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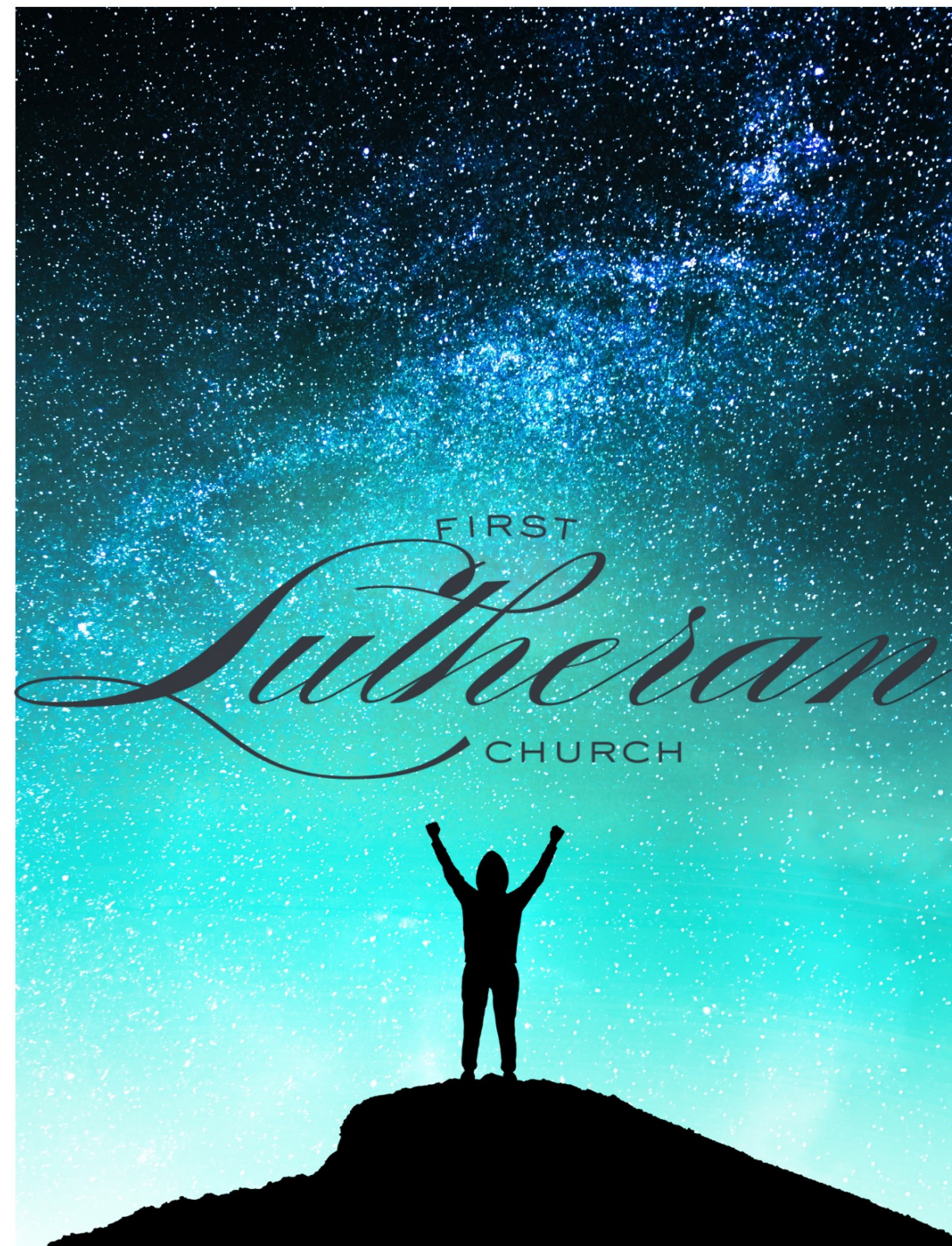
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# Welcome

- ♦ 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.**

# PRAYER Requests

- **People with special needs:** Rev. Mark Lasch, Ruby Coats, Michael Attaway, Gwen Stout, 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
- **Those who are suffering from chronic illnesses:** Rev. Joe Ardy, 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
- **Those who are preparing for or recovering from surgery:** Austin Taylor
- **Our nation and those who govern us:** the families and friends of those lost in the flooding in central Texas, U.S. troops around the world would return home safely, terrorists do not attack again, World peace.
- **In Military Service or working war zones:** Blake Sundbye, Dylan Vann, Will & Clara DeShane, Zack Coulburn, Chad Bowles, Barbara Rutter, David Owens, Cpt. Tony Moritz, Staff 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](mailto:flctexarkana@gmail.com).

## LOOKING TO JESUS IN A DIVIDED WORLD

### SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY...

Preacher..... Rev. Scott Sundbye  
Elders..... George Boger & Jason Christian  
Altar Guild..... Sue Richter & Kathy Stivers  
Reader..... Vickie Smith  
Director / Keyboard... Gwen Huffman  
Praise Band..... Guitar: Dylan Chambers  
Percussion: Paul Holder  
Vocalists..... Gayla Fowler, Corrine Patterson,  
Dennis Huffman & Scott Sundbye  
Counters..... Mark Oestmann & Ron Jordan  
Head Ushers..... Derek Huffman & John Lanier  
Audio/Visual..... Matt Smith & Crew

**THE ASSIMILATION COMMITTEE** will meet Tuesday, August 19, 11:00am  
at Flying Burger.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** will resume on Sunday, September 14.  
We are seeking volunteers to help teach on a rotating basis. If you are  
interested in assisting with our children's education, please let Pastor or  
Cherrie know.

**THE LADIES RETREAT** is scheduled for Friday, September 19, to Sunday,  
September 21, in Hot Springs, AR. Please RSVP to Karen Bradshaw at 903-  
748-8356 by September 1st. We are looking for volunteers to help with  
lead the daily Bible study, leading crafts, serving as the food coordinator,  
and assist with driving.

**FROM LWML PRESIDENT GAYLA FOWLER:** Members of First Lutheran  
Church - you are amazing!!! You gave school supplies for children at  
Domestic Violence and the Ladies Aid had a great rummage sale. We gave  
clothes to a man from Maud, Texas, that lost everything in a house fire and  
household items and baby clothes were given to Domestic Violence. Items  
that were not sold in the rummage sale were given to The Salvation Army.  
The Ladies Aid will continue to reach out to those in need. We also provide  
dinners for those at FLC that have lost loved ones. Thank you for all you do.

### **PRESERVICE**

#### **"Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

**Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining:  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;  
Shine on me. Shine on me.**

#### ***Chorus:***

**Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
Send forth Your Word, Lord,  
And let there be light.**

**Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By Your blood I may enter Your brightness:  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;  
Shine on me. Shine on me. *Chorus***

**As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory;  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story;  
Shine on me. Shine on me. *Chorus*  
*Repeat Chorus***

### **TIME TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

#### **WELCOME**

#### **OPENING SONG "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) "**

#### ***Chorus:***

**Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul;  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, oh, my soul;  
I worship Your holy name.**





### **"Pass It On"**

**It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around  
Can warm up in its glowing.  
That's how it is with God's love,  
Once you've experienced it.  
You spread His love to ev'ryone,  
You want to pass it on.**

**I wish for you my friend  
This happiness that I've found.  
You can depend on Him  
It matters not where you're bound.  
I'll shout it from the mountain-top,  
I want my world to know  
The Lord of love has come to me.  
I want to pass it on.**

**I'll shout it from the mountain-top,  
I want my world to know  
The Lord of love has come to me.  
I want to pass it on.**

### **"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"**

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!**

**My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me,  
And like a flood His mercy reigns;  
Unending love, amazing grace.  
The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we do things we ought not do and do not live up to our calling as Your people. We are not always careful listeners to Your Word and take for granted those who faithfully proclaim it to us. We know that we justly deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. But trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is solely in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.**

*God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications and joyfully restores us to His fold. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 23:16-29**

Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.' For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. "I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and

they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. "Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **EPISTLE READING**

**Hebrews 11:17-31,12:1-3**

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us

#### **PAX DOMINI**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**Amen.**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION**

**"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love "**

**We are one in the Spirit;  
We are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit;  
We are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity  
May one day be restored.**

*Chorus:*

**And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
By our love.**

**We will walk with each other;  
We will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other;  
We will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land. *Chorus***

**We will work with each other;  
We will work side by side.  
We will work with each other;  
We will work side by side.  
And we'll guard each man's dignity  
And save each man's pride. *Chorus***

**All praise to the Father  
From whom all things come.  
And all praise to Christ Jesus,  
His only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit,  
Who makes us one *Chorus***

## **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, Lord our God, for You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your kindness. Confident of Your love and assured of Your mercy, we come before You, asking that we may receive Your blessings with heartfelt thanksgiving. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Holy Spirit and grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Send us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit who brings to life the power of Jesus Christ. Bless us, Your children, that all we who partake of Christ's holy body and of His precious blood may be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy, so that, clinging to Christ our Lord, we may live in the hope of an eternity gathered around Your Heavenly Table.*

**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.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

(See Insert)

run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL READING**

*The Gospel for today is recorded in Luke 12:49–56*

**.Glory to You, O Lord!**

"I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

## **BAPTISM OF OAKLEY WESSON LANE VINCENT**

## **INVOCATION**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **BAPTISM**

### **PRAYER**

### **BLESSING**

*Through Baptism God has added Oakley to his own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

**We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in his kingdom.**

*Oakley, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore.*

**Amen.**

### **SONG OF THE DAY**

#### **"In Christ Alone "**

**In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my Light, my strength my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love! What depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save,  
'Til on the cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

*(Musical Interlude)*

**No guilt in life, no fear in death:  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home;  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!**

### **SERMON**

### **LOOKING TO JESUS IN A DIVIDED WORLD**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING SONG      "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High "**

**Lord, I lift Your name on high;  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life;  
I'm so glad you came to save us.**

*Chorus:*

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way;  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.  
From the cross to the grave,  
From the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift Your name on high!**

*Repeat All*

*Repeat Chorus*