

First Lutheran Yellow Pages

October 4, 2026

Today 8:45 am Immerse Bible Study
10:00 am Worship
Youth Confirmation Class after Worship
CHOIR following worship with Nancy Housewright

Monday 10:00 am Frolic Bible

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday 6:00 pm Inbetweeners

Friday

Saturday

Sunday (Oct 11) 8:45 am Immerse Bible Study
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
11:30 am Pre-Oktoberfest Luncheon

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of our moms,
Billie Concienne & Pat Conn's Heavenly Birthdays.

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

Prayer List

Prayer Concerns: Diane Schaper, Danny Gillane, Ann Murphy Harris, Don Anderson, Donna Bekkema

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	James Tetley
Acolytes	Adalene & Candice Langford
Lay Minister	Susan Stakes
Lector	Noel Spencer, Adam Palmer
Vessel Bearers	Connie Pelzer, Stephanie Carter
Cantor	Jeff Peterson
Greeter	Lois Walker, Kay Henson
Altar Guild	Doug & Mary Lee Guthier, Adam Palmer
Ushers	James Agrella, John Marchesini
Prayer Minister	Nancy Carpenter
Live Stream	Andrew Lockhart

Interested in serving?

You can be trained for any of the serving opportunities!

Contact the Church Office!

Announcements

Save the date: Oct 23-24, Island 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.

CHOIR!! Singers or want to be singers – join Nancy Housewright after the worship to begin preparing a special musical piece for All Saints Sunday! Come and join the fun!! (rehearsal will not run over an hour.)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Immediately following worship on October 11. The congregation will address financial information concerning IRS back payroll tax payments. Church Council will present information.

Pre-Oktoberfest Luncheon Join in the annual tradition of the Pre-Oktoberfest luncheon – a wonderful meal and fellowship time in preparation for hosting the Island Oktoberfest. T-shirts will be available for pre-sale.

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.

Upcoming Commemorations

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864

Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry.

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

Saturday, October 10, 2026

Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1986 (TFF)

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

Sermon Questions

1. What has God entrusted to me that I may be neglecting?
2. Where in my life do I need to remember that God's grace comes before my efforts?
3. What "weeds"—habits, priorities, or distractions—are keeping something good from flourishing?
4. Who might God be calling me to welcome, serve, or make room for?
5. What is one small way I can tend God's vineyard this week?

Remember!

1. Sign up to serve at Island Oktoberfest.
2. Bring nice things for the silent auction.
3. Prepare homemade cakes. Brownies, cookies, for the Sweets Booth and Cake Wheel.
4. Donate towards the Island Oktoberfest!

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

OCTOBER 4, 2026
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Faith in Christ gives us confidence.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 21:33-46	Parable of the vineyard tenants
Monday	Isaiah 5:1-7	A song about a vineyard
Tuesday	Philippians 3:4b-14	To know Christ
Wednesday	2 Peter 3:14-18	Final exhortation
Thursday	2 Timothy 3:10-17	Paul's instructions to Timothy
Friday	John 14:1-7	Jesus the Way to the Father
Saturday	Psalms 80:7-15	Prayer for Israel's deliverance
Sunday	Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*[A]nd be found in him [Christ], not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. **Philippians 3:9 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to trust that in your death there is eternal life and in suffering there is the power of love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Nurturing God, we thank you for this food; help us to use food wisely so that others may have enough to eat. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's face shine on you. (Psalm 80:7)

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Come and Fill Our Hearts

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:

- What values and qualities do look for in a friend?
- How would you describe your relationship with Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Philippians 3:4b-14.

According to research on American religious views, we want to be saved by God because we are “good people.” We really don’t appear to get it. We prefer to rely on our own merits rather than trust the power of Christ’s death and resurrection that conquers our sin. Perhaps this is part of the sinful self-centeredness that Christ comes to cleanse us of. Paul writes to the church at Philippi. He points out that if anyone has a claim to self-righteousness based on the law that measures our goodness, Paul would be pretty unbeatable; he would be “*blameless*” (v. 6). But he counts all of his religious success as “*loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord*” (v. 8). The truly amazing part of his testimony is that knowing Christ does not free him from suffering; he is not concerned about why bad things happen to good people. Paul announces his freedom to suffer with Christ. This theology of the cross sees life in death, sees joy in suffering, and sees hope in despair. Paul presses “*on to make it my own*” (v. 12). He is announcing a view of life, and this way of life sees Christ as the source of all our hopes of salvation.

Discuss: How does your faith in Christ free you to experience suffering with hope? *Pray:* **Dear God, help us to know Jesus; may we focus our attention on the needs of others and to care for them 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 be a good friend to someone by caring for their needs?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Philippians 3, Paul talks about pressing towards the goal to reach the prize of knowing Christ Jesus. Think about a time you tried to reach a goal. What happened? Whether we reach the goal or not, God is always with us.

Pray: **Lord, help us to keep our eye on the goal, the prize of the “*heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.*” Amen.**

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Lec tionary 27



gather

Welcome to worship. Do you know what a cornerstone is? Have you ever seen one? It is usually a big stone in the corner of a building that helps hold the whole building up. Listen today and you'll hear that Jesus is a cornerstone for the whole world. Jesus holds us up!



Draw Jesus as the cornerstone of the earth. He's holding us up!

Brimming with blessings

Jesus' love fills us up with blessings. During communion, look for a cup like the one here. When we celebrate communion, we're filled with Jesus' blessings!



In the cup above draw pictures of some of your blessings—food, clothing, family. How can you share your blessings with others?



Thank you, Jesus, for all your blessings. Help us share. Amen.

This week

Look through your closets for outgrown clothes to share with others.