

First Lutheran Yellow Pages

August 2, 2026

Today 8:45 am Immerse Bible Study

10:00 am Worship

Monday 10:00 am Frolic

5:30 pm Faith Formation Meeting

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday 9:00 am -3:00 pm Council Work Day

4:00 pm – 7 pm Celebration of Life for Clay Rogers at
Ashton Villa

Prayer List

Altar Flowers are given in celebration of our marriage, and in loving memory of Frank and Joan Macaluso by Kelli Sanders

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

Prayer Concerns: Joyce Ekelund, Danny Gillane, Angie Gibson

Sustaining Prayers John Doreck, Joe & Helga Garcia, Cyndi Agrella, Carl & Peggy Davis, Lois Walker, David Carr, Debbie Marinelli, Brett Williford, Jenny Sheley, Vera Danner, Joan Macaluso, Pat Austin, Jimmy & Joyce Fundling, 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,

Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Dana Connor upon his Death on July 26, 2026. And to the family and friends of Ronnie Schultz upon his death on July 27, 2026. And to Ashley Bishop and Keightlyn Morris and family upon the death of their cousin Heath Adams on July 26, 2026.

Serving at Worship Today

Crucifer	Frank Grizzaffi
Acolytes	Adalene Langford, Candice Langford
Lay Minister	Kurt Koopman
Lector	Kathy Gainer, Jeff Peterson
Vessel Bearers	J.D. and Keightlyn Morris Family
Greeter	Paul & Darlene Badovinac
Altar Guild	Bethany Grizzaffi, George & Billie Vasquez
Ushers	Dennis Broughton, James Gainer, Paul Badovinac
Prayer Minister	Jo Bremer
Live Stream	Krista Scheuerman

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

Announcements

Blessing of the Back Packs – NEXT SUNDAY! Students, Teachers, School Workers – come and prepare for the new school year with the Blessing of the Back Packs in which you will be prayed over by the congregation as you begin a new academic year!

Back to School Luncheon Fellowship Meal – August 9: The Men's Club will be cooking Spaghetti Bolognese, Roasted Vegetables and Garlic Bread. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite dessert to share (bring the recipe too) (Mark items that have nuts, dairy or are gluten free).

Faith Formation “Back to School” Open House- Sunday August 9
Following the luncheon. Come upstairs to tour the Faith Formation rooms and experience a Godly Play faith formation lesson with Krista!

Play A Musical Instrument? Talk to Pastor Rhoades or Don Hermanson to let us know so your gift can shine!

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!

Upcoming Commemorations

Saturday, August 8

Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221
Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

Sermon Questions

1. When have you experienced Jesus' *splagchnizomai*—His deep empathy/compassion—for you, especially in a difficult season?
2. Who is God placing in your path right now that needs more than your empathy—they need your compassion in action?
3. What "five loaves and two fish" has God already placed in your hands that He could use to bless someone else?
4. How does remembering that you are saved by grace alone free you to serve others with joy instead of obligation?
5. This week, if Jesus says to you, "You give them something to eat," what is one specific act of love He may be calling you to do?

**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!

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TENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

God's generosity gives us joy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS



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

Sunday Matthew 14:13-21 Jesus feeds the five thousand

Monday Isaiah 55:1-5 An invitation to abundant life

Tuesday Romans 9:1-5 God's choice of Israel

Wednesday Proverbs 28:25-27 The law of God makes sense

Thursday Psalm 37:18-28 Trust the Lord

Friday 1 Timothy 6:11-19 The good fight of faith

Saturday Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 The Lord is kind and merciful

Sunday Matthew 14:22-33 Jesus walks on water

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come buy wine and milk without money and without price. **Isaiah 55:1 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we thank you for inviting us to the banquet feast that has no end and is filled with joy and life in your presence through our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, the eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. Amen. (Psalm 145:15-16)

A Blessing to Give:

May God fill you with peace and joy.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*God Bless to Us Our
Bread*

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:

- What dream have you had that came true?
- How do your dreams and desires reflect your faith in Christ?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Isaiah 55:1-5 and Matthew 14:13-21.

Feasting is a biblical image of God's providence and grace. In Matthew 14, Jesus is feeding the masses, not just five thousand people, but five thousand men plus the women and children. This happens right after the beheading of John the Baptist at another feast, the birthday banquet of King Herod. Just as Jesus' banquet is a far cry from other earthly feasts, so is God's invitation to eat and drink without payment. God's offer of this life-giving nourishment is free. Isaiah 55 includes a challenge to all who want glory and feasting: "*Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?*" (v. 2). Isaiah gets to the heart of the dilemma in our lives: pursuing that which is not important, not essential. Since the time when Jesus fed the masses, God has reached out to all people with the promise of true joy envisioned in a banquet feast that never ends. *Discuss:* What is something you have pursued that is not essential to our lives? *Pray:* **God of abundant joy, help us to remember and believe that your kingdom gives us a joy like no other through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you support those who are homeless and in need of food?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

God's love and care for people is shown in the Bible with stories of meals and feasts. Think or talk about a time you hosted a meal in your home or helped someone else host a meal in your community. In what ways did you care for the guests? When did you feel

the presence of God's love? Write a list of words that describe how you felt and what you enjoyed the most about hosting the meal. Pause for a moment and consider when you could host a meal again for friends or a neighbor.

Pray: Lord, help me to find joy in your abundant care for 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



gather

Welcome to worship. Jesus is amazing! Did you know that a fish is a symbol for Jesus?

The Greek word for fish is ΙΧΘΥΣ. Each letter of this Greek word is the first letter of another Greek word that tells a name for Jesus. In English these words are:

Jesus

Christ

God's

Son

Savior



Jesus did something amazing with two fish!
Listen to today's gospel to find out what it is.



What's in a name?

Write your name in the boxes. Think of words that describe you that use those letters.

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Thank you, Jesus, for doing amazing things. Amen.



Look for the fish symbol in church.

this week

With someone you love, bake a loaf of bread and take it to someone who is sick or lonely.