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Rekindling the Flame



Traditional

Celebration of Holy Communion

October 18, 2026



WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN'S PROVIDENCE CAMPUS

If you would like to learn more about the church, contact Kathy Hofmann, our Guest & Hospitality Director
khofmann@christelca.org

-or-

Fill out one of the Connect cards located in the pew racks in front of you, and place in the offering plate.

The order of service is divided into several sections. Use this bulletin to participate in the worship service, noting parts spoken by the leader or the people, when to stand, sit, or kneel, and music for congregational singing.



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Traditional Order of Worship

GATHERING

PRELUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues

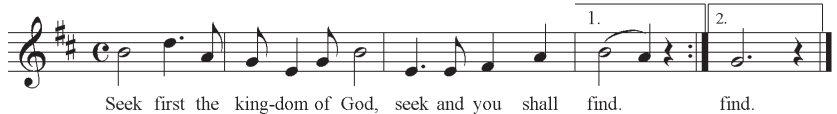
Cota
Luther Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

Seek First

Berthier



Seek first the king-dom of God, seek and you shall find. find.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

SILENT REFLECTION & SELF-EXAMINATION (kneel/sit)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE (stand)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In

Haugen



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

APOSTOLIC 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.

KYRIE



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

G Lord, have mer - cy.

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

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

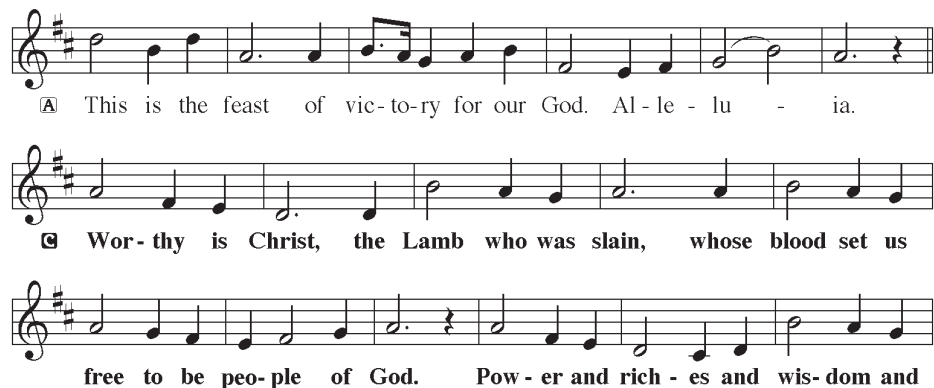
G Lord, have mer - cy.

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

let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE *This is the Feast*



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

G Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray. In Christ, our Master and our Redeemer, you have shown yourself to us, Father, for he is in you and you are in him. Make us follow this Jesus with joy, the way, the truth, and the life. Then shall we come to you through the One who is our Passover and our peace, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

WORD

READING Acts 9:1-16 (NRSV) (sit)

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with

him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION**
Alleluia
(stand)



HOLY GOSPEL
John 14:4-7
(NRSV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, "You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHRISTKIDS
DISMISSAL**
(sit)

Children ages 3 years through 2nd grade are invited to an age-appropriate lesson in the Ministry Center (M241/242). They will return during the offering.

**BLESSING OF
THE QUILTS**

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Green, Parry
(stand)



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin-dranc-es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re - stored,
if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

APOSTLES' CREED I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

THE PRAYERS

(kneel/sit)

*Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.*

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

(sit)

Place cash or checks in Give envelopes, located in pew racks, and drop in offering plate. Credit cards can be used via online giving. Text "PRAISE" to 73256 or scan QR Code on envelope.

Here I Am, Lord
arr. Craig Courtney
Christ Choir

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

(stand)



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be

fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,
 we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us:
 our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
 Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



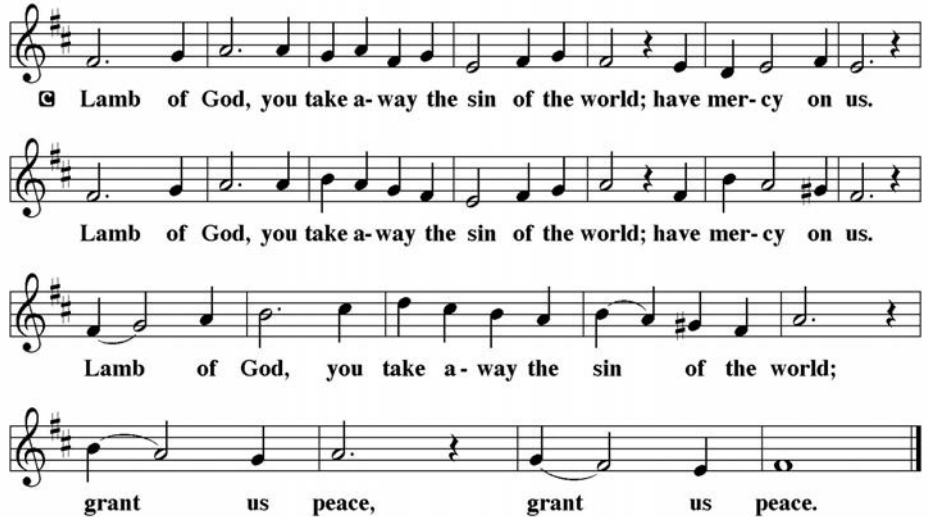
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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.

LAMB OF GOD (sit)



HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who have been instructed in the sacrament and believe Christ is present for the forgiveness of sins are invited to commune. Young children are invited to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

***What a Friend We
Have in Jesus***

Dobrinski
Luther Ringers

BLESSING (stand)

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BENEDICTION*The Lord bless you and keep you.**The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.**The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.***Amen.****CLOSING HYMN**
***In Christ Called
to Baptize***

Duck



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

DISMISSAL*Go in peace. Serve the Lord.***Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE**

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Food! Live Music! Games!



4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Outside Near the Portico-Fountain Area

Beer/Wine available for purchase (21+ only)

Brats, Chicken Sausage, Sides, Hotdogs, Dessert (\$15 adult • \$7 child)

**SCAN QR CODE
FOR INFO & RSVP>>**



Sunday, October 25

Trunk or Treat

FOR 5TH GRADE & YOUNGER

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

in the Parking Lot





Quilters FOR CHRIST

**Wednesdays • 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
in Center Six**

If you can not make Wednesday mornings, you can still be part of this ministry by cutting out or sewing squares at home. No experience necessary.

**MORE INFO:
Lois Witham (704-517-5882)**

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Share your power.

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, October 18

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**TO REGISTER, GO TO:
oneblood.org/donate-now**



WEDNESDAYS ABLAZE

Dinner 5:00-6:00 p.m.

in Fellowship Hall (\$8 adults/\$6 child/\$30 family max)
To speed up your check-in, prepay for dinner in Realm

Activities & Classes 6:00-7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 16 – DECEMBER 9, 2026

LEARN MORE & RSVP FOR DINNERS:
christelca.org/wednesdays-ablaze



Mondays • 6:30–7:15 p.m.
in the Dance Studio (C-301)

Led by Tracy Reynolds. Cost: \$5. Contact
Pastor Adrienne with questions or to
RSVP (aladd@christelca.org).

261215

Mother Daughter Bible Study

Wednesdays • 6:00 p.m.
in W150 A&B

This fall, we are launching a brand
new Mother Daughter Bible Study
as part Wednesdays Ablaze.
This study is designed for mothers &
daughters in middle & high school.

Interested? E-mail Pastor Adrienne
to learn more (aladd@christelca.org)



Dance during Wednesdays Ablaze!
We offer our moves and praise to the Lord
with instructor Tracy Reynolds. Cost is \$5.

**Class not held every first week of the month.*

Acolytes Needed

Youth ages 10 to 18 needed to help
assist during Traditional Worship on
Sunday mornings. Earn hours towards
confirmation requirements or
service hours for school.

**If interested, please
contact: Barbara Anderson**
(barbara@amsspecialtysteel.com)



ADULT 40+ Open Court Basketball

- Find your old high-tops & join us for some
exercise, fun & fellowship in Spirit Hall.

Now on Mondays • 7–8:30 p.m.

For adults 40+ to shoot, play a game of horse
or join a pick-up game. Join in to relive the
glory days & remember—no dunking allowed.

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2026
**IMPACT
HUNGER**



Annual Banquet & Fundraising Event



2026 Goal
ONE MILLION MEALS
equals \$250,000

Silent Auction • Food
Drinks • Fellowship

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
6:00-8:30 pm

Christ Episcopal Church
1412 Providence Road



Scan the code
to join us!

MORE INFO: javascafeeds.org



Family Nights at McClintock
every Tuesday from 5:30 - 7:15 p.m.

To get involved, contact Sara:
srentmeister@christelca.org

261215



Mental Health Class

Tuesdays • 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.
at McClintock Middle School

Join McPIE & NAMI for a 9-wk. course helping families recognize mental health symptoms & ways to open meaningful conversations at home. This class is for CLC & McClintock parents with children 22 & younger who may be experiencing mental health symptoms.

To participate or more info:
adavis@christelca.org



NAMI
National Alliance on Mental Illness

261215

Children's Clothing Needed

We are collecting clean, gently used or new clothing for elementary-sized children, girls & boys — especially in need of pants.

**Drop off at info desk in Lower Commons
or bins outside of Outreach office.**
Please label bags "children's clothing"

Baptismal Class

Sun., November 1
10 a.m. in Lackey Chapel

THIS CLASS IS
IN PERSON ONLY

For info, email Caroline at
cdiffley@christelca.org



2026 Annual
CROP Walk will be

Sunday, November 15

1:00 p.m. at Providence Baptist Church (Randolph Rd.)



**<<Click or scan to donate and
join the Christ Lutheran Team!**
<https://t.ly/H4nnN>

Rise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come

This year, we are asking our congregation to help us write an Advent devotional! Choose from a list of daily themes and scriptures on SignUpGenius and submit your devotion by Nov. 12.



**Click/Scan QR
Code to Sign Up**
or go to t.ly/TZjqT



NATIONAL ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

LAST CHANCE!

June 26 – July 2, 2027

All 8th-12th grade students are invited to join us in Minnesota for the 2027 Nat'l Youth Gathering. We will spend a week in Minneapolis, worshipping & serving God with 20,000 of our closest friends.

Scan/Click for More Info & RSVP
PLEASE REGISTER BY OCTOBER 18



REALM

MIDDLE SCHOOL GAME NIGHT

Sunday, October 18 • 4–6 p.m.
in the Pit

Grades 6-8 are invited for an evening of fun and games!
Dinner included • Bring a friend!

Scan/Click to Register



REALM

Parent's Time Out

Sunday, November 1
12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Pit

Parents, do you need a break? Then mark your calendars for our first Parent's Time Out event for this school year and drop off children aged 3 through middle school. Lunch provided.

Scan/Click to Register>>
PLEASE REGISTER BY OCTOBER 28



REALM

CLC YOUTH BASKETBALL

Fall 2026 Season

Registration Now Open!!
for boys & girls ages Pre-K through 12th Grade (U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18). Cost: \$125

SCAN/CLICK FOR MORE INFO & RSVP



REALM



peer
ministry leadership

UPCOMING DATES:
Oct. 18 • Nov. 8 • Nov. 22 • Dec. 13
12:30–2:30 p.m. in the Pit

All high school students are invited to come learn some important life skills that can be used to help their peers get through tough life problems.

MORE INFO: nlegvold@christelca.org

FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

CORN MAZE

Saturday, October 24
4–6 p.m. for Middle School
6–8 p.m. for High School

RESCHEDULED!

Join us for an evening of fun & fellowship at Country Days Corn Maze in Indian Trail. We will explore the maze & have a time of worship around the fire pits. Meet at Country Days Farm.

\$10 • Click/Scan to Register>>



REALM

HIGH SCHOOL MYSTERY DINNER

Sunday, November 1 • 5–8 p.m.
in the Pit

High school youth are invited to attend a Mystery Dinner Party. After you register you will receive a character sheet. Come dressed as your character & prepare to be in character for the next 3 hours as we solve the mystery.

Scan/Click QR Code to Register



REALM

HOW CAN WE *PRAY* FOR YOU?



christelca.org/prayer-request




Prayers

- † National, state and local leaders
- † Conflicts throughout the world
- † Kristi Ausrud
- † Delaney Martin
- † Jackie Misenheimer's mother, Mildred Wells
- † Sonny Parker
- † Lois Witham
- † Bill Porter
- † Fred Reddel
- † Renee Cerwin's grandson, Archie
- † Meghan Cole's grandfather, Paul Hoffmann
- † Kristin Kilpatrick
- † Jeanne Alexander
- † Shelby Smyrl on the death of her husband, Jim
- † The family of Karen Roode upon her death
- † Marty Hebrank's stepsister, Danielle Sherman

Hospice List

- † Rajah Chacko's mother, Yo

*The flowers today
are given to the Glory of God...*

In Honor of the Baptism of Luke William
Richter, given by Patsy Stanley,
his Great Grandmother.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

October 11, 2026

Traditional: 201

Bridge: 134

Contemporary: 261

Christ Online: 342 (Sun - Tue)



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Our Pastors



Dr. Scott Suskovic
Senior Pastor



Pastor Ryan Ritzmann
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& Faith Formation



Pastor Adrienne Ladd
Family Ministries

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Mark Johanson Minister of Music & Worship

Philip Biedenbender Minister of Music

Craig Cole Music Associate

Dennis Contreras Music Associate

Noah DePalma Tech Associate

Shelby Johns Tech Director

Kevin Lane Associate Tech Director

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