 10:00 a.m.

Oktoberfest, Music, Fun following Worship

Sunday, November 1

All Saints' Sunday

Remembering with the tolling of a bell those who have died since last All Saints Day, those saints here on the earth and those yet to come

LET'S TALK

10:10 a.m.

Join Bishop Graham and Pastor Miller

Sunday, November 8

10:00 a.m. Prayer Partners' Brunch

Sunday, November 15

LET'S TALK

10:10 a.m.

Special Screening in the Nave: *Jesus Was a Migrant*

TODAY'S MUSIC

ELW 486

God Extends an Invitation

Text: Miria T. Kolling; English and Spanish tr.

Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

Music: Miria T. Kolling

Tune: NUESTRO PADRE NOS INVITA

ELW 472

Eat This Bread

Text: Taizé Community

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

Tune: BERTHIER

ELW 522

As We Gather at Your Table

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

Tune: IN BABILONE

ELW 207

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

ELW 873

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821-1891, alt.

Music: Arthur H. Messiter, 1834-1916

Tune: MARION

Take My Life and Let It Be

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

Music: Henri A.C. Malan, 1787-1864

John Rutter (b. 1940) wrote his Requiem in 1985. It premiered at Lover's Lane UMC in Dallas Texas, conducted by Rutter himself. It was written in memoriam of L.F.R. (Rutter's father, who died in 1984.) The masterpiece has been described as intimate, contemplative, and lyrical. The 23rd Psalm is the sixth out of seven movements. Solo oboe introduces and weaves throughout the piece, using the lyrical tone of the instrument to mimic the shepherd pipes. The harp adds an ethereal quality to the words of the psalm. Rutter placed this movement near the end of the Requiem to balance the heavier, more somber movements. The order of movements supports the overarching message of healing and reassurance. Though we use the NRSVUE translation on Sundays, Rutter uses the translation from the King James Bible. He crafted lyrical lines to show grace, turning moments of doubt into expressions of trust. We are so grateful to Luis Gonzalez on Oboe, and Dr. Tanya Greenfield on Harp, as we present Rutter's 23rd Psalm on Sunday, October 11, 2026 at the 8:45am service. Both artists were featured at last year's Good Friday Service of Tenebrae.

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE

Sunday, October 11

XX PENTECOST

7:30 AM Tech Rehearsal
8:00 AM Schola Cantorum
8:45 AM Worship
10:00 AM The Gathering
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism
10:00 AM SLSHY+
10:00 AM Up for Discussion
10:10 AM LET'S TALK
11:15 AM Worship

Monday, October 12

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

SAINT LUKE CLOSED

7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 249

Tuesday, October 13

8:30 AM CDS Classes
10:00 AM Mary/Martha Circle (Online)
10:00 AM CDS Music
5:30 PM CDS Pumpkin Patch Family
Literacy Night
7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 AM Faith Connections (Online)
8:30 AM CDS Classes
10:00 AM Women in Community
10:00 AM CDS Pastor Chapel
3:45 PM La Sagrada Familia- After School
Tutoring
7:00 PM Columbarium Meeting (Online)
7:30 PM Schola Cantorum

Thursday, October 15

8:30 AM CDS Classes
10:00 AM Fire Drill
4:00 PM La Sagrada Familia- En Camino
Tutoring
7:30 PM AA
7:30 PM Centering Prayer (Online)

Friday, October 16

8:30 AM CDS Classes
12:00 PM Food Ministry
3:45 PM La Sagrada Familia- Music
6:00 PM AA

Saturday, October 17

9:30 AM Quilters
9:30 AM AA
11:00 AM Al-Anon
8:30 PM AA

Sunday, October 18

FESTIVAL OF ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST/GODS WORK. OUR HANDS/QUILT DEDICATION

7:30 AM Tech Rehearsal
7:45 AM Handbell Rehearsal
8:00 AM Schola Cantorum
8:45 AM Worship (English)
10:00 AM God's Work, Our Hands
Congregation Service Project
11:15 AM Worship (English)
1:00 PM Worship(Spanish)
2:00 PM The Gathering