

First Lutheran Yellow Pages

October 18, 2026

Today 8:45 am Immerse Bible Study
 10:00 am Worship
 11:30 am All Church Reformation Event- Parish Hall

Monday 10:00 am Frolic Bible
 5:15 pm Stewardship Team

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday **Island Oktoberfest Set Up 10:00am-4:00pm**

Friday **Island Oktoberfest 5:00 pm – 11:00pm**

Saturday **Island Oktoberfest 11:00 am – 11:00 pm**

Sunday **10:00 am Polka Worship Service!**

Altar Flowers are given in to the glory of God in memory of Mama, Margaret Schumann-Brown, by Nancy Carpenter.

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

Prayer List

Prayer Concerns: Diane Schaper, Danny Gillane, Donna Bekkema, Don Anderson, Pr. Doug Guthier, Jim Bremer, Carla Sandborn-Jones

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, Jerre Massa, Milton Barnum III, Milton Barnum IV, Julie Holland, Joyce Ekeland, Don and Carol Anderson

Serving at Worship Today

Crucifer	James Tetley
Acolytes	Adalene Langford, Candice Langford
Lay Minister	Doryn Glenn
Lector	Stephanie Frye, Sandra Tetley
Vessel Bearers	Joe and Brenda Concienne
Cantor	Diane Peña
Greeter	Rosie Perez & Larry Ryan
Altar Guild	Louise Miller, Nancy Carpenter, Barbara Alcala, Brenda Concienne
Ushers	Dennis Broughton, James Gainer
Prayer Minister	Nancy Carpenter
Live Stream	Steven Peña

Interested in serving?

You can be trained for any of the serving opportunities!

Contact the Church Office!

Announcements

Save the date: Oct 23-24, Oktoberfest 2026. Volunteers are needed. Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex. Please sign up to work at your favorite booth. We are still looking for donations of items for the silent auction. Each year we have large items that are auctioned by themselves, and we have baskets of items to be auctioned off as a unit. We are looking for:

- Bottles of wine/ liquor
- Gift Cards
- Art
- Empty baskets
- Other items that would be great in a gift basket

You can also put your own basket together- in the past we've had Grandparents Day Out, Date Night, and Staycation themed baskets. Questions? Contact Christina Muehe for more information.

Polka Worship – Next Sunday!! One October 25, we will celebrate God's grace with the annual Polka Worship Service! This will also be Reformation Sunday!

All Church Reformation event following worship TODAY. For all ages! **Fanfare LMA** is selling Raffle Tickets with the drawing to be held at Oktoberfest. \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The prizes are a gift card tree of gift cards from local businesses or \$100 of assorted Texas Lottery Tickets. To purchase contact Annie at director@fanfaregalveston.org or 409-255-0502.

Trick or Treat Event! Sign up today for a spot in the courtyard. We will be handing out candy to the kids from 5-7pm on Halloween. Please provide a table (we have some upon request), decorate your space, and hand out candy! We have not had a Halloween event for a while, so come out and join in on the fun! Sign up sheet is in the narthex, email Krista (youth@firstlutherangalveston.com), or call the office.

Pictures for All Saints Sunday. On All Saints Sunday, photos of those who have died in the last 12 months are clipped to a net hanging to remind us of the saints who have gone before us. You may bring small photos to the Church Office in preparation for All Saints on November 1.

Upcoming Commemorations

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Luke, Evangelist

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

Friday, October 23, 2026

James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62

One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

Sermon Questions

1. What currency shapes your choices: power and self-interest, or grace and love?
2. How does seeing God's image in others change how you treat them?
3. When might God be calling you beyond either/or thinking?
4. Who needs you to offer welcome, compassion, or justice?
5. How can you share God's grace with others this week?

Remember!

1. Pray for the upcoming festival and all those involved in it.
2. Sign up to serve at Oktoberfest.
3. Bring nice things for the silent auction.
4. Prepare homemade cakes. Brownies, cookies, for the Sweets Booth and Cake Wheel.
5. Donate towards the Oktoberfest!

Now is the time! One month out from the FUN!

OCTOBER 18, 2026
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



We are a people of faith, hope, and love.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes
Monday	Isaiah 45:1-7	Cyrus serves the Lord
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	The example of faith
Wednesday	Exodus 33:12-23	Moses' intercession
Thursday	Psalms 99	Our Lord is king
Friday	Isaiah 42:1-9	The Lord's servant
Saturday	Psalms 96:1-13	Sing a new song
Sunday	Matthew 22:34-46	Loving God and neighbor

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, use our gifts, our faith, our hope in you, to do labors of love for the sake of Jesus Christ and his reign on earth. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for how you provide for us and for the hands that have brought this food to us today. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you faith, love, and hope. (1 Thessalonians 1:3)

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Open Your Ears,

O Faithful People



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:

- When have you been proud of an accomplishment? What did it take to make it happen? Who helped you?
- God can use your efforts to accomplish God's will on earth. Does this surprise you? Explain.

DEVOTIONS



Read: Isaiah 45:1-7.

Cyrus is a Persian king. He is not part of God's chosen people through Abraham, Isaac or Jacob. Cyrus does not even know the God of Israel, and yet Cyrus does God's will by setting God's people free to return home from exile in Babylon. Isaiah lifts up the supreme power and authority of God's rule throughout the world. Apart from the Lord, there is no god. All that is, is God's. It is easy for us to forget that God can use others outside of the body of Christ to do God's will on earth. It is no wonder that Psalm 96 commands all the earth to sing to the Lord. In the midst of the tragedies that happen all too often around us, it is important to remember that we are a people of hope and trust in the God who holds all things together. The Apostle Paul wrote with thanksgiving for the Thessalonians' faith, love, and hope. As a chosen people, Paul gladly affirms that they do God's work of love on earth through their "*work of faith*" and "*steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ*" (1 Thessalonians 1:3).

Discuss: How does knowing of God's rule on earth give you hope? How does it encourage you to act with love and faith?

Pray: **God of power and might, we thank you for your glory that breathes hope and love into all corners of the earth through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on Readings and theme for this week, how can you help someone as a way to do God's work of love?



the Daily Bible
and support

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Psalm 96 is a song of praise to God. It tells of the sea roaring, the creatures and fields rejoicing, and the trees singing. In what ways do you praise God through sounds and music? Sing a favorite Christian hymn. Think or talk about what the words say about God.

Then say: **Sing a new song to the Lord! Everyone on this earth, sing praises to the Lord, sing and praise his name.**

kids Celebrate

Lectionary 29



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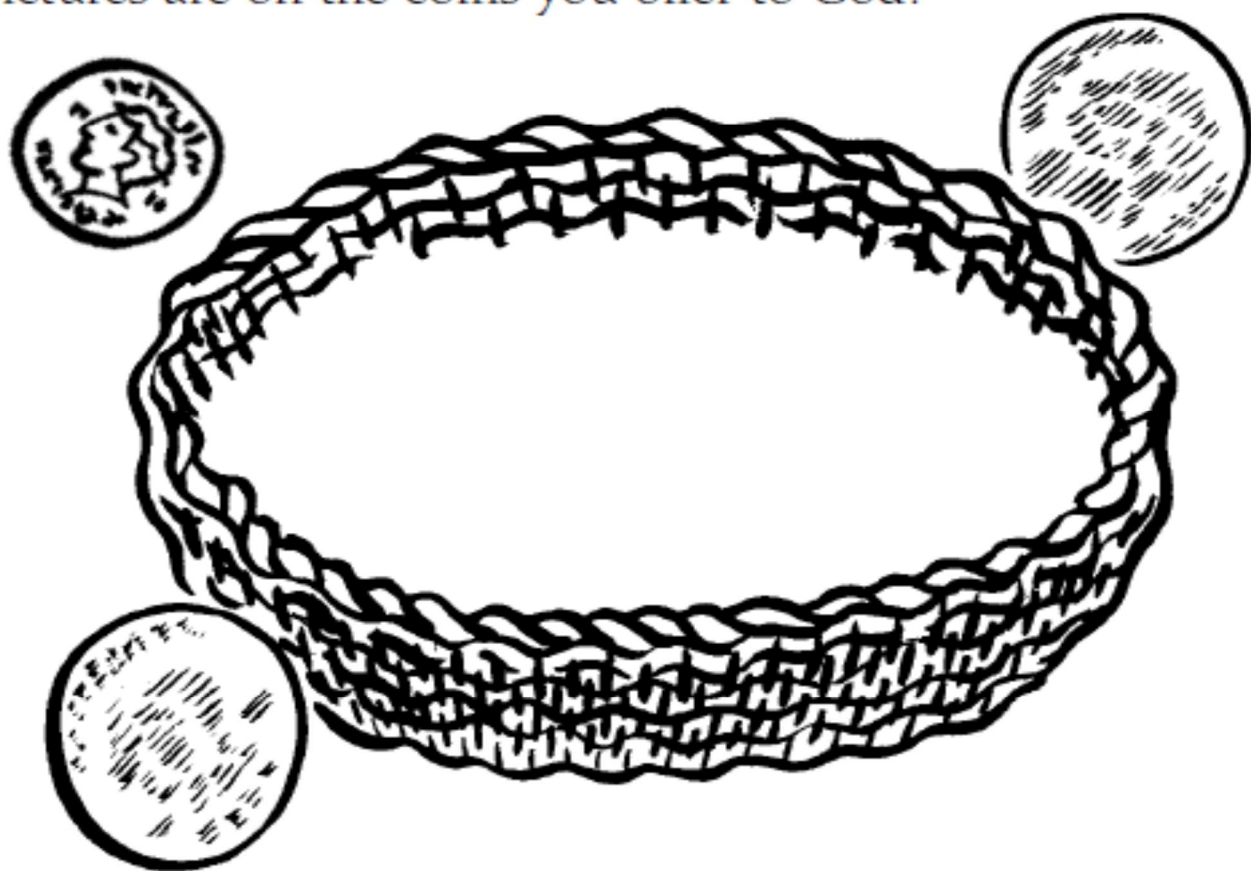
Welcome to worship! When we come to church, we say thank you to God for all kinds of things. What has God given you that you are thankful for?

Write or draw a thank you note to God.



Our offerings

Worship includes offering gifts of money. These gifts are used to serve God in many ways. A coin in biblical times, called a *denarius*, had a picture of the emperor. What pictures are on the coins you offer to God?



Fill the offering basket with coin rubbings. Place coins under this page and rub over the paper with a pencil. Try both sides of the coin. Who do you see?



*Thank you, God, for EVERYTHING!
Help us share with others. Amen.*

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Talk about other offerings to God. How does your family serve God each day?