

First Lutheran Yellow Pages

October 25, 2026

Today	10:00 am Reformation Polka Worship Oktoberfest Clean Up
Monday	Church Office Closed
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	12:00 pm Seaside Senior Luncheon at FLC
Friday	
Saturday	Trick or Treat in the Courtyard 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Sunday	8:45 am Immerse Bible Class- Conference Room 10:00 am All Saints Day Worship 11:30 am Youth Confirmation- Confirmation Room

Altar Flowers are given in to the glory of God In memory of Bob Halaska
By Terrell and David Dunn

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

Prayer List

Prayer Concerns: Danny Gillane, Donna Bekkema, Don Anderson, Jim Bremer, Carla Sandborn-Jones, Kay Donahoo

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

Serving at Worship Today

Crucifer	Frank Grizzaffi
Acolytes	Natalie Barlow, Annabelle Lockhart
Lay Minister	Kay Henson
Lector	Nancy Carpenter, Lucy Pedley
Vessel Bearers	James & Lynette Shephard
Cantor	Diane Denson
Greeter	Doryn Glenn, Vera Danner, Corinne Rhoades
Altar Guild	Bethany Grizzaffi, George & Billie Vasquez
Ushers	Dennis Broughton, James Gainer
Prayer Minister	Tammy Lobaugh
Live Stream	Steven Peña

Announcements

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.*

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the 2026 Island Oktoberfest a great success. We thank the sponsors and donors who supported the Oktoberfest via financial support and items for the silent auction and baked goods. Thank you to all of the volunteers from the community, Texas A & M Galveston, and the congregation. Thank you for those who attended the Oktoberfest! Together this made for a wonderful Island Oktoberfest.

The Island Oktoberfest Board

HELP! Our very own Fanfare Lutheran Music Academy is a finalist in the 2026 PhilanthroVision. This is a major opportunity for Fanfare and your support is needed. PLEASE plan to attend PhilanthroVision 2026 at the 1894 Grand Opera House on Thursday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. The number of people present supporting Fanfare will have an impact on the outcomes! Tickets are FREE but must be “purchased” through the 1894 Grand Opera House. Go to the Grand’s website under “Get Tickets”, scroll to November 12th, and select “PhilanthroVision Galveston 2026” ... you will process your tickets as though you are buying them, but in the end there is no charge. Come Out and support our Fanfare LMA!

The Lyceum offers a beautiful space for special events of all sorts. The space offers a warmth that few spaces can provide, while providing ample room for small or larger gatherings. It is ideal for birthday parties, concerts and showers to business meetings and weddings. When needing a space remember *The Lyceum*! info@lyceumgalveston.com.

Upcoming Commemorations

Monday, October 26, 2026

Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Simon and Jude, Apostles

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

Saturday, October 31, 2026

Reformation Day

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

Sermon Questions

1. When have you experienced grace you did not earn or expect?
2. What guilt, shame, or fear do you need to place in God's hands?
3. How does knowing you are loved by grace change how you see yourself?
4. Where might God be calling you to offer grace to someone else?
5. What is one way you can live more freely because of Christ's forgiveness?

OCTOBER 25, 2026 REFORMATION SUNDAY



Disciples have a trusted relationship with Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 8:31-36	The Son makes you free
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	The new covenant
Tuesday	Romans 3:19-28	True righteousness
Wednesday	John 15:12-17	Jesus the true vine
Thursday	John 21:15-19	Jesus and Peter
Friday	Galatians 2:15-21	Justified through faith
Saturday	Psalms 46	God is our refuge
Sunday	Matthew 5:1-12	The Beatitudes

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8:31-32 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, keep your faithful people steadfast in your word that we may receive your freedom and truth through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God of glory and might, with this gift of food we remember the gift of faith that strengthens us and renews us daily through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you be blessed through a relationship with Jesus.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*A Mighty Fortress Is
Our God*



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 words describe the qualities of a good friend?
- What words describe a disciple of Jesus Christ?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 8:31-36.

It is the power of the word that Jesus brings that gives us freedom from sin. That word is first and foremost Jesus, the Word that became flesh (John 1:14). Christian disciples “continue” or remain in the freeing and saving word of God. The Gospel of John emphasizes that followers of Jesus are to be in an ongoing relationship with him by continuing “in my word” (8:31). To know the truth that sets one free is more than to know information; it is to live in a relationship with Jesus through faith. The challenge at the time of the Reformation—and today as well—is for the church to promote a living relationship with God, a relationship that depends on faith in Jesus, the Son of God. We experience this relationship through worship, prayer, reading the Bible, and serving and loving one’s neighbor for the sake of Christ.

Discuss: How do you continue to live each day as a disciple of Jesus?

Pray: **Almighty God, help me to trust in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord and have life in his name. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what can you do to show Jesus’ love as an act of service to others in your community?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Martin Luther wrote the words for *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* and composed the melody. This well-known hymn is based on Psalm 46. As you read Psalm 46 out loud, pause after reading a word or words that describe God as a mighty fortress. Write them on a sheet of paper. When you finish, take a moment to read through your list.

Then pray: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Amen. (Psalm 46:11)**

kids Celebrate

Lectioary 30



gather

Welcome to worship! Did you know some Bible verses from the New Testament are also in the Old Testament? Jesus knew the Old Testament stories by heart. One important verse is found in Deuteronomy. It is called the Shema [shay-mah], Hebrew for “hey, listen everybody!”

Love the LORD your God with
all your heart, and with all your
soul, and with all your might.

—Deuteronomy 6:5

**Write or draw what you think it means
to love God “with all your might.”**



Love is

Jesus wants us to love God and love others.

Read about love in 1 Corinthians 13, then circle the loving words below.

LOVE is.....

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patient, kind, caring, helpful, nice, hopeful



Learn to say the word “love”
in American Sign Language.
Sign it often!

This week

Write the verse from the front page of this folder on a card.
Put it where you can see it as a reminder all week!