

First Lutheran Yellow Pages

August 30, 2026

Today 8:45 am Immerse Bible Study
 10:00 am Worship

Monday 10:00 am Frolic
 6:00 pm Men's Club

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday 4:30 pm Gulf Breeze Dinner

Friday

Saturday

Altar Flowers are given in Loving Memory of Lee King on his birthday 8-31-1958 From your loving family.

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

Prayer List

Prayer Concerns: Danny Gillane, Pat Austin

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, Joyce Ekeland, Patricia Roberts, Trinity Taylor

Serving at Worship Today

Crucifer	Jackson Glenn
Acolytes	Natalie Barlow
Lay Minister	Kay Henson
Lector	Lucy Pedley, Noel Spencer
Vessel Bearers	Arturo & Jennifer Espinoza
Cantor	
Greeter	Corinne Rhoades
Altar Guild	Bethany Grizzaffi, George & Billie Vasquez
Ushers	Dennis Broughton, James Gainer
Prayer Minister	Nancy Carpenter
Live Stream	Jackson Glenn

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

Announcements

Are you interested in learning how to Live Stream the service from the Parish Hall? See Krista.

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

Wednesday, September 2

Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872

Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns.

Sermon Questions

1. Where is Jesus calling me to step outside my comfort zone and love someone this week?
2. What “cross” might God be asking me to carry for the sake of another person?
3. Where might I be following the culture around me instead of the way of Jesus?
4. Who is someone I tend to overlook, judge, or avoid whom Jesus may be calling me to welcome?
5. How can my life be “weird, dangerous, and compelling” by reflecting Christ’s love to others this week?

*Thank you for your generous support of First Lutheran
through all the seasons of the year!*

AUGUST 30, 2026

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



To follow Jesus is to be open to suffering.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 16:21-28	Take up your cross and follow
Monday	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Jeremiah complains
Tuesday	Romans 12:9-21	Rules for Christian living
Wednesday	Exodus 3:1-15	Moses at the burning bush
Thursday	1 Peter 4:12-19	Suffering as a Christian
Friday	2 Timothy 2:1-13	A good soldier of Christ Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 26:1-8	Prayer of an innocent person
Sunday	Matthew 18:15-20	Seeking reconciliation

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to pick up our cross and follow you to serve and love others even when it causes pain and suffering. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, we thank you for the toil and hard work of those who grow, gather, and prepare our food so that we may be fed. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the cross of Christ give you courage.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

What Wondrous Love

Is This

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:

- Who do you turn to for support when you are suffering or in pain?
- How does your faith in Christ help you when you are suffering?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 16:21-28.

In an era when we can do so many things to avoid or stop physical pain, it can be surprising that suffering is still very present. It is also an essential part of the Christian life because Jesus shows us that the way of his painful death on the cross gets at the heart of the Christian faith. Even if Peter knew Jesus was the Messiah, he still did not fully understand. Peter had to be humbled and corrected, and we do, too. God shows the depth of God's love from the cross of Christ. We are invited to join the great movement of divine love by caring, suffering, and celebrating Christ's victory over sin, death, and evil. Part of that celebration of Christ's triumph over death is our openness to the pain of the world. For the sake of love, we join in the suffering of others. It is the path of new life, the resurrected life, which allows us to see the kingdom of God at work through empathy, justice, and a desire to minimize the pain and suffering of others.

Discuss: How does knowing that suffering is an essential aspect of the Christian faith impact how you view life?

Pray: **Compassionate God, help us to see in Jesus' suffering and death the very path of life and love through Christ our Savior and 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 be courageous and help someone who is hurting or suffering?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Jesus' time, the cross was about death. It is not easy to understand or talk about Jesus' death on the cross. The cross is a Christian symbol. It reminds us that Jesus is with us through easy and hard times. We see crosses in many places in our lives. As a follower of Jesus, notice the number of crosses you see in your home and in the community. Each time you see one, be reminded of what it means.

Pray: **Thank you, Jesus, for dying on the cross to save me. Amen.**

kids Celebrate

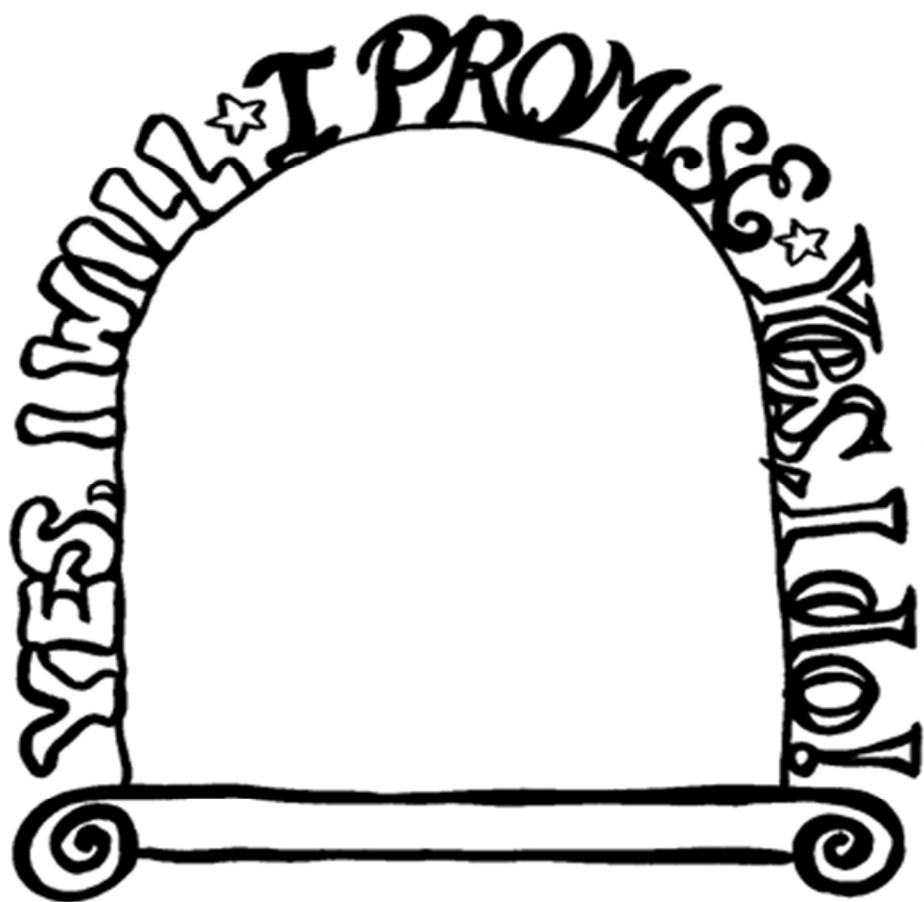
Lectionary 22



gather

Welcome to worship! A promise is a vow or a pledge. Have you ever made a promise? Did you keep it?

Draw what happened here.



When we keep promises, people know we mean what we say and can trust us.

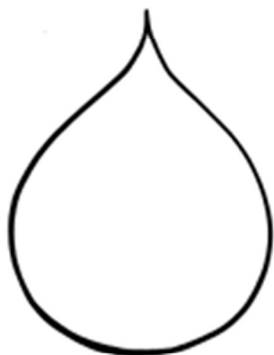


The promise of love

A shell helps us remember God's promise of love in baptism.



Draw something in the water drops to remind you of a promise you make to God, to yourself, to others.



Show your drawing to someone else. Tell them why that promise is important to you.

this week

Be aware of promises you make this week, and remember to keep them.