

Welcome to God's House ... an area of sacred space to honor God.

We ask that you be respectful of the Nave, and others that are here to worship.

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it Holy.

Please refrain from eating or drinking while inside the Nave, or leaving trash behind when you depart.

Pastor: Rev. Gabriella Conklin

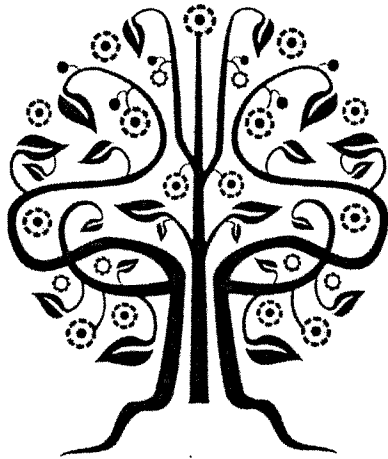
Cantor: Claudio Esquivel

Music Director: Dr. Vivian Munn

Organist: Marilyn Martin

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Office Hour:
Tuesday-Friday
10 AM-3 PM



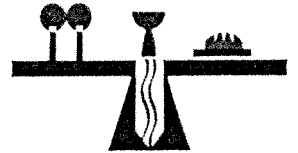
Time after Pentecost

August 31st 2025

10:30 am

Welcome to First Lutheran Church, Edinburg, Texas on this twelfth Sunday After Pentecost. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. First Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Southwestern Texas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

As Lutherans, we confess our belief that the **Holy Eucharist** (also called the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion) is the place where Our Lord Jesus is truly present (*real presence*). All people, who believe in Christ and share our beliefs concerning this sacrament, are invited and encouraged to participate in the Eucharist. This includes members of other Lutheran churches and members of other denominations. Young children are also invited to share in this celebration and may receive the sacrament if they, with their families, feel it is appropriate. Children and people who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to receive a blessing. Those unable to partake of the wine be assured that the Church affirms our Lord's presence in the bread alone.



FIRST TIME VISITORS — Please sign and include contact information on the guest book located between the double doors at the front of the Narthex. We hope that you worship with us again. If you have any questions about First Lutheran Church, please call the office at 956.383.2647.

Mission Statement: Grace in Action, Mindful of a Changing World, We Seek ALL People.

Please remember to
TURN OFF OR SILENCE ELECTRONIC DEVICES

before service begins.

We appreciate your help in minimizing any distractions during service.
Thank you!

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

STAND

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

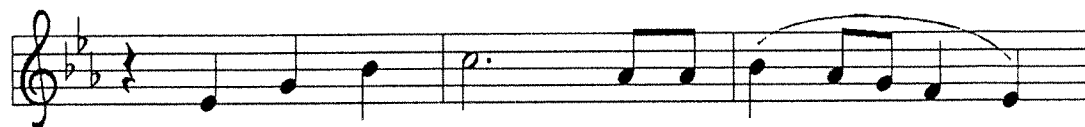
You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 714 *O God of Mercy, God of Light*

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of
the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty - y God and



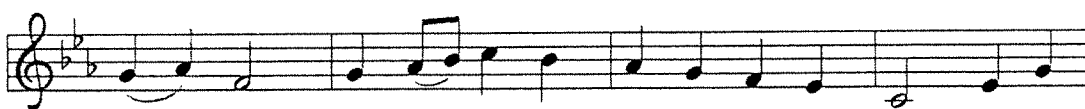
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ LITURGY OF THE WORD +

SIT **FIRST READING - Proverbs 25:6-7a**

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,

^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 112



The righ-teous are mer-ci-ful and full of com - pas-sion.

- ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹ fear the LORD
and have great delight in ¹ God's commandments!
- ² **Their descendants will be mighty ¹ in the land;
the generation of the upright ¹ will be blessed. R**
- ³ Wealth and riches will be ¹ in their house,
and their righteousness will ¹ last forever.
- ⁴ **Light shines in the darkness ¹ for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full ¹ of compassion.**
- ⁵ It is good for them to be gener- ¹ ous in lending
and to manage their af- ¹ fairs with justice.
- ⁶ **For they will nev- ¹ er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- ¹ ing remembrance. R**
- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any ¹ evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting ¹ in the LORD.
- ⁸ **Their heart is established and ¹ will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- ¹ on their enemies.**
- ⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands ¹ fast for-
ever;
they will hold up their ¹ head with honor.
- ¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth
and ¹ pine away;
the desires of the wick- ¹ ed will perish. R**

SECOND READING - Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

- ¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to
strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³
Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them,
those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴
Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept unde-
filed, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives
free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself
has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confi-
dence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to
me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

STAND GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING - Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

This is the Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT HOMILY

STAND HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 770 *Give Me Jesus*

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

Brief Silence.

*Together as a family of
faith we lift our joys,
concerns, and
intercessions to God.*

For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the well-being of creation, we pray. Sustain farm workers and all who labor in fields and vineyards to grow the food we eat. Revive plains and pastures, and provide for the cattle and creatures who rely on the land for their sustenance. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations, we pray. Guide them to enact equitable laws and policies for all. On this Labor Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence and healing (especially). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the hospitality ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for visitors, and bless the work of those who feed and nourish us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For all the saints who from their labors rest, we give thanks. With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. **Amen.**

*The peace our LORD is
shared throughout the
gathered assembly*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

+ LITURGY OF THE MEAL +

SIT OFFERING

STAND

We offer to God the gifts
of bread and wine, our
monetary gifts for the
ministry of the Church in
the world, and the gift of
our own lives.

OFFERTORY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major (one sharp). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two lines of lyrics: 'Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;' and 'praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.' The second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Great Thanksgiving is understood as an act of praise and thanksgiving to the Father. Following Jewish customs, the emerging Christian liturgies blessed God (that is, thanked him) for his works of kindness and love

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

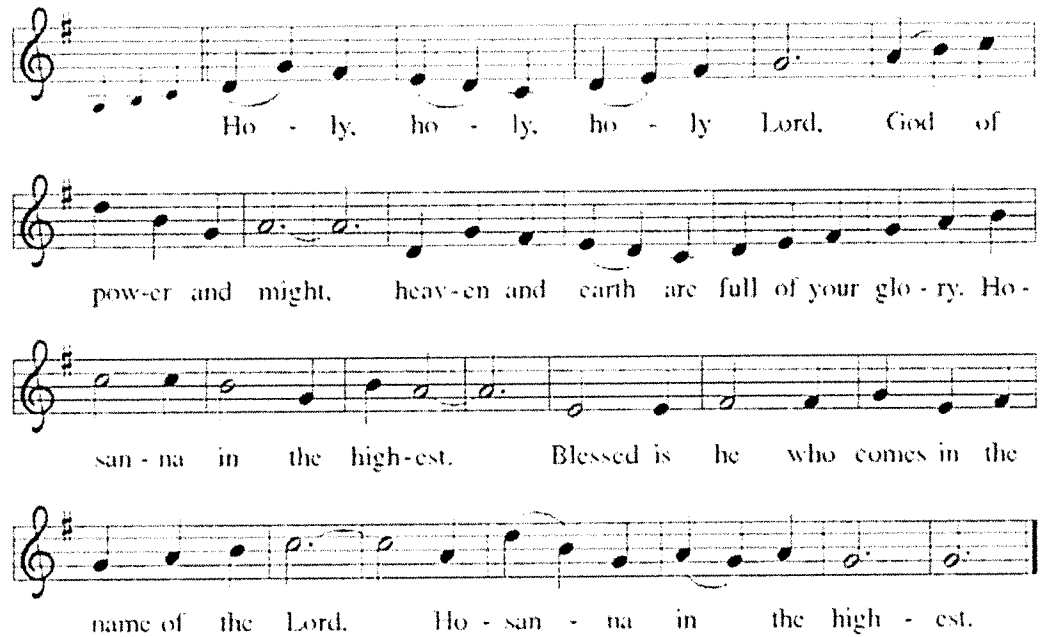
The musical score is written for a single staff in G major (one sharp). It consists of four lines of music, each with a line of lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

The Sanctus is a series of acclamations based on the angels' cry which accompanied Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:3 also Psalm 118:26) and with which the people greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem on his way to his sacrificial death, Mark 11:9-10.



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God, You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the Remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,**

But deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.**

Amen.

*The bread is broken in
silence before the congregation
is invited to the table to partake of the
holy meal*

FRACTION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

SIT AGNUS DEI



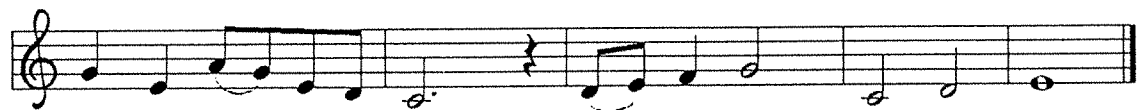
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST

Those who wish to receive the Eucharist may come to the chancel by way of the center aisle.

*After receiving the elements the communicant responds: **AMEN.***

The sign of the cross is made before and after receiving the elements.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 462 *Now We Join in Celebration*

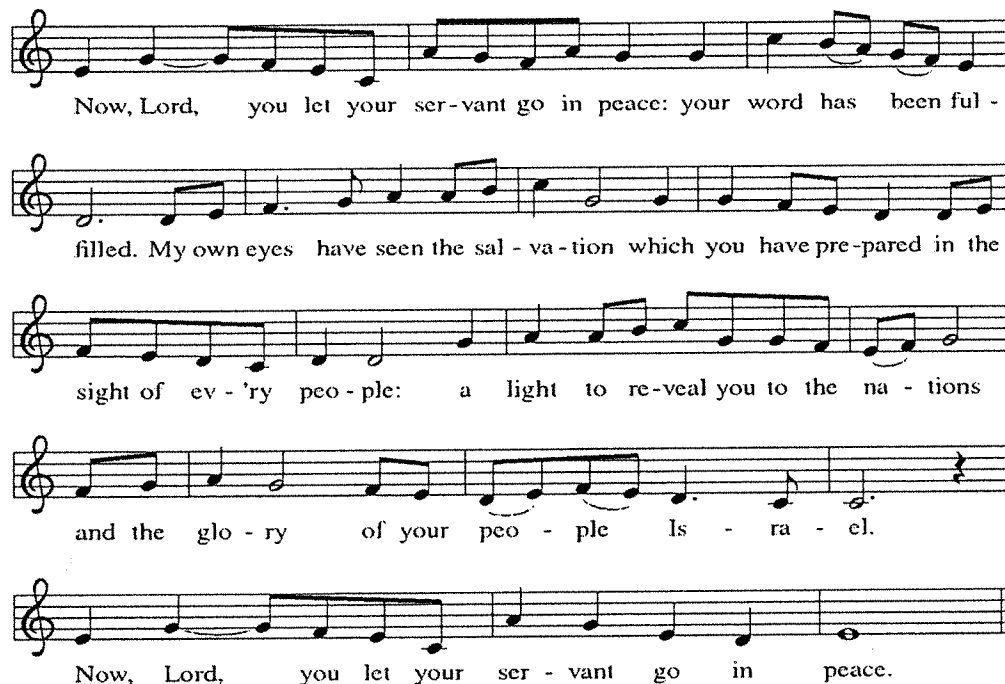
STAND

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

SIT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAND

RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 625 *Come, We That Love the Lord*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

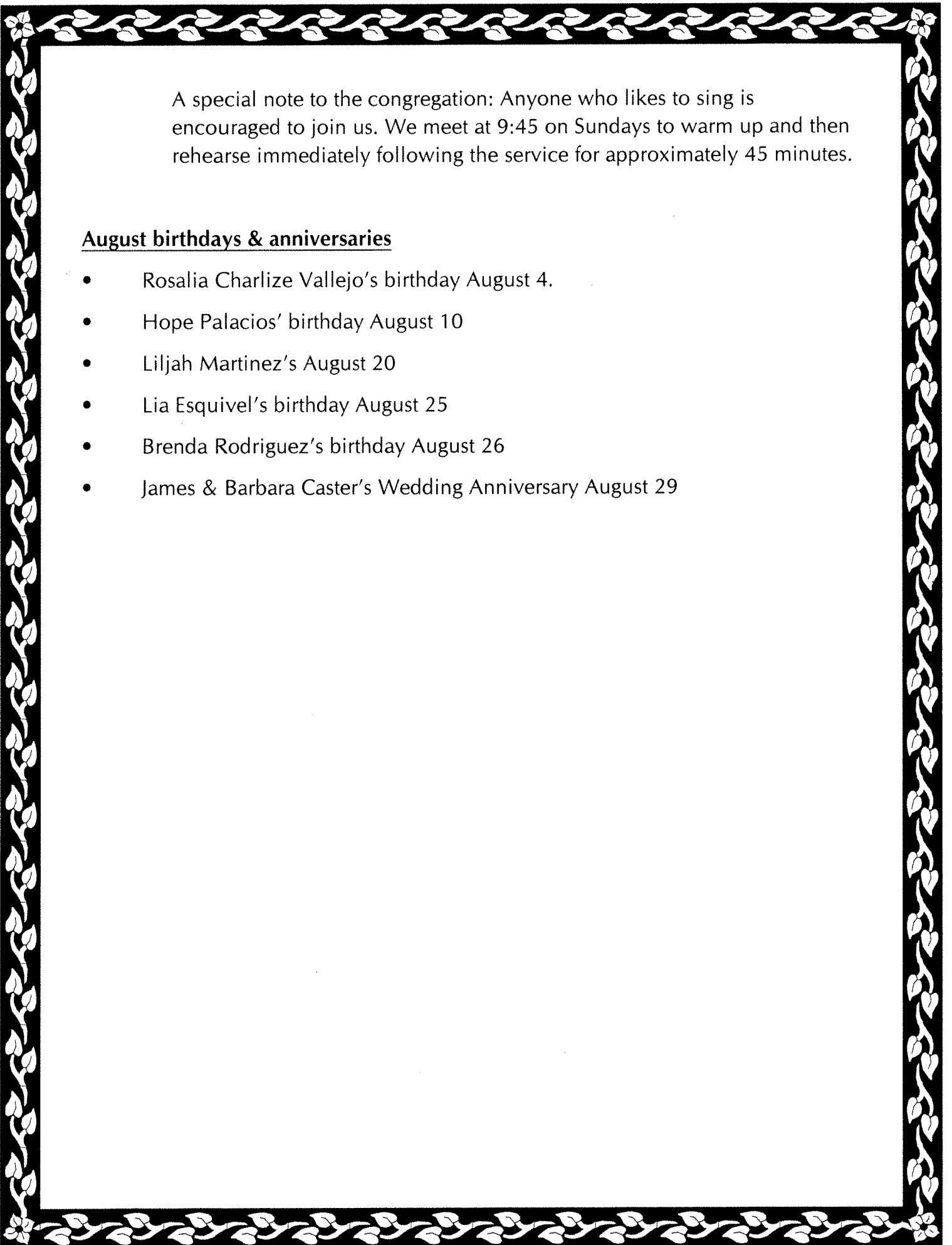
Those for Whom We Pray

Lolly Tangen, James Flores, Veronica L. Esquivel, Amanda Vale, Sandra Flores, Letty Flores, Nicole Paredes, Victoria Trevino, Javier Davila, Enriqueta Olvera, Teresa Trevino, Ernesto Trevino III, Vanesa Guajardo, Aurora Buentello, Blanca Kelly, Magda Buentello, Oscar Enrique Vergara, Francis Luna, Richard Martin, Hiram Alanis, Mike Salyers, Kim LaFleur, Gerald Crochet, Diana Corona, Emma Salinas, Zaida Flores Avila

Prayer request cards are located in the hymn rack. Let us know when God has met your prayer needs! Call the church office at 956.383.2647 or email at ficedinburg@gmail.com, so the requested name can be removed from the prayer list, and we may rejoice with you.

Announcements

- September 14th lector and altar set-up sign-up sheets are available if anyone would like to sign-up.
- There is still time to add to our newsletter, please send any statement you would like to add by Tuesday, September 2nd.
- We are in need of Halloween candy for the Fall Festival. If anyone would like to donate candy, please bring the candy on Sunday or you can drop it off at the office.
- There is a sign-up sheet and flyer on the table in the narthex for the upcoming Rio Grande Church Conference happening here Saturday, September 20th from 9am to 2 pm.
- There will be a WELCA Dinner and bible Study at Our Savior's in McAllen on Thursday, September 25th at 6pm.
- Attention all FLC Choir Members:
 - The choir will meet after the service on Sunday, September 14, to organize and begin rehearsing the fall anthems. Our fabulous assistant director, Claudio Esquivel, will conduct the rehearsal, and our new pianist, Dwight Reeves, will accompany the choir.



A special note to the congregation: Anyone who likes to sing is encouraged to join us. We meet at 9:45 on Sundays to warm up and then rehearse immediately following the service for approximately 45 minutes.

August birthdays & anniversaries

- Rosalia Charlize Vallejo's birthday August 4.
- Hope Palacios' birthday August 10
- Liljah Martinez's August 20
- Lia Esquivel's birthday August 25
- Brenda Rodriguez's birthday August 26
- James & Barbara Caster's Wedding Anniversary August 29