

First Lutheran Yellow Pages

August 9, 2026

Today 8:45 am Immerse Bible Study

10:00 am Worship

Monday 10:00 am Frolic

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday 6:30 pm Fanfare Board Meeting

Friday

Saturday

Prayer List

Altar Flowers are given for the safety of Caroline, Hannah & Maile as they start high school & college again and our 2 grandchildren, Kayleigh & Jameson, who are now pursuing their careers by Joe & Brenda Concienne.

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

Prayer Concerns: Joyce Ekelund, Danny Gillane, Angie Gibson

Sustaining Prayers John Doreck, Joe & Helga Garcia, Cyndi Agrella, 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,

Serving at Worship Today

Crucifer	James Tetley
Acolytes	Adalene Langford, Candice Langford
Lay Minister	Doryn Glenn
Lector	Kurt Koopmann, Sandra Tetley
Vessel Bearers	Nancy Carpenter, Diane Denson
Cantor	Mary Lee Guthier
Greeter	Steve & Kelli Flores
Altar Guild	Doug & Mary Lee Guthier, Adam Palmer
Ushers	Dennis Broughton, James Gainer
Prayer Minister	Diane Denson
Live Stream	Krista Scheuerman

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

Announcements

Blessing of the Back Packs – TODAY! Students, Teachers, School Workers – come and prepare for the new school year with the Blessing of the Back Packs in which you will be prayed over by the congregation as you begin a new academic year!

Back to School Luncheon Fellowship Meal – TODAY: The Men's Club will be cooking Spaghetti Bolognese, Roasted Vegetables and Garlic Bread. If you brought a favorite dessert to share, please share the recipe too.

Faith Formation “Back to School” Open House- TODAY *Following the luncheon.* Come upstairs to tour the Faith Formation rooms and experience a Godly Play faith formation lesson with Krista!

Adult Acolytes needed for August 30!

Commissioning of Healing Prayer Ministers:

August 9: Jo Bremer, Jeff Peterson

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 opens August 1 for the Fall term. Zumba and Stretch & Flow classes are being offered for Adults on Tuesdays at 5:15 and 6:15 Check out the offerings at fanfaregalveston.org/register/

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

Monday, August 10

Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258

As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.

Tuesday, August 11

Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253

A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.

Thursday, August 13

Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.

Friday, August 14

Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944; martyrs

Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.

Saturday, August 15

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

Sermon Questions

1. Whose voice has the most influence over your life—God's or the crowd's?
2. Where are you tempted to turn the Gospel into another list of things you must do?
3. When have you experienced Christ reaching out to you in the middle of a storm?
4. What good news from God do you most need to hear again this week?
5. How might the Holy Spirit be calling you to step out in faith and share Christ's good news with someone else?

**As we go about our
Summer times of travel and rest
*Remember to Ketchup (Catch-up)***

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Thank you for your generous support of First Lutheran through all the

seasons of the year!

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



We are sent to bring the good news of Christ to others.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water
Monday	1 Kings 19:9-18	The Lord appears to Elijah
Tuesday	Romans 10:5-15	Anyone can be saved
Wednesday	Genesis 41:37-49	Joseph's rise to power
Thursday	Psalms 105:1-11	God's faithfulness to Israel
Friday	1 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Timothy brings good news
Saturday	Psalms 85:8-13	Restoration of God's favor
Sunday	Matthew 15:21-28	A woman's faith

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written,
"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*

Romans 10:15 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, just as you saved Peter from the stormy waves, we praise you for saving us from the things that overwhelm us. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

You who walked upon the sea, come and join our meal, we pray. Thank you for your care this day; lead us, Jesus, in your way. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's word be near you. (Romans 10:8)

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

We Are Marching in the Light

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:

- Describe something you think is beautiful. What makes it beautiful?
- Who do you know that is spreading the good news of Jesus through their work? What do they do?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Romans 10:5-15.

Paul continues an intricate dance that balances the covenant given to Abraham, Moses, and the larger Hebrew community with fulfilling the new covenant given through Jesus. It is the same God and the same promise: salvation is meant for all. Therefore, our job is not to judge but to proclaim the good news that Christ is the fulfillment of the law. That message only helps if it is heard. What is so beautiful is not really people's feet—what some may consider the least attractive part of a person's body—but the person themselves. People cannot receive the message of salvation without hearing. We are those sent to tell the good news of Jesus Christ to others. We are the ones that are beautiful souls, not because of our feet, noses, or eyes, but because of the good news of Christ told to others.

Discuss: How do you use your hands, feet, and voice to spread the good news of Christ? *Pray:* **Living God, may we see the beauty of the gospel and the beauty of those who share your saving message with us and others 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, where can you go to tell others about Jesus?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus came to the disciples in the middle of the night and calmed their fears. Bedtimes are special opportunities to reflect on one's life in prayer. When you go to bed, think or talk about fears you may have. How does it make a difference to know that Jesus is with you and calms any "storms" or fears that you might experience? Pause for a moment and reflect on your answer. Then say: ***"I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety."*** (Psalm 4:8)

kids Celebrate

Lectionary 19



gather

Welcome to worship. The room where people meet to worship is called a sanctuary. This word also means a safe place—where you can go when you are afraid.

Today you will hear about a time when Jesus' disciples were afraid. Jesus came to them. Everyone has times when they feel afraid. Jesus is with us, too.

Draw a picture inside the boat of a time you were afraid.



Send

For all things

Jesus hears our prayers. We can pray about anything.
Write a prayer about things like these:



*Thank you, Jesus, for always
being with me. Amen.*

†his week

Talk about fears that arise in your family and pray about them together.