First Lutheran Yellow Pages
November 8, 2026

Today 8:45 am Immerse Bible Class – Conference Room
10:00 am Worship

Monday 10:00 am Frolic

Tuesday 6:00 pm Church Council – Conference Room

Wednesday

Thursday 6:00 pm PhilanthroVision at the1894 Grand Opera House

Friday

Saturday

Sunday 8:45 am Immerse Bible Class- Conference Room
10:00 am Worship
11:30 am Bake and Bible – Kitchen and Parish Hall

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 1st Birthday of Roemmele Fletcher Boorman (11/12/26)

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

Prayer List

Prayer Concerns: Peggy Davis, Jim Bremer, Carla Sanborn Jones, Don Anderson, Kay Donahoo, Frank Grizzaffi (Anthony's father)

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, Jerre Massa, Milton Barnum III, Milton Barnum IV, Julie Holland, Joyce Ekeland, Don and Carol Anderson

Serving at Worship Today

Crucifer	Frank Grizzaffi
Acolytes	Edie Frye, Jackson Morris
Lay Minister	Adam Palmer
Lector	Susan Stakes, Noel Spencer
Vessel Bearers	Ann & Kyle Reiser
Cantor	Mary Lee Guthier
Greeter	Stewardship Team
Altar Guild	Lois Walker, Kay Henson, Susan Stakes
Ushers	Dennis Broughton, James Gainer. James Agrella
Prayer Minister	Nancy Carpenter
Live Stream	Steven Peña

Announcements

November 8 – Give Thanks for the People Who Shine with Faith in Your Life Today

Faith is nurtured through the people God places in our lives. Today we give thanks for those whose kindness, service, encouragement, and commitment help Christ's light shine brightly in our congregation and community. Throughout 2026, we have witnessed countless examples of members sharing their time, talents, and treasures to support our ministries and one another. Their generosity reminds us that stewardship is not only about what we give, but how we live as disciples. May we continue to encourage one another and share God's blessings with joyful hearts.

HELP! *Our very own Fanfare Lutheran Music Academy is a finalist in the 2026 PhilanthroVision. This is a major opportunity for Fanfare and your support is needed. PLEASE plan to attend PhilanthroVision 2026 at the1894 Grand Opera House on Thursday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. The number of people present supporting Fanfare will have an impact on the outcomes! Tickets are FREE but must be "purchased" through the 1894 Grand Opera House. Go to the Grand's website under "Get Tickets", scroll to November12th, and select "PhilanthroVision Galveston 2026" … you will process your tickets as though you are buying them, but in the end there is no charge. Come Out and support our Fanfare LMA!*

Bake & Bible! Please join us for fellowship, baking and bible study on Sunday, Nov 15 at 11:30 in the Kitchen and Parish Hall.

The Lyceum offers a beautiful space for special events of all sorts. The space offers a warmth that few spaces can provide, while providing ample room for small or larger gatherings. It is ideal for birthday parties, concerts and showers to business meetings and weddings. When needing a space remember *The Lyceum*! info@lyceumgalveston.com.

THANK YOU! As our nation marks Veteran's Day 2026, let us give thanks to those who have served our nation in the military forces in times of war and in times of peace. We also give thanks for their families who have sacrificed for them to serve.

Upcoming Commemorations

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397
Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855
Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

Sermon Questions

1. Where do you see faith becoming visible in everyday life?

2. What does Amos teach us about worship and justice?

3. How does Christ sustain your faith when life becomes difficult?

4. Who has been a living example of God's grace in your life?

5. How might your life shine with Christ's love this week?

REMINDER: Now is the time to sign up to serve on Sundays. Your singing up helps the Church Office in making sure all areas are covered. Parents:

NOVEMBER 8, 2026
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Be alert and be glad for the Lord is coming.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday Matthew 25:1-13 A parable of the ten bridesmaids

Monday Amos 5:18-24 What the Lord requires

Tuesday 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 The coming of the Lord

Wednesday Joshua 24:14-28 The tribes renew the covenant

Thursday Psalm 78:1-8 Tell the children God's word

Friday Luke 21:29-38 Be always on the watch

Saturday Psalm 70 Prayer for deliverance

Sunday Matthew 25:14-30 Parable of the talents

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" **Psalm 70:4 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Righteous God, help us to be ready for the time Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead and to anticipate the end of the age with joy. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, help us to receive this food with thanksgiving and to serve those less fortunate with acts of love and service. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May God bless you with peace and joy.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

God of Grace and God of Glory

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:

- Has there ever been a time you felt you were not ready for something? What happened?
- How does your Christian faith call you to a sense of urgency and readiness?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 25:1-13.

This parable seems harsh. We might think we are to have mercy on the foolish bridesmaids and not lock them out. A more merciful approach is evident in the next chapter when Jesus' leadership team of disciples falls asleep while Jesus prays in the garden (Matthew 26:36-46). Jesus chastises them without a sense of rejection. In this parable of the bridesmaids, the church is reminded to live with the final victory of God in Christ in sight. It is to impact our daily lives as we wait for Christ's second coming. Unless there is a particular experience of suffering, we tend to live without paying much attention to Christ's coming again. Jesus is alerting his followers to the importance of watchfulness of the times and readiness to act faithfully at any given moment. That moment is when the church blesses, serves with justice, and offers salvation in Jesus' name.

Discuss: How might a conscious awareness of Christ's victory and return to "judge the living and the dead" (Apostles' Creed), impact your daily conduct?

Pray: **Come Lord Jesus, strengthen our lives of faith that we may anticipate your coming again with joy and serve our neighbor in love. 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 show God's love and mercy to someone in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

According to Amos, worship without acts of justice for the needy is meaningless to God. During and after a worship service this week, take time to think about how God's acts of love and mercy for you and all humanity lead you to do acts of kindness and love for others. *Pray:* **Dear God, be with me each day. Help me to show love, fairness, and care for others through your Son, Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

Kids Celebrate

Lectionary 32



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Welcome to worship. Getting ready for worship takes time. What do you at home? On the way? At church?

You can begin at home by preparing your offering or

On the way to church you can notice God's beautiful world or

Inside your worship space you can say a prayer or

Lord, help us to be ready when you come. Amen

Send

All is ready!

The five bridesmaids who were ready had lamps filled with oil. Find them and color their lamps.



Advent is coming soon. In Advent we get ready for Jesus' coming. How do you celebrate Advent? What do you do to get ready for baby Jesus?



Advent begins in three weeks. What do you do to get your home ready for Advent?

This week

Light a candle during dinner, and thank God for the day.

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