

First Lutheran Yellow Pages

August 16, 2026

Today 10:00 am Worship

Monday 10:00 am Frolic

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday Cyndi Agrella Funeral

Friday

Saturday

Prayer List

Altar Flowers are given in Honor of Bill O'Neill by Peggy Davis

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

Prayer Concerns: Joyce Ekelund, Danny Gillane

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

Christian Symphathy to James Agrella and family upon the death of Cyndi Agrella on August 5, 2026.

Serving at Worship Today

Crucifer	Frank Grizzaffi
Acolytes	Jack & James Morris
Lay Minister	Adam Palmer
Lector	Susan Stakes, Nancy Carpenter
Vessel Bearers	
Cantor	Diane Pena
Greeter	Anne Murphy, Tracey Geml
Altar Guild	Lois Walker, Kay Henson, Susan Stakes
Ushers	Dennis Broughton, James Gainer
Prayer Minister	Jeff Peterson
Live Stream	Krista Scheuerman

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

Announcements

Adult Acolytes needed for August 30!

Are you interested in learning how to Live Stream the service from the Parish Hall? See Krista, she needs help on August 30 while she is at camp with the confirmation kids.

Commissioning of Healing Prayer Ministers:

August 23: Sheri Burleson

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

Fanfare LMA 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.

You're invited to an ONLINE Pampered Chef Fundraiser, hosted by The Oktoberfest Board and facilitated by Judy Regini, Pampered Chef Consultant!

<https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/oktoberfest2026>



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

Thursday, August 20

Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153

Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.

**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!

AUGUST 16, 2026
TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus' ministry is for all nations.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 15:21-28	A woman's faith
Monday	Isaiah 56:1-8	God's saving power is everywhere
Tuesday	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	God saves Jews and Gentiles
Wednesday	Genesis 45:1-15	Joseph and his brothers
Thursday	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Instructions concerning prayer
Friday	Matthew 28:16-20	The Great Commission
Saturday	Psalms 67	Tell the nations to praise God
Sunday	Matthew 16:13-20	Peter's confession of Christ

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Psalm 67:12 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of the nations, we thank you for your mercy and grace that is meant not only for those we know and love but for all people through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Gracious God, we thank you for this food and for all those who have planted, harvested, transported, and prepared it for us this day. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God be gracious to you and bless you. (Psalm 67:1)

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

All Are Welcome

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 have you learned from someone who speaks another language or comes from a different culture?
- It is easy to overlook how God's grace and mercy is not just for us but for all people.
How can you extend kindness to someone of a culture that is foreign to you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 15:21-28.

The Canaanite woman is central to this story for many reasons. She is a woman, and she is a foreigner, both good reasons for Jesus not to talk to her. He is especially not to address her plea before addressing the needs of the Jewish people, *"the lost sheep of the house of Israel"* (v. 24). This woman is also a critical figure because her plea for help changes Jesus' response to her. It is not easy to understand how this woman seems to teach and change Jesus, but she does. The result, however, is clear: Jesus' ministry, like that of the God of the Old Testament (Psalm 67) is for all the nations, not just the sons and daughters of Abraham. This story lifts up the essential mission of Jesus and the church of all generations. As Jesus directed us in Matthew 28:16-20 (the Great Commission), we are to make disciples of all nations, not just our ethnic group, not just "our people," and not just our own nation.

Discuss: What opportunities do you have in your community to show God's love to a foreigner or a stranger?

Pray: **Generous God, help us to see the breadth and depth of your love for all people in the world 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 reach out to someone who needs to hear kind and loving words?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The prophet Isaiah declared God's intention to make God's house (the temple in Jerusalem) a *"house of prayer for all peoples"* (Isaiah 56:7). Think or talk about where, when, and how you pray in your home. In what ways do you feel your own home is a "house of prayer"?

Pray: **Lord Jesus, we come to you in prayer. Help us to show faith in you today and every day. Amen.**

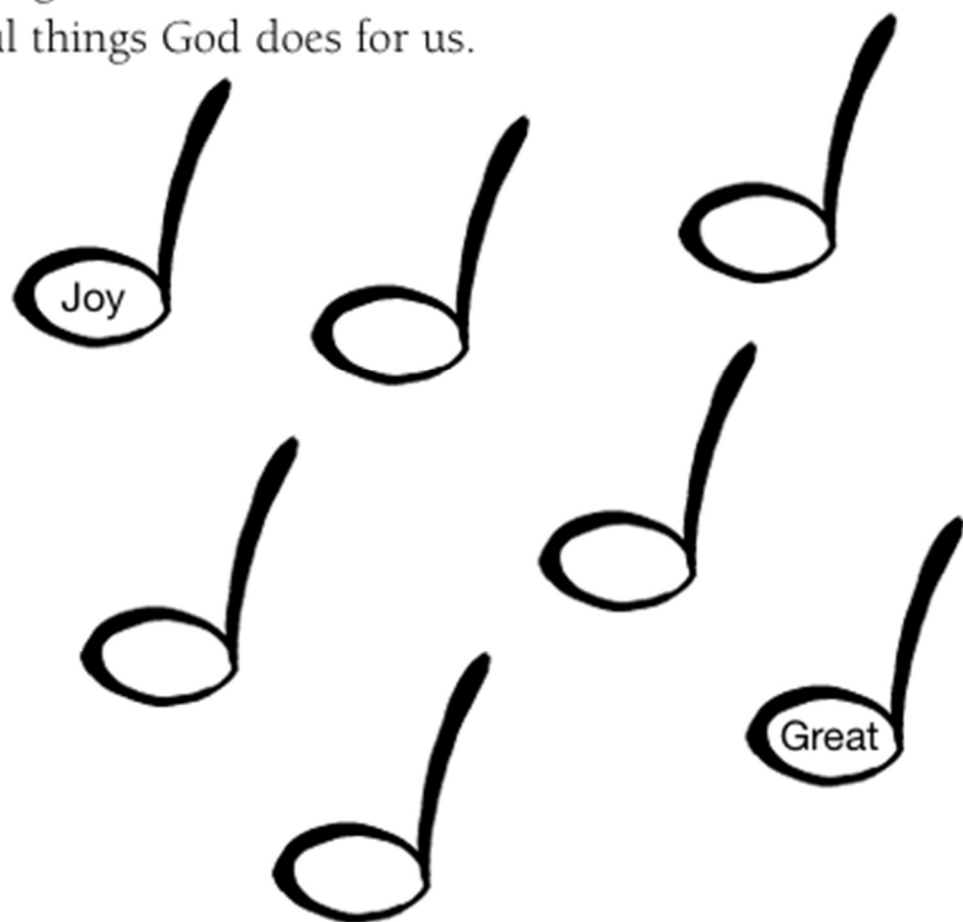
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Lectioary 20



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Welcome to worship! God is great. We sing songs of praise as we worship to tell of God's greatness. These songs remind us of God's love and of all the wonderful things God does for us.



Look and listen for words in the songs today.
Inside each musical note, write a word
that you could use to sing praise to God.

Songs of praise

Songs of praise are heard everywhere. Do you have a favorite song? Where do you sing it? How does it give praise to God?

Draw pictures of people singing praise to God.



*Help me to remember to sing your
praise everywhere I go. Amen.*

this week

Read Psalm 67 with someone you love.

hear & celebrate

Music old and new

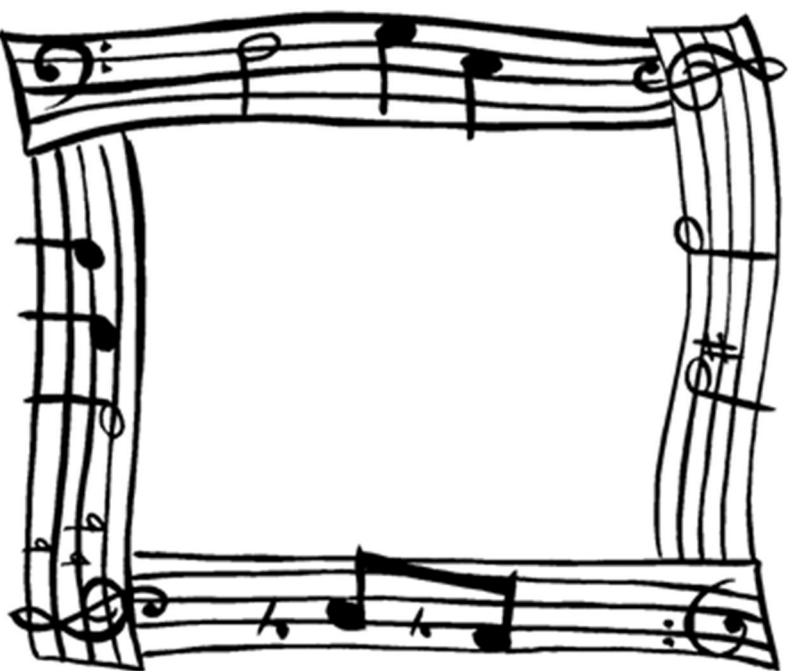
Psalms 67

A psalm is a poem or song about God. The Bible has a whole book of psalms!

Write the numbered words in the blanks below to read the words of Psalm 67.



1 the peoples 2 you. O 3
4 the 5 praise 6 (Psalm 67:3).



The woman is playing a harp. Draw other musical instruments that help sing praises to God.



Talk about the sounds and words of music at worship.