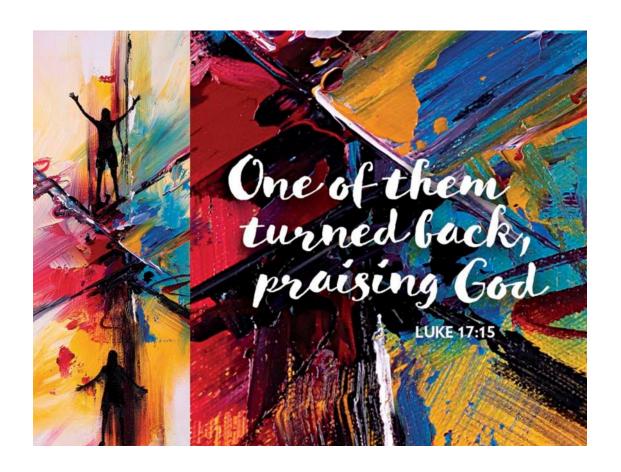
LIVING SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 12, 2025

Living Saviour Lutheran Church is a faith community striving to live and love as Jesus did, eagerly welcoming all and bringing healing, help, and hope to the world.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY:

Assisting Minister - Marty Jenkins Crucifer - Cooper Thom Acolyte - Ben Thom

INSTRUMENTALIST TODAY:

Trumpet - **Gordon Hann** Woodwinds - **Barbara Tobin**

THIS WORSHIP FOLDER contains all elements of the worship service. It is designed to encourage your participation. Please read the words in bold print and join in the singing of all hymns. Italicized words are instructions.

RESTROOMS are located at the back of the sanctuary and down the short hallway.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES!

Parents, you are always welcome to bring your children to worship with you. If you are comfortable and prefer having them in supervised childcare, it is available and is under the very capable and loving supervision of Ms. Carla. The Childcare Room is down the steps as you enter the gathering area outside the sanctuary. Someone will be happy to direct you there.

- **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS** for readers and non-readers are available on the welcome table where the worship folders are located.
- **QUIET BAGS** for use by children during worship have been updated and arranged by age groups. They are located to the left as you enter the sanctuary. Please feel free to pick one up and replace it on the hooks when you leave.
- **SPARK FAMILY MAGAZINES** are available on the welcome table and are free for the taking!

NEIGHBOR BAGS have been assembled and are located in the blue bin outside of the sanctuary. Please take a few to keep in your car and hand out when the opportunity arises.

PRAYER LIST is on page 24. **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES** are on page 26.

OCTOBER 2025 HEALTH AND WHOLENESS

The October theme for Health and Wholeness is Comfort Through Grief and Loss.

Tip#2: Acknowledge the pain from your loss. Accept that grief can trigger many different and unexpected emotions and none of them are wrong. Understand that your grieving process will be unique to you. Eventually you will come to terms with your grief, and your feelings of loss and sadness will be less intense.

1 Peter 5-7 Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (Sandra Sample, piano)

arr. Kartsonakis

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy and gracious God,
we confess that we have sinned against you.
Some of our sin we know—
the thoughts and words and deeds
of which we are ashamed—
but some is known only to you.
In the name of Jesus Christ we ask forgiveness.
Deliver and restore us,
that we may rest in peace.
Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through + Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

Please turn to face the processional cross. As the cross passes, please turn to the altar.

GATHERING HYMN "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

ELW 864



- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav en; joy ful ly your trib-ute bring.
- 2 God be praised for grace and fa vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
- 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
- 4 An gels sing in ad o ra tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for-giv-en, ev-er-more God's prais-es sing. God be praised, the same for-ev-er, slow to chide and swift to bless. but, as mor-tals rise and per-ish, God en-dures un-chang-ing on. Sun and moon and all cre-a-tion, all who dwell in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!



Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

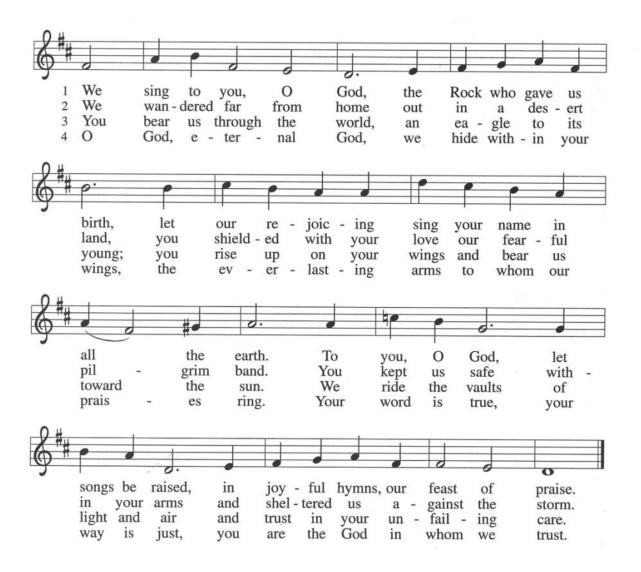
Al - le - lu - ia!

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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.

Almighty and most merciful God,

your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, (4-6), 7-15c

A reading from Second Kings.

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." (⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵ And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease.") 7 When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." ⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" 14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 111

Please read responsively.

- ¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
 - ² Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.
 - ³ Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.
 - ⁴ You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.
 - ⁵ You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.
 - ⁶ You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.
 - ⁷ The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.
 - 8 They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.
 - ⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.
 - ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 9

Cantor sings Alleluia. All repeat Alleluia. Cantor sings verse. All sing Alleluia.



Verse:



GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Sara Ilderton

Please stand as you are able.



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923-2007

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving.

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Restore clean water to all communities and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies.

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing, especially those we now name silently or aloud...
God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

After exchanging the peace with those near you, please be seated.

MINISTRY MINUTE

WE SHARE THE SUPPER OF THE LORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

The offering plate is passed. You may also give electronically using the QR code on the back cover.

MUSICAL OFFERING "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Michael Rosewall Please stand as you are able.



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

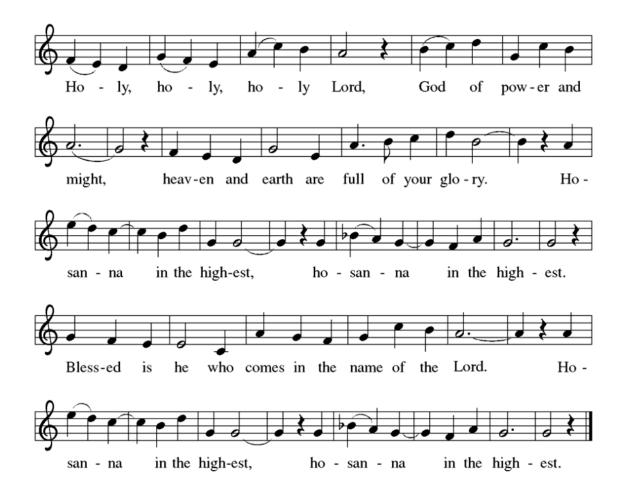
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our privilege and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

All creation sings your praise.
Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory.
Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders.

With Sarah and Abraham we go out in faith, trusting your promise. With Naomi and Ruth we bind ourselves together in covenant love. With Lazarus, Martha, and Mary we give thanks for the blessings of family. With the Samaritan leper who was healed by Jesus, we give thanks for your healing power, O God.

With disciples and followers we marvel at the reign of God come near. With saints through the ages we ponder the mystery of Christ's dying and rising.

The celebrant continues with the Words of Institution

Coming together as your people, O God, we break this bread and share this cup, remembering the death and resurrection of Christ, and his promise to be with us always as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty. Bless our table and the feast we share. Bless us with gladness of heart. Come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit.

At this table make us your body.

Form us to be people of justice and peace.

Fill us with gratitude and generosity

that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed.

Praise to you, Author of creation.
Praise to you, O Beloved One.
Praise to you, O Giver of all good things.
Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity,
one God, now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

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 be seated.

An usher will direct you forward for Communion.

Communion is served around the altar rail. You may kneel or stand.

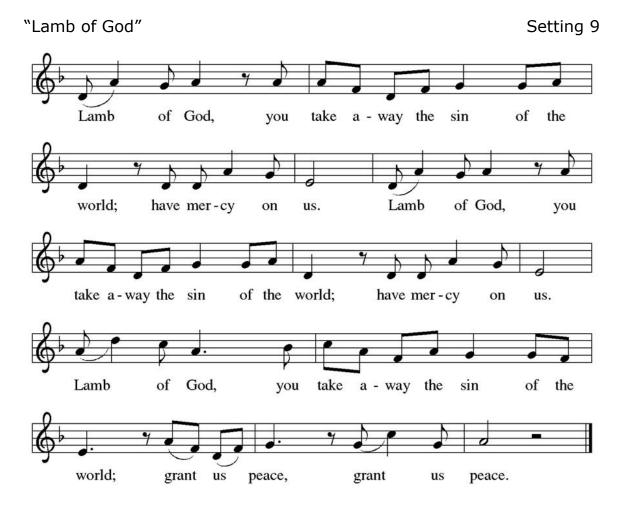
We use wheat wafers, wine and white grape juice. If you need a gluten free wafer, please make that known to the pastor.

For any who desire a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

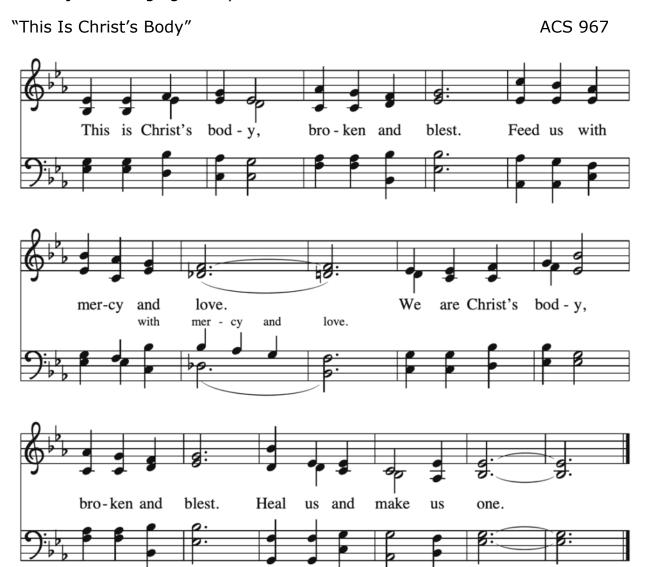
The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you

COMMUNION HYMN



MUSIC DURING SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE

Please join in singing the hymns.



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Music: BROKEN AND BLESSED, Anne Krentz Organ

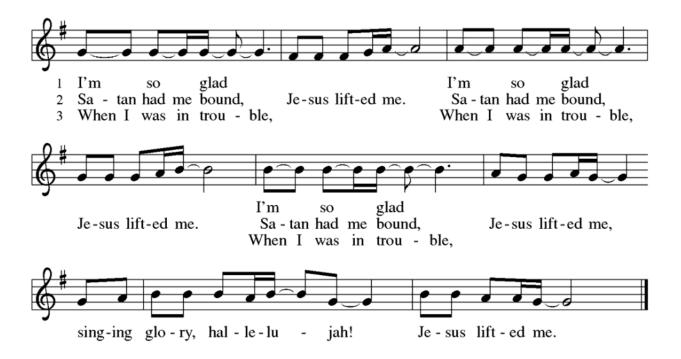
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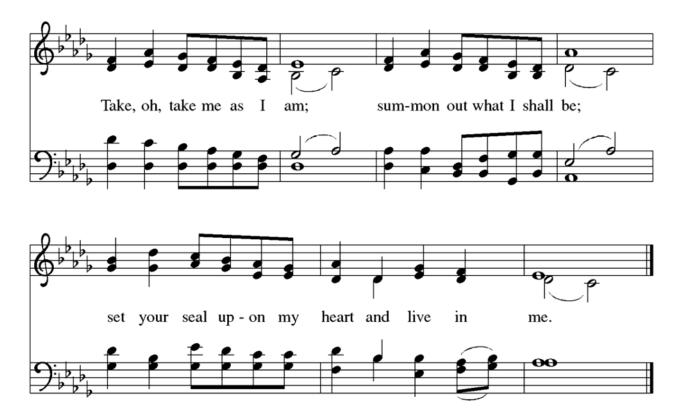
"For Everyone Born"







Text: African American spiritual Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
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Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood, strengthen, keep and unite us now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good striving to live and love as Jesus did, eagerly welcoming all and bringing healing help and hope to the world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope and love. **Amen.**



Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ goes with you.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE "Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer" Alston

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*Prayers for the Grieving

Family of Indra Persaud Family of Carolyn Thompson Family of Bill Keasling Family of Leslie Tripp Family of Bob Loges Family of Trudy Haseley Family of Rufus Gregory Family of Libby Boatwright

Prayers for Engaged Couples

Matt Tittle and DeeDee Williams Elizabeth and Kevin

Prayers for Expectant Parents

Sarah & Aaron Gabriella & Jay Gonnelli Kevin & Leslye Young

Prayers for all First Responders/Veterans/Active Military Service

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Neil Mitchell Corey Young

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^{*}For Prayers for the Grieving - Church Members and Relatives of Members will remain on the prayer list for one year. Others will remain on the list for one month, unless otherwise requested.

THIS WEEK AT LIVING SAVIOUR

Sunday: October 12

- 9:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation
- 9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School
- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday: October 13

- 8:00 a.m. Ready Set 4 ABA
- 6:15 p.m. Yoga 4 You
- 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 165

Tuesday: October 14

- 8:00 a.m. Ready Set 4 ABA
- 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4 You
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 265

Wednesday: October 15

- 8:00 a.m. Ready Set 4 ABA
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday: October 16

- 8:00 a.m. Ready Set 4 ABA
- 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4 You
- 6:15 p.m. Yoga 4 You

Friday: October 17

8:00 a.m. Ready Set 4 ABA

Saturday: October 18

10:00 a.m. Yoga 4 You

Sunday: October 19

- 9:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation
- 9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School
- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Ministry Fair
- 12:30 p.m. Monthly Council Meeting



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