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17th Sunday after Pentecost October 5, 2025



- We are glad you are here. If you have prayer requests, please fill out a card in the pew and place it in the offering plate.
- Restrooms are in the entrance hall, across from the cry room.
- For parents with active children, a glassed-in cry room is located at the back of the Worship Center and an unstaffed nursery is also available.
 Please ask an usher or an elder for assistance.
- Please silence all cell phones.

Holy Communion—We believe that in the Lord's Supper, we receive Christ's Body and Blood in the bread and wine. These elements are not mere symbols or transformed; they are given for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a guest, please speak with the Pastor before communing. Non-alcoholic wine is available in the top ring of each communion tray for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

May the Lord bless your experience with us today!

The mission of FLC Texarkana is to disciple and equip the faithful to care for all and reach the lost within our communities and world with the Gospel.

lve are Lutheran Women in Mission

We are women of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who support Gospel-focused missions, both near and far. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) was founded in 1942, to unite sisters in Christ as they focused on reaching out with the love of Christ to others in need, and we continue to do that today as **Lutheran Women in Mission**. We welcome and encourage every woman to use her God-given gifts to serve the Lord with gladness!

We joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Proclaiming Christ through FAITH RESOURCES

You can find free devotions and Bible studies on *lwml.org*. Start each day with a devotion by signing up for our email list.

Supporting Missions through MISSION GRANTS

Mission offerings, both large and small, are given in love and thankfulness. Together, these help to share the Gospel with people all over the world.

Equipping Women for SERVING OTHERS

Find ideas and inspiration to share Jesus' love with others through service projects, collections of physical donations, and events.

Visit Iwml.org or email us at Iwml@Iwml.org to learn more!



Our **Mite Box** is more than just a symbol of God's provision — it's a reminder that your offerings and prayers bring the love and hope of Jesus to those in

need. You can also donate online at by scanning the QR code or at *lwml.org/donate-online* to make giving easy!





Sunday, October 12 Worship: 10:00 am Potluck Lunch after Worship

Please join us for a morning of worship, food, and fellowship!

Bring your favorite dish to share, a drink, a chair, and a friend!

Bratwursts will be provided.

The Pavilion at Clear Springs Campgrounds
64 Clear Springs Park
Texarkana, TX 75501

Directions From Texarkana:

Take Highway 59 South. Turn Right (west) on Farm-to-Market (FM) Road 2148 and follow to Wright Patman Lake Entrance. Follow the park road west to the entrance.

TIME TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

"Glory Be to God the Father"

LSB #**506**

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When the Lord Jesus warned His disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come," the apostles said, "Increase our faith!" Let us confess our own weakness and sin, asking the same of our gracious and merciful God.

O God, Your Law is true and my delight. Yet because we still feebly struggle against sin, we confess our weakness and failure to live according to Your holy will. Our lack of faithfulness toward You causes us to hesitate or even refuse to love and forgive our neighbors. O God, increase our faith! Forgive us and renew our minds and spirit that we may serve You by faithfully serving our neighbor.

Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, "by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus," I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you

And also with you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and gracious God, we give You thanks for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of Your Word and Sacrament through which You nurture us in Your truth and feed us with the holy food of the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that all pastors may continue to follow in word and deed the example of Your Son, and that together we may serve You now in the church on earth and evermore praise You in the kingdom of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 62:1-7

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the Lord in remembrance, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 10:11-17

For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel for today is recorded in Luke 24:44-53.

Glory to You, O Lord!

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses

- People with special needs: Rev. Mark Lasch, Ruby Coats, Michael Attaway, Lynn Nymeyer, Charles Wagner, Marion Clark, Peggy Harris, Yolanda Mueller, Rodney & Lisa Williams, Bruce Cochran, Jennifer Simpson, Mary Gressett, Pam Farrow, Barbara McDonald, Betsy Cochran, Janet Ruper, Tammy Moreno-Wilmarth, Janie Carl, Frank Drake, Joan Sherrod, Micah Cromer, Cody Voan, Cody Cross, Maverick Johnson, Donna Harter, Sam Prewitt, Patsy Roper, Michelle McFaul, Theresa Griggs, Luke Thomas, Brycn Hallowell, Lyla Follmer, Amelia Thomas, Zachary Thomas, Makayla Burns, Meaghan Page
- Those who are suffering from chronic illnesses: Rori Parrish, Mark & Shelia Oestmann, Ken Nielsen, Georges & Sandra Drautz, Terry Feyen, Cathy Jordan, Lisa Sundbye, Joseph & Jennifer Holmes, Debra Gardner, Iris Wood, Renee Kurtenbach, Jennifer Montoya-Leopold, Darren Anderson, Bill Blair, Elaine Cranfill, Randy Brown, Bill Ellis, Lydia Arnold, Celia Jones, Linda Thomas, PJ & Tiffani Poole, Peggy Harris, Jennifer Simpson, Herman Plattner, Austin Taylor
- Our nation and those who govern us: U.S. troops around the world would return home safely, World peace.
- In Military Service or working war zones: Blake Sundbye, Dylan Vann, Zack Coulburn, Chad Bowles, Barbara Rutter, David Owens, Cpt. Tony Moritz, Technical Sgt. Clara DeShane, Technical Sgt. Will DeShane

Prayer requests and updates can be submitted by completing the form in the pew rack and placing it in the offering plate or by emailing Corrine at flctexarkana@gmail.com.

CHOIR FOR REFORMATION SERVICE – Our circuit is putting together an interchurch choir for the Circuit Reformation service on Sunday, October 26. The reformation service will be at 4:00 at Our Savior Lutheran in Sulphur Springs. Andrew Yox of Good Shepherd in Mt. Pleasant will play and direct the choir. The choir will meet at 3:00 prior to the service on the 26th to go through the music. Please let me know if you would like to participate so that we can be sure to have enough copies of the music. A meal will be provided following the Reformation Service. It would be great if we have several from our congregation to participate- Pastor Sundbye

THE LADIES AID will be meeting on Monday, October 6th, at 5:30 PM, and we invite all women of FLC to join us. We would love to hear your new ideas for our community outreach program. We will be providing brats, burgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings for our annual "Church in the Park" on Sunday, October 12th, with the service starting at 10 AM. We ask that you please bring a German dish and/or dessert to share. Additionally, remember to bring your own drinks and lawn chair. On Tuesday, October 14th, we will be visiting Bailey Creek to play bingo, and we would like to invite all of you to join us. It's always great to see the residents smile! Congratulations to Pam Wood for being elected Treasurer of LWML District this past Saturday. Pam replaces Debbie Gardner, as her term had expired. Thank you to both ladies for representing First Lutheran Texarkana. Blessings, Gayla Fowler– LWML President for First Lutheran Church

Week of October 5, 2025

5 Sun.	9:00am	-	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:00am	-	Worship/Communion
6 Mon.	5:30pm	-	Pickleball
7 Tue.	11:00am	-	Online Zoom Bible Class
8 Wed.	10:45am	-	Wednesday Morning Bible Class
	12:00pm	-	Assimilation Committee
	5:30pm	-	Board of Elders

and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

SONG OF THE DAY "Spread the Reign of God the Lord" LSB

LSB **#830**

SERMON

WHEN WILL WE MEET HIM AGAIN?

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "O Christ, Our True and Only Light" LSB **#839**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross, Risen from the dead. He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming

for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

LSB #620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing" vv 1-4

LSB #611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

LSB **#537** "Beautiful Savior"

LSB #740 "I am Jesus' Little Lamb"

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen. **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING SONG

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+ + + + **SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY...**

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