First Lutheran Yellow Pages
November 22, 2026

Today 8:45 am Immerse Bible Class – *Conference Room*
10:00 am Worship

Monday 10:00 am Frolic - *Nursery*

Tuesday

Wednesday 9:30am Visitation for Carla Sanborne-Jones
10:30am Memorial Service in the Sanctuary
12:00 pm Office Closing

Thursday Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

Friday Office Closed

Saturday

Sunday 8:45 am Immerse Bible Class- *Conference Room*
10:00 am Worship

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God Memory of Robert L. Sanderson Jr. 11-23-1956 and Charles E. Ekelund 11-28-1956 Birthdays by Joyce Ekelund and Barbara Sanderson.

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

Prayer List

Prayer Concerns: Peggy Davis, Jim Bremer, Don Anderson, Frank Grizzaffi (Anthony's father), Doug Guthier, Carol 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, Theresa Low, Jerre Massa, Milton Barnum III, Milton Barnum IV, Julie Holland, Joyce Ekeland, Don and Carol Anderson, Kay Donahoo.

Serving at Worship Today

Crucifer	Frank Grizzaffi
Acolytes	Adalene & Candice Langford
Lay Minister	Anthony Grizzaffi
Lector	Bethany Grizzaffi, Nancy Carpenter
Vessel Bearers	George & Billie Vasquez
Cantor	Bryson Peña
Greeter	Stewardship Team
Altar Guild	Bethany Grizzaffi, Anna Gerald, George & Billie Vasquez
Ushers	Dennis Broughton, James Gainer
Prayer Minister	Diane Denson
Live Stream	Stephen Peña

Announcements

November 22 – Christ the King Sunday – Giving Thanks to God

On this Christ the King Sunday, we pause to give thanks to God, the source of every blessing. Through moments of celebration and challenge, God has remained faithful, providing more then we could have imagined and guiding us through the opportunities and uncertainties of 2026. Every gift we possess, whether time, talent, or treasure, comes from God's abundant grace. As an act of gratitude, we are called to share those blessings so that God's work may continue through this congregation and beyond. With thankful hearts, let us celebrate all that God has done and trust in all that God has yet to accomplish.

Mission Team is collecting coats and blankets. Please bring any gently used or new coats and blankets to the Narthex.

The Lyceum offers a beautiful space for special events of all sorts. The space offers 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.

Volunteers are needed for the monthly community meals at Gulf Breeze Apartments on the 1st Thursday of each month 4:30 pm-6:00 pm and at ACCT on the 3rd Thursday of each month 11:30 am -1:00 pm. Sign up spots are available on SignUpGenius.

Year End Giving Approaches! Now is the time to review your giving and catch up before the end of the year. Your contributions fuel the ministry of the congregation for the furthering of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our community and world. Thank you for your donations!

Blue Santa! FLC Mission Team is Accepting New and Unwrapped items for teens. We're looking for Gadgets, Games, Art Supplies, etc. Donations can be made up to Friday, December 11th. Please place your gifts under the tree in the Narthex. Donations benefit the Galveston Police Department's Blue Santa program.

Upcoming Commemorations

Monday, November 23, 2026
Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100
Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.
Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927
Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

Tuesday, November 24. 2026
Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America
Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he

published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

Wednesday, November 25, 2026
Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748
Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.

REMINDER: Now is the time to sign up to serve on Sundays. Your signing up helps the Church Office in making sure all areas are covered. Parents:

NOVEMBER 22, 2026
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

taking faith home

Christ rules now and forevermore.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	**Matthew 25:31-46**	**The sheep and the goats**
Monday	**Ezekiel 34:11-24**	**God, the true shepherd**
Tuesday	**Ephesians 1:15-23**	**Paul's prayer**
Wednesday	**Psalm 100**	**All nations to praise the Lord**
Thursday	**Isaiah 1:16-20**	**Justice is needed**
Friday	**Amos 5:10-15**	**Choose good, not evil**
Saturday	**Psalm 95:1-7a**	**Worship and obey the Lord**
Sunday	**Mark 13:24-37**	**When the Son of Man appears**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. **Ezekiel 34:16 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
God of glory and might, we give thanks that you are our God and that we are the sheep in your hand through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 95:7a)

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, to you we make a joyful noise for all that you do, including your gift of this food for us today. Amen. (Psalm 95:1)

A Blessing to Give:
May Christ the King give you courage.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

When the Poor Ones

taking faith home

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 are some values that describe the role of a good leader?
- Why is it good news to know that God cares for the poor, the sick, and the hungry?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Ezekiel 34:11-24 and Matthew 25:31-46.

The God of the Bible is the God of justice but not just any kind of justice. God's justice recognizes the unfairness of power that abuses the weak. In Ezekiel 34, God has had enough of Judah's unjust shepherds (kings), specifically, the kings who have not taken care of God's sheep. Therefore, God declares the sheep that are lost, strayed, injured, and weak will be cared for by God's power and the fat and strong sheep—those well off at the expense of the weak—will be destroyed. That is the divine judgment Jesus presents in the parable of the sheep and the goats. God's will—Jesus' will, as seen in the Son of Man in the parable—is to provide for the needs of the hungry, thirsty, lonely, naked, or sick. The message is so strong that when anyone has cared for these, they have cared for the Son of Man. The Gospel of Matthew does not shy away from judgment that distinguishes the authentic from the inauthentic life of those who follow Jesus. Matthew speaks against those who abuse their powers, whether religious, social, political, or economic. This final Sunday in the church year recognizes that all evil abuses will end one day and only God's compassion will survive through Christ, the true ruler of all things.

Discuss: In what ways do you live your life that reveals the love of Jesus to those in need? *Pray:* **Almighty God, help us to see you in our neighbors, especially those in need of care through Jesus Christ, the one who is above all rule and authority. Amen.**

SERVICE RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you support organizations that care for the needs of others?

This year, November 22nd is the last Sunday in the church year. Think or talk about the ministries in your congregation. In the past year, what were the highlights? In what ways did you grow in your faith? How did you share your faith with others? Write your thoughts on a sheet of paper. The new church year begins next week, the First Sunday of Advent. Take a moment to read through your list and think about what you can add to the ways you will share God's love with others in the coming year.

Pray: **God of glory and might, we give thanks that you are our God and that we are the sheep in your hand through Christ our Lord. Amen.** (Psalm 95:7a)

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

kids Celebrate

Christ the King / Lectionary 34



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Welcome to worship. It's Christ the King, the last Sunday of the church year. What a great festival day—kind of like New Year's Eve! Jesus is our king forever. Today we celebrate everything about him.









Write the word that tells what Jesus is doing.
(love, pray, heal, teach)

Send

Your kingdom come

In the Lord's Prayer we pray *your kingdom come.* What do you think those words mean? What is God's kingdom like?



What picture can you draw in this crown that shows God's kingdom?

Jesus, you are amazing. Amen

This week

Prepare your hearts and homes for Advent. Slow down and enjoy a quiet wait for Christmas.

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