

First Lutheran Yellow Pages

October 11, 2026

Today 8:45 am Immerse Bible Study
 10:00 am Worship
 11:15 am Congregational Meeting
 11:30 am Pre-Oktoberfest Luncheon

Monday 10:00 am Frolic Bible Fun

Tuesday

Wednesday 11:00 am Finance Team
 6:00 pm Arts and Craft Event

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Altar Flowers are given in celebration to wish Happy Birthday to Doug Guthier and Vera Danner on their shared birthday. Glory be to God!

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

Prayer List

Prayer Concerns: Diane Schaper, Danny Gillane, Donna Bekkema, 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, Jerre Massa, Milton Barnum III, Milton Barnum IV, Julie Holland, Joyce Ekeland, Don and Carol Anderson

Serving at Worship Today

Crucifer	Frank Grizzaffi
Acolytes	Candice Langford, Annabelle Lockhart
Lay Minister	Kay Henson
Lector	Jeffrey Peterson, Nancy Carpenter
Vessel Bearers	Pastor Grant and Nancy Housewright
Cantor	Jeffrey Peterson
Greeter	Sandra & Thomas Tetley
Altar Guild	Lois Walker, Kay Henson, Susan Stakes
Ushers	Dennis Broughton, James Gainer
Prayer Minister	Tammy Lobaugh
Live Stream	Steven Peña

Interested in serving?

You can be trained for any of the serving opportunities!

Contact the Church Office!

Announcements

Pre-Oktoberfest Luncheon You are invited to the luncheon today following the congregational meeting. Served in the Parish Hall, you will enjoy a great meal and even better fellowship. Oktoberfest T shirts will be available for pre-sale. ALL are invited to enjoy the fun!

Save the date: Oct 23-24, Oktoberfest 2026. Volunteers are needed. Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex. Please sign up to work at your favorite booth. We are still looking for donations of items for the silent auction. Each year we have large items that are auctioned by themselves, and we have baskets of items to be auctioned off as a unit. We are looking for:

- Bottles of wine/ liquor
- Gift Cards
- Art
- Empty baskets
- Other items that would be great in a gift basket

You can also put your own basket together- in the past we've had Grandparents Day Out, Date Night, and Staycation themed baskets. Questions? Contact Christina Muehe for more information.

If you signed up for Altar flowers in 2026 and have not paid, you can pay in the office or online. Please write in the check for line that it is for altar flowers. For online giving, please select the Altar Flowers fund from the drop down menu.

Fanfare LMA is selling Raffle Tickets with the drawing to be held at Oktoberfest. \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The prizes are a gift card tree of gift cards from local businesses or \$100 of assorted Texas Lottery Tickets. To purchase contact Annie at director@fanfaregalveston.org or 409-255-0502.

Arts & Crafts Night: October 14 Chair Painting Join Krista in painting an old Sunday School chair to take home. The chair and supplies will be provided. 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 14 in the Parish Hall. \$20 donation for participating suggested covering the cost of materials. SIGN UP in advance today.

Pictures for All Saints Sunday. On All Saints Sunday, photos of those who have died in the last 12 months are clipped to a net hanging to remind us of the saints who have gone before us. You may bring small photos to the Church Office in preparation for All Saints on November 1.

All Church Reformation event following worship on October 18. For all ages!

Upcoming Commemorations

Thursday, October 15, 2026

Teresa of Ávila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

Sermon Questions

1. Where in your life do you most need to experience God's grace today?
2. How might God's grace be calling you to live differently?
3. What does it mean for you to "wear" Christ into the world each day?
4. Where might your words or actions need to reflect more fully the love of Christ?
5. How can you receive God's grace as a gift while allowing that grace to transform your life?

Remember!

1. Pray for the upcoming festival and all those involved in it.
2. Sign up to serve at Oktoberfest.
3. Bring nice things for the silent auction.
4. Prepare homemade cakes. Brownies, cookies, for the Sweets Booth and Cake Wheel.
5. Donate towards the Oktoberfest!

Now is the time! One month out from the FUN!

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



God's grace is powerful and trustworthy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast
Monday	Isaiah 25:1-9	A prayer of thanks to God
Tuesday	Philippians 4:1-9	Paul encourages his co-workers
Wednesday	Exodus 32:1-14	The people make an idol
Thursday	Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23	A nation asks for forgiveness
Friday	Matthew 5:1-11	The Beatitudes
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Finally beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Philippians 4:8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, guide our thoughts and actions in ways that reflect your reign of goodness and mercy through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you who promise us a feast of rich food, help us to take joy in this meal today. Amen.

(Isaiah 25:6)

A Blessing to Give:

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Just As I Am, without

One Plea

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 did you go to a party that was memorable? What made it memorable?
- Who do you think God would invite to a great banquet? Why?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 22:1-14.

The good news of Jesus is powerful and meant to make a difference in the world. God's mercy has the last word. It also includes a divine judgment that says that the marginalized, the "outsider," the "*poor in spirit*" (Matthew 5:3) will be blessed. If we take the grace of God for granted, we not only miss the feast, we miss the fact that "*many are called, but few are chosen*" (v. 14). Jesus is quite aware that many will miss his invitation to a way of life that brings love and salvation rather than hate and judgment. This text is from Jesus' final week before his crucifixion. The people see him as a prophet, a true messenger of God (Matthew 21:46), but soon he will suffer, be humiliated, and die. There will be false prophets who come along. They are like the guest who is not wearing the proper clothing and their message is to be rejected. Our life in Christ will not be associated with messages and actions of indifference, contempt, or hateful revenge to gain an advantage over others. God's grace makes the difference in our lives and world; God's grace is powerful and trustworthy. *Discuss:* What are some things we do that might take God's grace and mercy for granted?

Pray: **God of grace and mercy, cleanse us of our way of life that can become indifferent to the people we do not want to see yet are the very people you love 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 help, support, and care for the homeless or those who are often overlooked?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

World Food Day is celebrated each year on October 16. It was founded by the United Nations in 1979 to raise awareness about hunger and malnutrition and to promote healthy food diets for all. There is a theme this week in the Bible readings about feasts and hospitality. Hospitality is receiving and treating guests and strangers in a warm, kind, and generous way. Think or talk about what it means to show hospitality. Prepare a healthy meal. Before eating it, take a moment to reflect on how you can help feed others.

Pray: **Dear God, we thank you for this meal, a sign of your care for us. Help us to care for others in the name of Jesus our Lord and Shepherd. Amen.**

kids Celebrate

Lectionary 28



gather

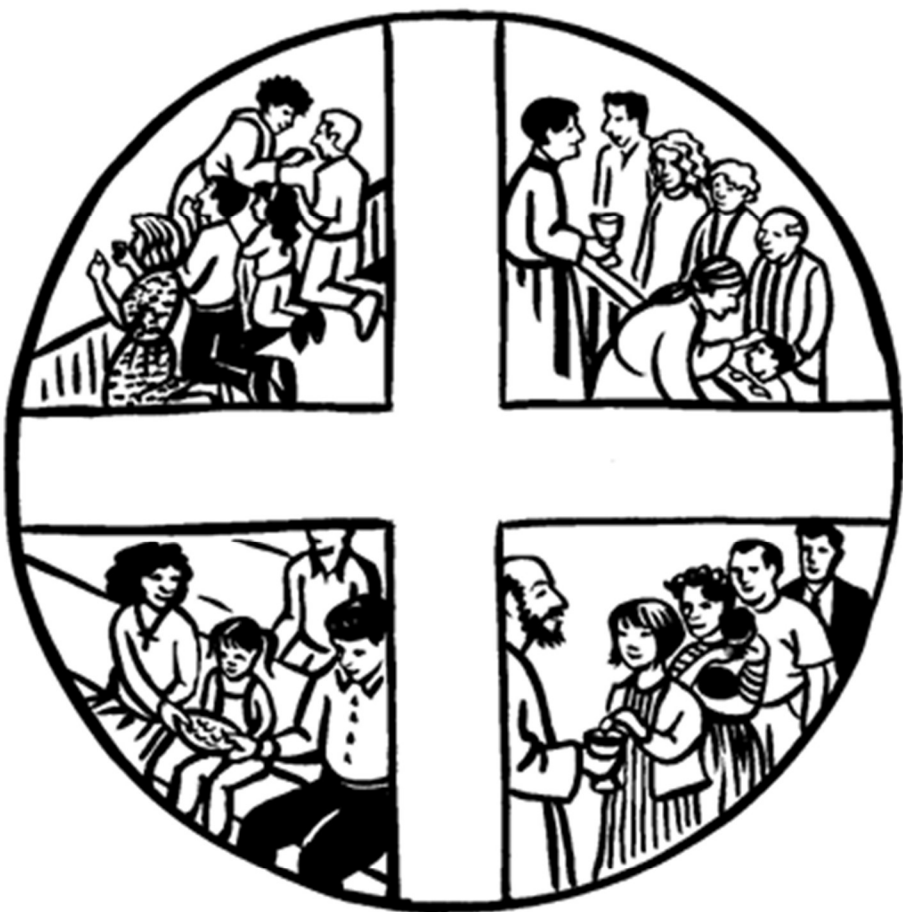
Welcome to worship! You are at a party for God's family! Look around at the decorations. What colors do you see? Are there candles? Is there going to be food? What are you going to do at this party? Now think about a party you have attended. What were the decorations like? What did you eat? What did you do? Imagine you are hosting a party for all of God's family.

Create and decorate an invitation to the most exciting party you can dream up!

Please Come to: God's Family Party When: Where: Food: Fun:
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A fabulous feast

Holy Communion is a feast for all of us—friends and strangers. We share bread, wine, and blessings together at the table (altar), sing songs, and pray.



People celebrate Holy Communion many ways. Circle the picture closest to the way your congregation shares this fabulous feast!



Thank you, God, for inviting us to your fabulous feast. Amen.

this week

Make bread together and invite friends to share it with you.