

First Lutheran Yellow Pages

July 26, 2026

Today	8:45 am Immerse Bible Study 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Christmas in July BINGO
Monday	10:00am Frolic Bible 6:00 pm Men's Club
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	6:00 pm Youth Mystery Movie Night
Friday	
Saturday	

Prayer List

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in gratitude for our 52nd wedding anniversary by Pr. Doug and Mary Lee Guthier.

Note: Names will be removed after four weeks unless the Church Office is otherwise notified.

Prayer Concerns: Joyce Ekelund, Danny Gillane

Sustaining Prayers John Doreck, Joe & Helga Garcia, Cyndi Agrella, Carl & Peggy Davis, Lois Walker, David Carr, Debbie Marinelli, Brett Williford, Jack Gallo, Jenny Sheley, Vera Danner, Joan Macaluso, Pat Austin, Jimmy & Joyce Fundling, Dana Connor, Jack & Lynn Gallo, Marian Plain, Kay Hoh, Tom Lewis, Nikki Sonderegger, Carla Sanborn-Jones, Theresa Low, Kathleen Donahoo, Rosalina Agee, Jerre Massa, Milton Barnum III, Milton Barnum IV, Pamela McClaren, Mike Arnold, Julie Holland,

Serving at Worship Today

Crucifer	Jackson Glenn
Acolytes	Annabelle Lockhart
Lay Minister	Kay Henson
Lector	Diane Peña, Sandra Tetley
Cantor	Diane Denson
Vessel Bearers	Jim and Jo Bremer
Greeter	Steve and Kellie Flores
Altar Guild	Louise Miller, Nancy Carpenter, Barbara Alcala, Brenda Concienne
Ushers	Dennis Broughton, James Gainer,
Prayer Minister	Diane Denson
Live Stream	Krista Scheuerman

*Interested in serving?
You can be trained for any of the serving opportunities!
Contact the Church Office!*

Announcements

Interested in Playing African Drums? Talk with Jackson Glenn to learn more!

Thank you! to everyone who came out to support **Fanfare Lutheran Music Academy's** first musical production of **Lion King Jr!** Congrats to Bryson Peña, Adeline Langford and Candice Langford for their roles!

Fanfare LMA registration opens August 1 for the Fall term. Check out the offerings at fanfaregalveston.org/register/

Historic Lyceum – A Wonderful Place for Your Events. Contact Christina Ryan-Muehe, Lyceum Director, to arrange a tour to discuss having your upcoming events. From weddings to family reunions and business events to school reunions, the Lyceum is the best place on the island!

Men's Club: Monday, July 27 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. For ALL men connected with FLC!

Upcoming Commemorations

Tuesday, July 28

Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, Messiah, is a setting of scriptural texts.

Wednesday, July 29

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

Wednesday, July 29

Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

Sermon Questions

1. Which of Jesus' images speaks most powerfully to your life today—the yeast, the treasure, or the pearl—and why?
2. Where do you see God's "yeast" quietly at work transforming your life, your family, or your community, even if the change seems small?
3. What are you tempted to value more than God's Kingdom, and what might Christ be inviting you to place in its proper perspective?
4. How is the Holy Spirit calling you this week to bring the love, hope, and peace of God's Kingdom into the life of another person?
5. If someone watched the way you lived this week, what evidence would they see that the Kingdom of Heaven has already come near in your life?

**As we go about our
Summer times of travel and rest
*Remember to Ketchup (Catch-up)***

Consider shifting your donations and tithes to autopay through your
bank/credit union/etc.

*Thank you for your generous support of First Lutheran through all the
seasons of the year!*

JULY 26, 2026
NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



The Spirit helps us in our weakness.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	Parables of the kingdom
Monday	1 Kings 3:5-12	Solomon's prayer for wisdom
Tuesday	Romans 8:26-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
Wednesday	Genesis 29:15-28	Jacob marries
Thursday	Psalms 103:8-14	The Lord's wonderful love
Friday	Hebrews 4:14-16	Jesus the great high priest
Saturday	Psalms 119:129-136	The glories of God's law
Sunday	Matthew 14:13-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. **Romans 8:26 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Come Holy Spirit, help us in our weakness and strengthen us with faith that trusts your never-failing care through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for daily food; as you restore our bodies with this meal, restore our souls with joy in your presence. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's face shine on you with kindness. (Psalm 119:135)

WEEKLY MILESTONES CARING CONVERSATIONS

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Think of a person who you consider to be wise. What makes them wise?
- When you are going through tough times, do you find prayer easy or difficult? Explain.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 and 1 Kings 3:5-12.

Jesus tells five short parables: two about growth, two about valuing something very highly, and one about separating the good from the bad. There are details in these parables that have challenged Christians throughout the ages. Jesus asked the disciples if they “*understood all this,*” and without hesitation they simply replied, “*Yes*” (Matthew 13:51). Perhaps there is a cautionary tale here. Whereas, Solomon simply wants wisdom and is praised by God for such a humble request (1 Kings 3:5-12), yet the larger story in 1 Kings reveals that Solomon ended up wanting and claiming much more than a humble quest for wisdom. Instead of preserving the kingdom of Israel, the twelve tribes became split into two realms because of Solomon’s failures. The Apostle Paul acknowledges our human frailty by noting that we do not know how to pray and that the Spirit helps us in our weakness. In the midst of seeking a life of faithfulness and wisdom, it is good to be reminded, with humility, that our wisdom has its limits. Finally, what we need is a God who intercedes for us “*with sighs too deep for words*” (Romans 8:26).

Discuss: How has faith in God helped you during difficult times? *Pray:* The Lord’s Prayer.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help or support someone who is struggling with a health issue?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Many congregations are smaller today than years ago and may feel insignificant. The parable of the mustard seed teaches us that big things can happen from the smallest of things (Matthew 13:31-32). Growing the church involves being intentional about sharing our own faith story and passing the rituals and traditions we know and love onto the next generation. Think or talk about how you have told your faith story or passed on Christian rituals and traditions to others. How might you sow seeds of faith that grow into something great?

Pray: Dear God, thank you for Jesus who teaches us about the kingdom of heaven. Help us to grow your kingdom and take time to learn and to tell others about what Jesus has taught us. Amen.

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to:
www.milestonesministry.org

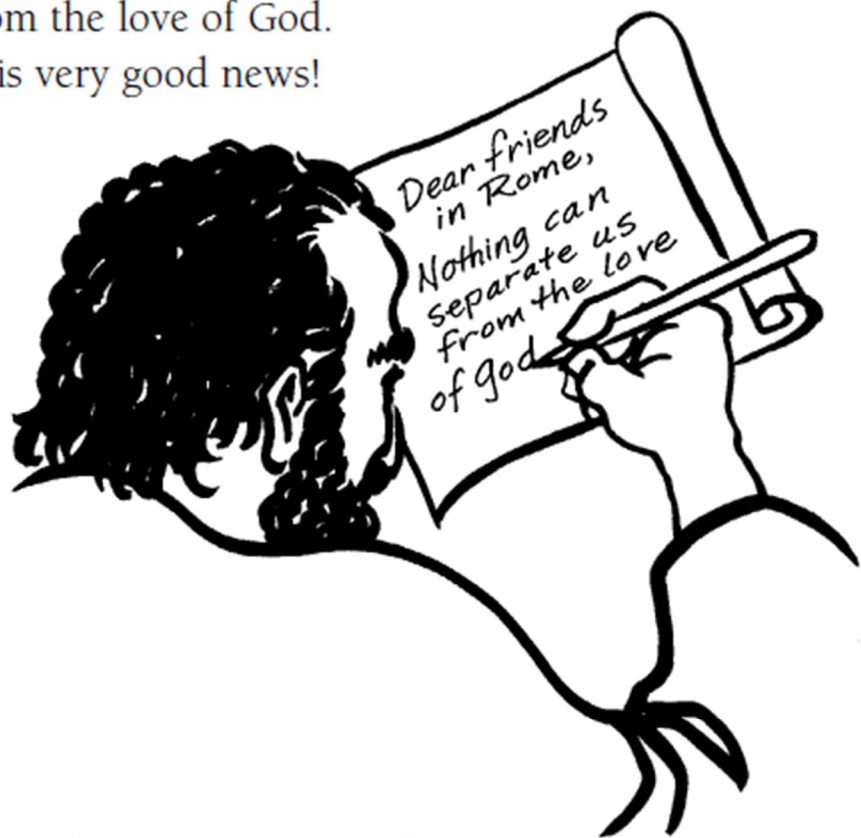
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Lectionary 17



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Welcome to worship. Paul lived long ago. He wrote many letters, telling people about Jesus and about God's love. One of these letters is called Romans. In Romans, Paul wrote that God loves us all the time, no matter what! He wrote that nothing anywhere can separate us from the love of God. That is very good news!

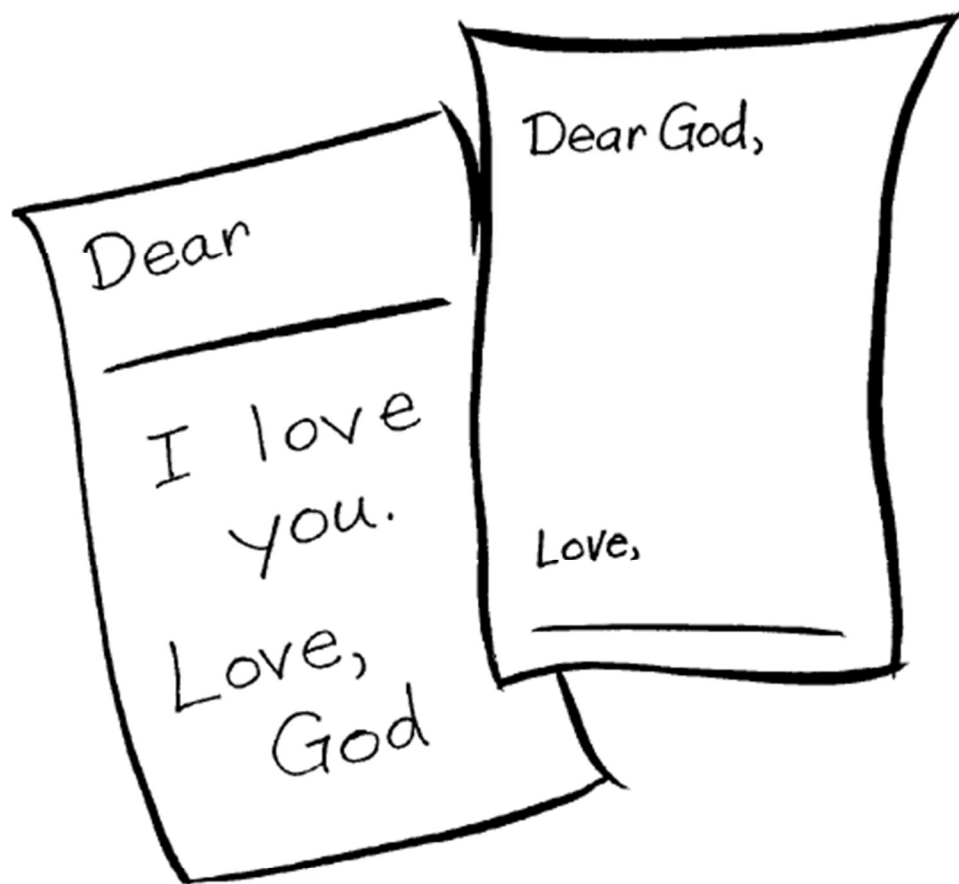


How do you experience God's love when you worship?



Love letters

Write your name in the letter from God. Then write or draw a message of love to God.



Thank you for loving me no matter what. I love you, too. Amen

†this week

Look for hidden treasures of God's kingdom indoors and outside.