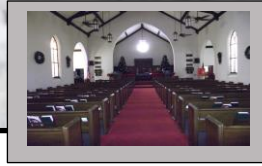


FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

September 2025



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First Things First...

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Psalm 46:1-3

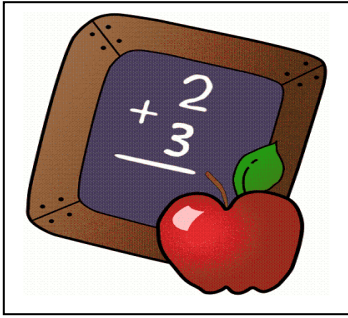
Verses 10 and 11 of this beautiful song offer comfort and strength, concluding its message with the words, *“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!”* The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. When the world is roaring, foaming, and deteriorating in total chaos, we find refuge and comfort and consolation in Christ’s promise, *“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”* We have the warning of Scripture to expect calamity and chaos, but the day of our complete redemption waits in the future as our sure and certain hope.

During moments of uncertainty before and following my recent surgery, the Word of God brought me strength and the expectation of better days ahead. I am beginning to more fully understand the description of our sufferings in this world as being *“light and momentary.”* The healing process will be slow and attained by diligent therapy. I know the result will be marvelous and miraculous.

I want to thank all who prayed for me before, during, and following my surgery. Your prayers resulted in what I can only comprehend as a miracle. Alys described her post-op meeting with the surgeon as instantly lifting any doubts or fears because he was “grinning from ear to ear.” I ask your prayers continue that I may carefully observe all the directions and instructions (limits and restrictions) of my surgeon and therapists. Thank you also to those who provided delicious meals for us after my return home. Gratefully and personally, Pastor Richard Turner, thank you for your service to First Lutheran, during my convalescence.

Finally, I request prayer asking the Holy Spirit guides me into times of stillness so I can more fully discern His leading that, together, we can offer the Gospel to everyone. May we be the Light of Jesus shining in this rapidly darkening world!

Jesus loves you and so do I! Pastor Grier



First School And Day Care

The First School is excited about the new school year!

Our grant of \$16,747.15 from Boulogny Foundation for a walkway and basketball court (**Lonestar Concrete**) and fence for the infant playground next to parsonage (**J4 Fencing**) are all completed. We are just waiting for our basketball goals and other equipment to arrive.

Our school is currently trying to obtain the accreditation that we receive every three years with Texas Rising Star. We are taking a break this year from the annual Pumpkin Patch because of this. We are disappointed that we must let it go this year. However, we feel as though the First School is our priority. We are looking forward to hosting the First School Community Pumpkin Patch in the fall of 2026. Please keep us in your prayers as we try and obtain our TRS certification.

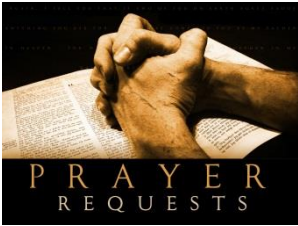
Many Blessings,
Bree Joines
The First School Director

**First School Board Meeting –
September 11, 2025**



SEPTEMBER READINGS

- 09/07 Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 1, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-35
- 09/14 Ezekiel 34:11-24, Psalm 119:169-176, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10
- 09/21 Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113, 1 Timothy 2:1-15, Luke 16:1-15
- 09/28 Amos 6:1-7, Psalm 146, 1 Timothy 3:1-13, Luke 16:19-31



- 09/04 Stanley McMillan
- 09/12 Ty Mathews
- 09/12 Linda Korenek
- 09/19 Will Joines
- 09/20 Luke Langston
- 09/21 Diego Hernandez
- 09/21 Adeleigh Labay
- 09/24 Marilyn Kight
- 09/26 Sawyer Schoenfield

- Our FLC Family**
- Cecil Anderson
 - Harlo & Rhonda Atchetee
 - Cora Lee Bishop
 - Pastor & Alys Grier
 - James & Sheila Herrington
 - Marilyn Kight
 - Kim & Larry Ledwig
 - Lloyd Nelson
 - Ashley Schoenberg
 - Bentley

Friends of FLC



- 09/07 James Herrington
- 09/12 Jimmy Nielsen
- 09/13 Will Joines
- 09/20 Kim Kainer
- 09/23 Luke Langston
- 09/25 Emery Langston

List will be cleared on the 1st in January, April, July and October. Please help us stay current; call the office with changes or additions.



**PRAY FOR
ALL WHO
SERVE IN
THE US MILITARY**

WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US



- 09/07 Ed & Gloria Campbell
- 09/27 Shane & Heather Langston



OR



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Wed: 8:00am – 12:00pm

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COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 15th
6:00 p.m.

Pastor Clyde Grier:
Phone: 979-541-6173

Manna Meals

Our Manna Meals team will resume serving on Thursday, October 2nd.

We are in need of extra help with “clean up.” If you can come later and assist with this please contact Cathy Schoenfield.

“Many hands make light work” as they say!



First School Board

Thursday, September 11th
5:00 p.m.

Church Council

Monday, September 15th
6:00 p.m.

A = Always

S = Say

A = A

P = Prayer



LCMC 25th Annual Gathering

October 5-8, 2025

Hosanna Church

Lakeville, Minnesota

Theme: Our Help and Hope

Speakers – Focus Groups – Breakout Sessions

Fellowship Dinner – District Meetings

Recognitions – Exhibitors

Learn More About LCMC

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September 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	8	9	10	11 First School Board Meeting 5:00PM	12	13
14 Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	15 Church Council Meeting 6:00PM	16	17	18	19	20
21 Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Worship Service 10:45 AM	29	30				

September Responsibilities

ASSISTING MINISTER: Ted Schoenfield

SEXTON: Calvin Borak

USHERS: Doug Mathews, Ed Campbell

ALTAR GUILD: Pat Marek, Ruth Speckels

READER

7th Kirk Marek
 14th Dagny Thane
 21st Ted Schoenfield
 28th Helen Johnson

If you are unable to serve on your date,
 please find someone to take your place.



SEPTEMBER FLOWER CALENDAR

7th Open
 14th Open
 21st Open
 28th Open

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Join us on Sunday mornings!

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.