



Encouraging and strengthening faith in Jesus, and sharing the joy of God's love.

October 7, 2018

20th Sunday after Pentecost

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

HOLY COMMUNION

Gathering

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

INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

CHOIR PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands as able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to meet our Risen Lord in word and sacrament, let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,

things done and left undone.

Uphold us by your Spirit

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your holy name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Almighty God have mercy on you,

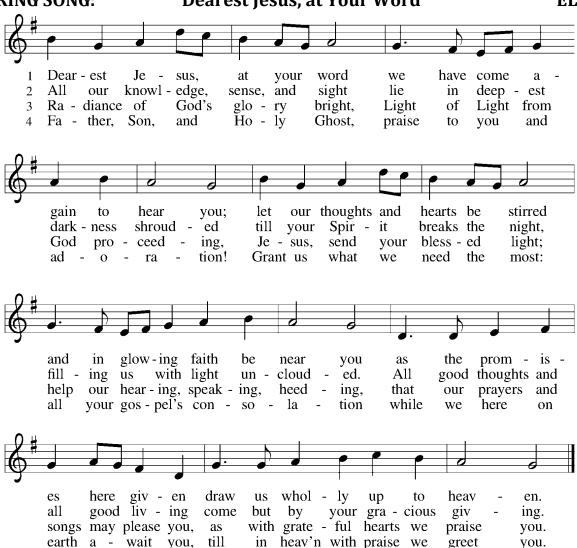
forgive you all your sins through our

→ Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness.

and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

The assembly remains standing to sing, turning to the altar as the cross passes by.



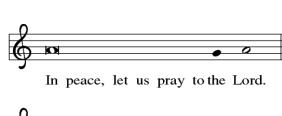
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GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

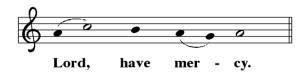
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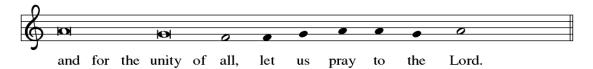


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

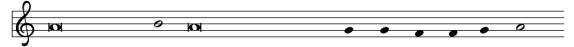




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

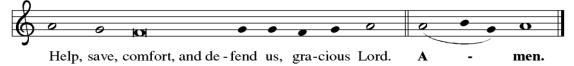




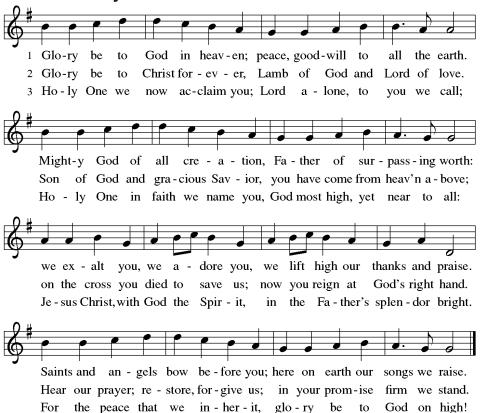


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





CANTICLE OF PRAISE "Glory to God"



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept, then the presiding minister leads the prayer.

P: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly sits.

Word

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

Reading from Genesis.

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,

human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

8the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

A Reading from Hebrews.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

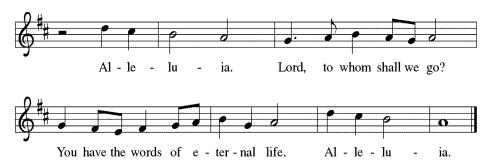
^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

After a brief silence, the assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.** *The assembly is seated.*

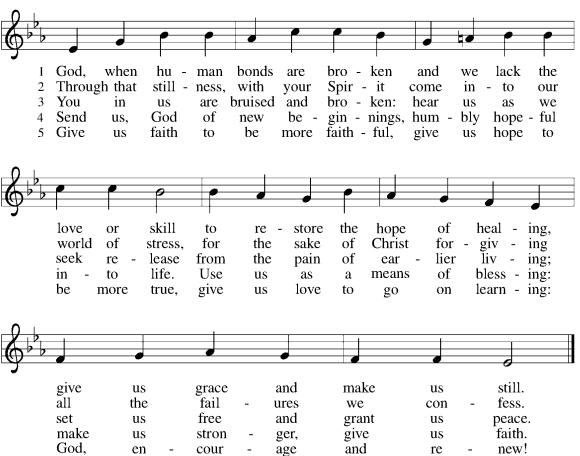
Youth and Children message

SERMON

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in Song.



Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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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 INTERCESSION

A: Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING



Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt. Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good,

and your love endures forever.

You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

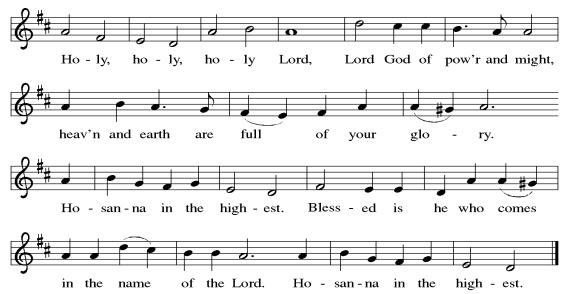
Lift up your hearts.

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 duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The presiding minister continues to give thanks:

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,

and all you have created rightly gives you praise, ...

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

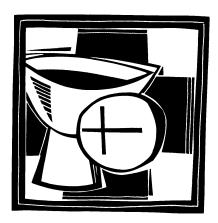
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we are bold to pray.

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.

Communion

P: Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

The bread is broken for the communion. The assembly is seated.



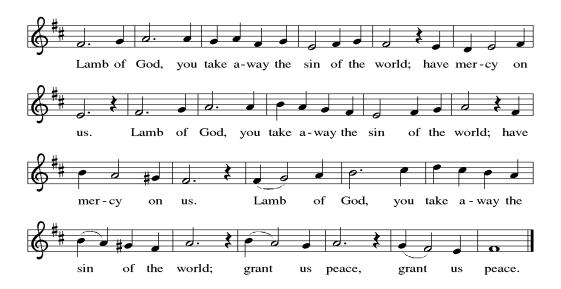
All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of holy communion. Those who are not baptized and children not yet communing may come forward for a blessing, please cross your arms on your chest if you desire a blessing.

At St. Stephen we receive Holy Communion by receiving the bread and then either drinking directly from the cup or by intinction: That means that you may **receive the bread in your hand and then dip bread in the wine**.)

Gluten free bread is available on the right side. (please ask)

Alcohol free wine is available on the right side. (please ask)

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**





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- 1 By your hand you feed your peo ple, food of an gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour age to the hun gry, lost, be reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro-ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out-poured,



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Instrumental Music

Cesar Vidaud

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Holy and compassionate God,

in bread and wine you give us the gifts that form us to be humble and courageous: the body and blood of your Son.

May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Messiah and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

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

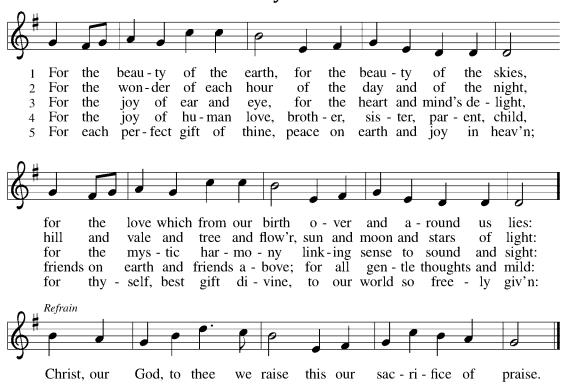
BLESSING

P: The God of all compassion bless you in every way, grant you hope all the days of your life, fill your heart with peace, and lead you to eternal life.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG:

For the Beauty of the Earth



Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our prayers today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Laurel Blake, Kathy Runk, Jimmy Fennelli, Caroline Smith, Edith Reichenback, Audrey Shumway, Jim Loggins, Diane Adler, Katie Paff, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, and Shelley Amato.

Prayers for Friends of the Church: (Please renew your request every 3 weeks)

★ Sandra, Joanna, Tammy Hulshoff, George Stewart, Aurea Soto ★ Rosie's Fennelli family, prayers for Puerto Rico, friends and family ★ Gene, Annette, and Sandra.

In a facility or homebound:

Audrey Shumway - Willow Wick, Janesville, Wisconsin 53545
Barbara Kaptain - The Atrium Assistant Living at Boca Raton.

1080 NW 15TH Room 215 Boca Raton, Fl. 33486

Jane Reinhold – Platinum Loving Group, P. O. Box 410572, Melbourne, FL 32941

Evelyn Braun – 6152 Verde Trail Room 106 Boca Raton, Fl. 33433

Jim Loggins - John Knox Village - Woodlands

700 SW 4th St. Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Parish Announcements

Welcome to worship!

We are thankful you are here! We especially welcome our guests and first time visitors today. Please take a moment to fill out the attendance cards in the worship folder with your name, number and email—especially if you are visiting so that we can welcome you. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Pr. Schaefer. Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the gathering area at the back of the church (Narthex) following the liturgy this morning. St. Stephen members: don't forget to put a little something in the jar on the table to help support this ministry! We thank **Linda Hanzlik** for her generous stewardship of this ministry of hospitality!

Lutheranism 101—October 7, 14, 21

Join us on Sunday mornings at St. Stephen to deepen your walk with God and God's people. Pastor Bob will lead the conversation from **9:15—10:00am**. We observe Reformation Sunday this month. So, what makes us Lutheran Christians anyway? Why are we named after a medieval German monk? We will spend these three Sundays talking about the basics of the Christian faith as understood by Lutherans, including a conversation about why we worship as we do. Those who would like to join St. Stephen, seasoned Lutherans, and the curious are invited to come and see!

Interested in joining St. Stephen?

We will next welcome new members to the parish on Reformation Sunday, October 28. Please check the box on the registration card in you bulletin if you are interested and Pr. Bob will be in touch. You are invited with all members and friends of St. Stephen to attend Lutheranism 101 which will be held on October 8, 14, and 21 from 9:15 to 10:00am in the church.

Change for Change: Puerto Rican Relief

Puerto Rico's revision of the death toll from last September's horrific Hurricane Maria to 2,975 elevates the storm to one of the greatest catastrophes of recent times in the United Sates. During September and October, we will be collecting money in the Change for Change tower in the Narthex to help with the ongoing relief effort in Puerto Rico through the ELCA Caribbean Synod. Please be generous. The Congregation Council also designated the \$712 that was currently in the tower for this effort.

Installation of the Rev. Robert Schaefer as Pastor—NEXT Sunday, October 14th at 3:30pm. Bp. Pedro Suarez will preside and preach at this festive liturgy. A reception with finger food and refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex or check the box on the card in your worship folder and join in the celebration.

Wine & Cheese – Saturday, October 27 at 4:30pm to 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy the music while sharing a great time with our church friends. Bring your friends and neighbors, everyone is welcome! A suggested donation of \$15.00 would be collected at the door.

Help Wanted: Do you like electronics?

We are seeking to grow our sound and projection team. These people work the controls in the back of the church for both the sound system and the images we project. Contact Pr. Bob if you would like to know more.

We are invited to the Broward-Bahamas Conference Reformation Service...

On Sunday afternoon October 28 at 4:00pm, St. John's Church in Hollywood (2919 Van Buren Street, Hollywood, FL) will host a conference wide observance of the Reformation with a Festival Eucharist. Following the liturgy there will be a light German-American upper in the St. John Parish Hall.

There is no charge for the dinner but please let Pr. Bob know if you would like to attend. In addition, choirs and members of all conference congregations are invited to participate.

Wellness Expo at the Center for Active Aging

The Center for Active Aging (formerly NE Focal Point Senior Center) at 227 NW 2nd Street in Deerfield Beach, will be holding their 18th annual *Health and Wellness Expo—Fit through the Ages* on October 20 from 9:00am to 12:30pm. The public is invited and there is a flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex with more information.

Assisting at Our Worship Celebrations on October

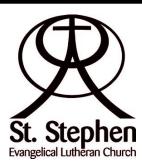
(w) will give wine at communion. Thank you all for serving.

10:15 AM	October 7	October 14	October 14	October 21	October 28
3:30 PM			<u>Pastor Installation</u>		
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Pat Belanger	Natalie Prego	Sera Butz	Natalie Prego	Sera Butz
Book Bearer			Katie Paff		
ACOLYTE	Katie Paff	Carol Jacobson		Sera Butz	Madison Kibler
Crucifer			Eric Castaneda		
LECTOR	Erika Flanigan	Sera Butz	Tom Peterson Erika Flanigan	Tom Peterson	Kevin Otterson
Torch Bearers			Marsha Kibler Pat Belanger		
USHERS –Need	Suzanne Loggins	Harry Ambrose	Lynda Smith	Lynda Smith	Darin Kibler
4 to Serve	Patricia Engle	Patricia Engle	Zachary Smith	Zachary Smith (w)	Drew Kibler
	Lisa Castaneda (w)	Pat Belanger	Patricia Engle	Lisa Castaneda	Marsha Kibler (w)
	Jeanne Pettit	Rosie Fennelli	Harry Ambrose	Suzanne Loggins	Erika Flanigan
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS -	Caroline Smith	Kelly Jacobson		Caroline Smith	Kelly Jacobson
Need 2 to Serve	Ruth Wagle	Rose Jones		Ruth Wagle	Rose Jones
SOUND	Terry Shumway	Eric Castaneda	Dennis Magarrell	Katie Paff	Larry Jones
PROJECTION	Dennis Magarrell	Terry Shumway	Terry Shumway	Dennis Magarrell	Jake Vanzile

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Psalm 8:4, 6 – What are human beings that you [Lord] are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.

God gives us dominion over God's creation, which means we're in charge. But that also means we have a duty to treat the created world respectfully and use its resources responsibly. How do you think we're doing? As steward-disciples, how can we do better?



Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

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Activity Calendar

Sunday 7

10:15am Sunday Worship

11:45am-12:45pm Confirmation Ministry

Monday 8

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 9

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Wednesday 10

8:00am Quilting

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 11

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 12

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 13

10:00am Fall Conference Meeting/ Abiding Savior, Fort Lauderdale

Fellowship Hall rented

Sunday 14

10:15am Sunday Worship

3:30pm Pr. Schaefer's Installation Liturgy



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