

First Lutheran Yellow Pages

September 27, 2026

Today

8:45 am Immerse Bible Study

10:00 am Worship

Monday

10:00 am Frolic Bible Fun

6:30 pm Men's Club

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

5:30 pm Visitation

6:00 pm Dana Connor Memorial Service

Friday

Saturday

Rutledge Wedding

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration and thanksgiving of Mary Lee Guthier's 75th birthday on September 28th.

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

Prayer List

Prayer Concerns: Danny Gillane, Ann Murphy Harris, 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

Serving at Worship Today

Crucifer	James Tetley
Acolytes	Edie Frye
Lay Minister	Anthony Grizzaffi
Lector	Bethany Grizzaffi, Jeffrey Peterson
Vessel Bearers	Janet and Albert Choate
Cantor	Lucy Pedley
Greeter	Robert Boysen, Corinne Rhoades
Altar Guild	Bethany Grizzaffi, George & Billie Vasquez
Ushers	Dennis Broughton, James Gainer
Prayer Minister	Diane Denson
Live Stream	Stevn Peña

Interested in serving?

You can be trained for any of the serving opportunities!

Contact the Church Office!

Announcements

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 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.

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

VOTING: Our Civic Duty. As the Fall election approaches, now is the time to register or check your registration to vote. Go to www.votetexas.gov. (To check if your registration is active, on the first tab click “Voter Registration”. Then under “Texas Voter Registration Information”, click on “Am I Registered?” in the third paragraph (*shown in blue letters*). On the page that click the phrase, “Welcome to your personal voter portal,” enter the requested information and click submit. The next page will show your voter information and if you are listed as an active voter.

Men’s Club: A Fellowship for Men of Faith. The Men’s Club will gather on Monday, September 28, at 6:30 pm. This group is for ALL the men of the congregation and friends of the congregation. The meetings include some business, but also fellowship, a devotion and lots of laughs just being together. Come and join the fellowship!

Fanfare LMA is continuing open registration for Fall Classes.
Signup at www.fanfaregalveston.org/register/

Upcoming Commemorations

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

Michael and All Angels

Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.

Sermon Questions

1. Where am I saying “yes” to God with my words but not yet with my actions?
2. Where do I see God’s grace already at work in my life?
3. What gifts, time, or resources has God given me to share in the work of the kingdom?
4. Where is Jesus calling me to be a peacemaker, show mercy, or seek justice?
5. If Jesus asked me today, “What do you think?”—what would I need to change, and what would I be encouraged to keep doing?

The Memorial Service for Dana Connor will be Thursday, October 1, at 6:00 pm. Visitation will begin at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary, followed by the memorial service. (A light reception will follow.) Dana served as custodian for the congregation for a number of years before transitioning to other employment in Fort Worth and then returning to the island prior to becoming homebound due to illness.

Remember!

1. Sign up to serve at 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 Oktoberfest!

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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



God instructs, guides, and protects us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 21:23-32	Parable of the two sons
Monday	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	God's ways are fair
Tuesday	Philippians 2:1-13	Christ shows us humility
Wednesday	Proverbs 4:20-27	Keep to the right path
Thursday	Psalms 78:1-8	What God has done
Friday	James 1:19-27	Hearing and doing God's word
Saturday	Psalms 25:1-9	Prayer for guidance and help
Sunday	Matthew 21:33-46	Parable of the vineyard tenants

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[W]ork out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. **Philippians 2:12b-13 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, teach us to know your ways and to do them with humility and compassion for all that you have created through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 25:4)

Mealtime Prayer:

Good and gracious God, we thank you for providing for our every need, including the gift of this food; we pray through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God guide you to love and serve humbly.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

We All Are One in Mission

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:

- Do you ask for help when making decisions? Why or why not?
- How does reading the Bible and having caring conversations with other believers help guide your life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Philippians 2:1-13.

The Apostle Paul speaks to the church at Philippi and encourages the people to live with others with humility. He uses Christ as our model for this way of life as Christ Jesus took on our human existence and *“humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death”* (v. 8). With this as a guide, Paul exhorts believers to pursue the Christian life because it matters to others, to the world, and to God. Knowing how hard it is to live this life faithfully, he states, *“work out your salvation in fear and trembling”* (v. 12b). It is not fear, however, that prevents us from acting. It is a sense of awe and reverence that frees us to live and act because God is with us, behind, and in front of us in both our actions and our very desire to do the will of God. It can be overwhelming to wonder how to live as a Christian. Paul encourages us to go forth with humility to love others and trust God, knowing that God is present in our lives to shape our very thoughts and actions.

Discuss: Who do you know that role models the Christian life of humility? What is an example you can give about the person?

Pray: **God of justice and mercy, guide our days and our deeds in the peace of Christ. 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 someone who is struggling to choose the right thing to do?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Lifting our hands is one way to show praise to God. In the Old Testament there are people (like Leah and Moses) who lift their hands in praise to God. This is an ancient pose of prayer and a motion used to open a person to receiving God’s blessing. Think or talk about when and how you pray (kneeling, folded hands, etc.). Then lift your hands and pray: ***“To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust.” Amen.*** (Psalm 25:1-2a)

kids Celebrate

Lectionary 26



gather

Welcome to worship. In today's gospel reading people ask Jesus questions. Listen for questions today. **Each time you hear a question in the reading make a ? inside this big ?.**



My question for Jesus: _____

What question would Jesus ask you? _____

Following Jesus, doing God's work

We can all follow Jesus and do God's work, yet be very different people. When you finish these lists, are they the same as anyone else's? Keep doing what you love to help others! God loves you for you!

I am good at...

What are 3 ways you might do God's work? [Check the other lists for ideas!]

I love doing....

My 3 favorite foods are...



*Oh God, thanks for loving me.
Help me do what I believe. Amen.*

this week

What does your family believe? What is important to you?
Create a family creed together.