

First Lutheran Yellow Pages

September 13, 2026

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

Monday 5:30 pm Worship Team

Tuesday 10:00 am Finance Team

Wednesday

Thursday 10:00 am Endowment Board

Friday

Saturday

Altar Flowers In Memory of Christopher M. Sanderson Birthday 9-11-1985 and Oscar T. Ekelund Jr. 9-17-1930 and Chris' K-9 Partner Abba 9-5-2008 by Barbara Sanderson

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

Prayer List

Prayer Concerns: Danny Gillane, Pat Austin, Don 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, 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, Don and Carol Anderson

Oktoberfest is coming up! Ofest is accepting donations of baskets, gift cards, empty baskets to make auction bundles, art, bottles of wine and liquor, and more for the silent auction! All auction items can be dropped off in the main office or with Christina Muehe. **There are still outdoor and food truck spaces available for the event.** If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Christina or go to <https://galvestonoktoberfest.com/vendors/>.

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

Sunday, September 13

John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, died 407

John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.

Monday, September 14

Holy Cross Day

Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.

Wednesday, September 16

Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

Thursday, September 17

Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised

Serving at Worship Today

Crucifer	
Acolytes	Adalene & Candice Langford
Lay Minister	Diane Denson
Lector	Cathy Gainer
Vessel Bearers	Ann & Kyle Reiser
Cantor	Bryson Peña
Greeter	Vera Danner, Doryn Glenn
Altar Guild	Lois Walker, Kay Henson, Susan Stakes
Ushers	James Gainer
Prayer Minister	Jo Bremmer
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.

Reminder: Youth Confirmation Class: Today Following Worship!

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

Fanfare LMA Classes began Tuesday, Sept 8. Registration is still open for the Fall term. Musical Theater has been added along with our regular classes for children, **Zumba and Stretch & Flow** classes have been added 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.

Adult Confirmation/Catechism: Pastor Rhoades is putting together an adult confirmation/catechism class. If interested please contact Pastor Rhoades.

and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

Friday, September 18

Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961

A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as Markings, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

Sermon Questions

1. Where in my life am I tempted to hide or pretend that everything is okay?
2. Whose judgment am I most afraid of—and what would it mean to trust God's grace instead?
3. Can I truly believe that God loves me before I have everything figured out or "fixed"?
4. Where might I need to offer forgiveness, mercy, or compassion to someone else?
5. How can I help make my church—and my corner of the world—a place where people know, "You do not have to pretend here"?

The people of God forgive.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable about forgiveness
Monday	Genesis 50:15-21	Joseph forgives his brothers
Tuesday	Romans 14:1-12	Do not judge another
Wednesday	2 Chronicles 7:12-18	The Lord appears to Solomon
Thursday	Ephesians 1:3-14	Spiritual blessings in Christ
Friday	John 8:1-11	Jesus intercedes for a woman
Saturday	Psalm 103:1-13	Thanksgiving for God's goodness
Sunday	Matthew 20:1-16	Parable of the vineyard workers

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases. Psalm 103:2-3 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, we praise you for your desire to forgive; help us to love and forgive as we are loved and forgiven through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest; let these gifts to us be blessed. Let there be a goodly share on every table, everywhere. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you a merciful heart.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Healer of Our Every Ill

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:

- When someone says something hurtful to you, how do you react?
- How does God's merciful forgiveness make a difference in our relationships?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 18:21-35.

Jesus presents a very unreal story to make a very real point. In Jesus' day, each talent was worth more than 15 years of work and a denarius was one day's wage. Therefore, one slave owed over 150,000 years of income while the other owed one hundred days of wages. The differences are extreme to make a point. God's forgiveness of us is wildly out-of-this-world and wonderful. It leads the follower of Jesus Christ to sing or pray Psalm 103 that begins, "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name" (v. 1). A concrete way to praise God is to "forgive your brother or sister from your heart" (Matthew 18:35) and do so again and again and again. Or, as Jesus suggests, do you want to consider the consequences of not showing a little forgiveness to others? That lack of forgiveness Jesus says, would destroy your life.

Discuss: How does this story challenge the way you think about forgiveness, especially God's forgiveness?

Pray: Merciful God, give me faith to remember how kind and generous you are to me and to praise you by being kind and forgiving to 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, how can you extend a word of forgiveness to someone who has hurt you?

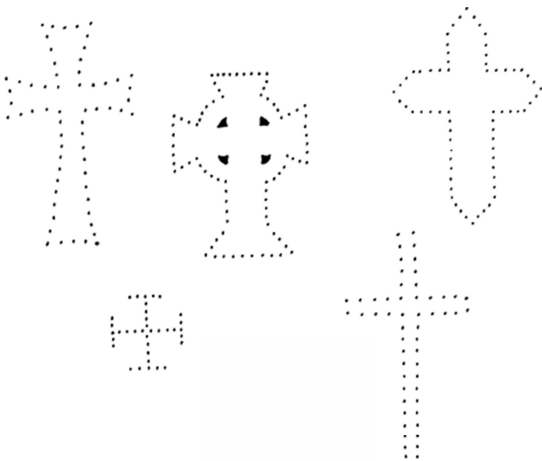
RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The theme this week in the Bible readings is forgiveness. Genesis 50:15-21 is the story of Joseph forgiving his brothers for throwing him in a pit and selling him into slavery. Forgiving someone who has hurt you is not easy. Think of someone who needs your forgiveness. Write a note to that person. Take a moment to read your note silently. Hold your note as you pray the Lord's Prayer. Pause for thought when you pray, "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us," then finish the prayer. Choose whether or not to send the note to them.

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



Welcome to worship. Holy Cross Day comes on September 14. The cross reminds us of Jesus. Look around your worship space and notice the crosses. Where are they? Do they all look the same?



Trace the dotted lines to uncover different kinds of crosses. Do you have a cross at home? What does it look like?



God's amazing forgiveness!

God always forgives us and loves us no matter what.

Find the following phrases in the word search and circle them. What shape do you find?

SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN
GOD LOVES YOU
JESUS LOVES YOU

ITS OK
AMAZING FORGIVENESS
I FORGIVE YOU

K I K C K E S E V E N T Y T I M E S S E V E N
I T S O K F S F D J K L S R K L E A L Z C V N
F J K E I R C E L E K K E S L C K V I E N N F
O K K C O Z K B J S N E K W U C L E M V L P G
R J V K E H V K K U R L W P E L D K B N E K O
G K W O E L O E K S L E E K R O W K E M I Z D
I Z K U I O K C O L W L R A L W Q V N N M D L
V A M A Z I N G F O R G I V E N E S S O L E O
E E K L K R K C K V K K S L E K O C K R K E V
Y K V K R O P P W E Q V M N T L S L E K R L E
O P K E R J C U L S R C L B K E K T H E K R S
U O Q P E L L K R Y L V K E K R M R J E Y S Y
D P A L I E J S M O Y C K V L N E K L D L X O
C M R I O P N E N U K R K L K N W R J E L K U



Thank you, God, for your amazing forgiveness. Help me forgive others. Amen

this week

Make a cross by tying two sticks together with your favorite colors of ribbon.

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