

First Lutheran Yellow Pages

September 6, 2026

Today 8:45 am Immerse Bible Study
 10:00 am Worship

Monday Labor Day – Office Closed

Tuesday 6:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday

Thursday 6:00 pm Inbetweeners
 6:30 pm Fanfare Board Meeting

Friday

Saturday

Altar Flowers are given by Krista Scheuerman in honor of Hal & Collette Scheuerman's 36th Wedding Anniversary

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

Prayer List

Prayer Concerns: Danny Gillane, Pat Austin, Don Anderson

Sustaining Prayers John Doreck, Joe & Helga Garcia, 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, Joyce Ekeland, Patricia Roberts, Trinity Taylor, Don and Carol Anderson

Serving at Worship Today

Crucifer	Frank Grizzaffi
Acolytes	Jackson and James Morris
Lay Minister	Diane Denson
Lector	Sandra Tetley, Nancy Carpenter
Vessel Bearers	Janet & Albert Choate
Cantor	Bryson Peña
Greeter	Louise Miller
Altar Guild	Doug & Mary Lee Guthier, Adam Palmer
Ushers	Dennis Broughton, James Gainer
Prayer Minister	Tammy Lobaugh
Live Stream	Krista Scheuerman

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

Announcements

Are you interested in learning how to Live Stream the service from the Parish Hall? See Krista.

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

Fanfare LMA Classes begin Tuesday, Sept 8. Registration is underway for the Fall term. Musical Theater has been added along with our regular classes for children, **Zumba and Stretch & Flow** classes are offered for Adults on Tuesdays at 5:15 and 6:15. Check out the offerings at fanfaregalveston.org/register/

Save the date: Oct 23-24, Oktoberfest 2026. Volunteers are needed. Sign-up sheets are located by the side door when you walk in. Please sign up to work your favorite booth.

The Inbetweeners will be meeting Sept. 10th at 6pm for a light potluck and to watch The Chosen. All are welcome to join!

Adult Confirmation/Catechism: Pastor Rhoades is putting together an adult confirmation/catechism class. If interested please contact Pastor Rhoades.

Reminder: Youth Confirmation
class Sept 13 following worship!

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!

Oktoberfest is coming up! Ofest is accepting donations of baskets, gift cards, empty baskets to make auction bundles, art, bottles of wine and liquor, and more for the silent auction! All auction items can be dropped off in the main office or with Christina Muehe. **There are still outdoor and food truck spaces available for the event.** If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Christina or go to <https://galvestonoktoberfest.com/vendors/>.

Upcoming Commemorations

Wednesday, September 9

Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, died 1654

Born into Spanish nobility, Claver became a Jesuit missionary, and served in present-day Colombia. His ministry was focused on the enslaved people who arrived there. He gave them food and medicine, learned their dialects, and taught them Christianity.

Sermon Questions

1. Where have I experienced God's love and grace recently—and how has it changed me?
2. Who is the neighbor God may be placing in front of me right now?
3. What small, practical act of love could I offer someone this week?
4. Is there a relationship where God may be calling me toward forgiveness, healing, or reconciliation?
5. What might “faith working through love” look like in my life this week?

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through all the seasons of the year!*

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Resolve conflicts in the church with mercy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 18:15-20	Seeking reconciliation
Monday	Ezekiel 33:7-11	God's judgment seeks repentance
Tuesday	Romans 13:8-14	Love for one another
Wednesday	Philippians 4:1-3	Paul encourages the Lord's followers
Thursday	Romans 5:6-11	Being acceptable to God
Friday	Ephesians 4:25-32	Rules for the new life
Saturday	Psalm 119:33-40	A prayer for understanding
Sunday	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable about forgiveness

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one." **Matthew 18:15 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, teach us your ways that we may live together in peace and see Jesus in the face of others. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, in the midst of violent storms and droughts we encounter in the world, we thank you for this gift of food and for those who have brought it to us. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you to love your neighbor as yourself.

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Lift Up Your Heads

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 do you do when your relationship with a neighbor, family member, or someone else is in conflict?
- Jesus says we are to pursue others with love and grace. How can knowing this help you to resolve differences in relationships that are difficult?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 18:15-20.

All relationships experience conflict, even relationships in the church. Jesus is aware of this and lays out a plan of action: out of love, be direct. It is the way of life of the people of God. This is announced by Paul in Romans 13:10: *"Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law."* Being right is not good enough. Having your own way is not good enough. Be loving, be merciful, and pursue what is right; face conflict through a personal conversation to resolve the issue. But if the person who has hurt you does not repent, this is not an excuse to treat them badly. Treat them as Jesus would treat a Gentile or tax collector. He pursued them with his love. Jesus is present in all our relationships, even the stressful ones. We are to seek out relationships with love and mercy.

Discuss: When you have been wronged or hurt in a relationship, how did you handle it? How might Jesus' words in Matthew 18 impact how you respond?

Pray: **Lord Jesus, when I am with others, remind me that you are present. Strengthen us to love one another anew each day. 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 help resolve a hurtful relationship you have with someone?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus said, *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."* (Matthew 18:20). Think or talk about people in your life at home, school, work, in your family, and in your neighborhood. Write their names down on a sheet of paper and next to each name, a word or words that describe your relationship with each one. How is Jesus present in those relationships? Light a candle to symbolize Jesus' presence within you.

Pray: **Lord Jesus, help us to love others, live together in peace, and see your face in others. Amen.**

kids Celebrate

Lectionary 23

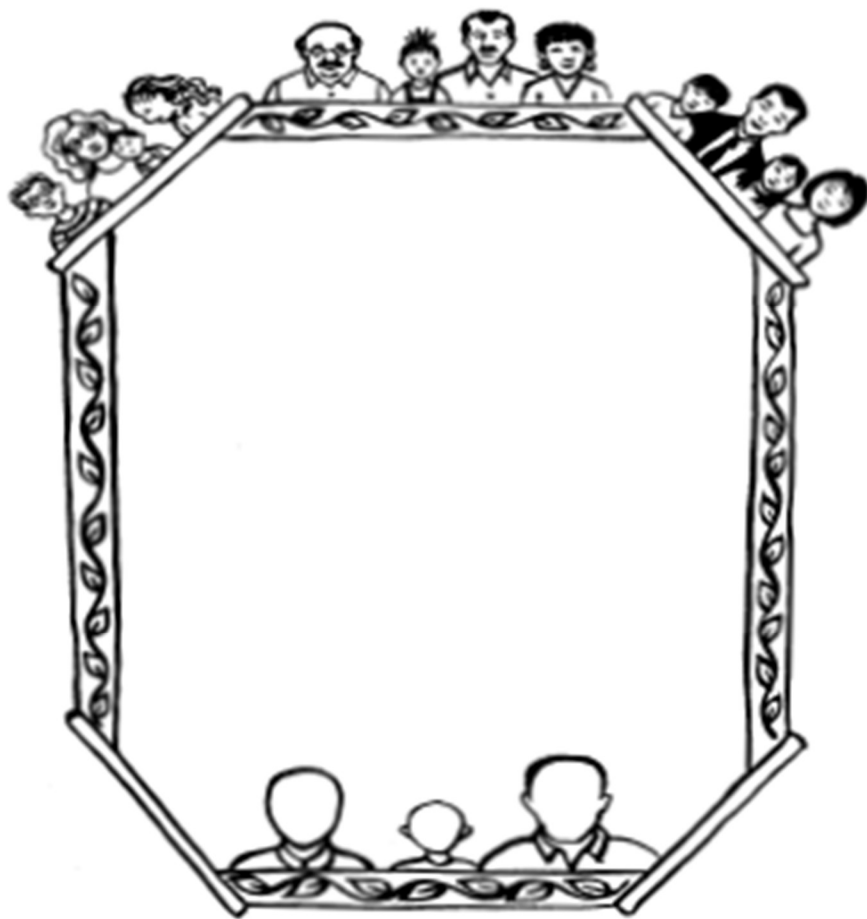


gather

Welcome to worship. Jesus said: "...where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus is with you! Who else is with you? Who brought you to church?

How many people did you come with? _____

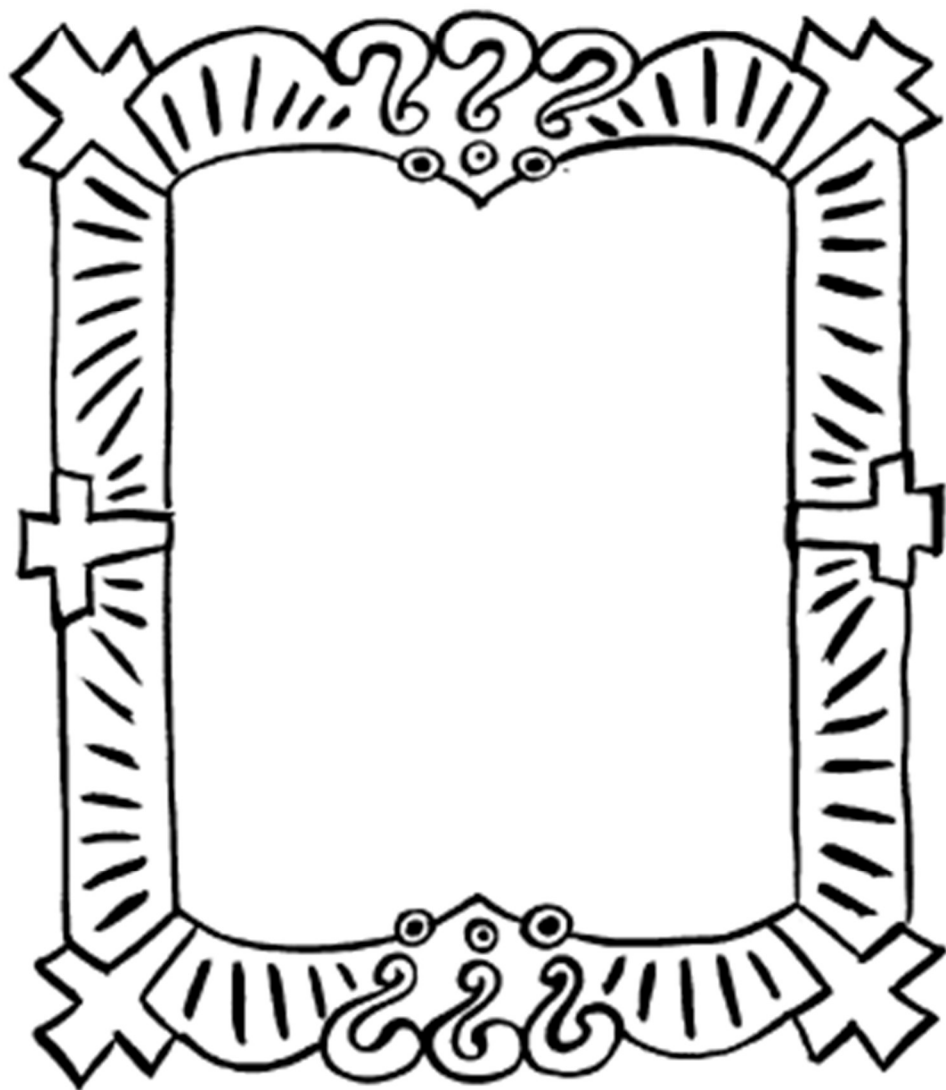
Draw some of the people with you today.



God questions

Jesus said: "...truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven." WOW! God really hears our prayers! What will you pray about?

Write or draw a picture of your prayer.



†his week

When you make a mistake, give yourself a hug and remember Jesus' forgiveness.