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Oktoberfest

WORSHIP AT THE LAKE

THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD,
AND THE SKY ABOVE PROCLAIMS HIS
HANDIWORK
PSALM 19:1

WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH'S WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION AT THE LAKE!

WE HOPE THIS GATHERING CONNECTS YOU
WITH OUR LORD AND HIS BEAUTIFUL
CREATION.

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.

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH US TODAY!

NO ONLINE ZOOM BIBLE STUDY this Tuesday, October 14th. We will resume Tuesday October 21st.

SERVING THE RESIDENTS OF RANDY SAMS' SHELTER will take place again on Tuesday, October 21 @ 5:30pm. Please contact Wayne if you would like to volunteer or provide food.

THANK YOU to all who have brought food to share and to the LWML. Let's Eat! Guten Appetit!!

PRAYER *Requests*

- **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

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 His favor and + give you peace.
Amen!*

CLOSING SONG “Brothers and Sisters in Christ”

Sing Allelulia! Amen!
Let your prayers and your praises ascend.
Lift up your voices and sing to our Lord God, our Savior,
our King!
Here brought together by grace, we are gathered as
friends in this place.

Chorus:
And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,
lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends,
and proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Man walked alone and in need,
without faith, hope or promise or creed;
wandering aimlessly lost unaware of the staggering cost;
that God in his mercy would save all his people from
death and the grave. *Chorus*

Lord, teach us how to proclaim
all your goodness, your love and your name!
Lord, teach us how to forgive, and in love, teach us Lord,
how to live.
Raising our voices in song, help us tell all the world we
belong. *Chorus*

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SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY...

Preacher..... Rev. Scott Sundbye
Counters..... George Boger & Gayla Fowler

WE OVERCOME SUFFERING THROUGH CHRIST

TIME TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING SONG “How Great Thou Art ”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Chorus:
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Chorus*

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in--
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Chorus*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" *Chorus*

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 148

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him.

ALL: Praise the LORD!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess to You, and to one another, and to the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.

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

OFFERING SONG “Children of the Heavenly Father”

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**Children of the heav’nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e’er was given.**

**God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne’er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

Praise to You, O Christ!

SONG "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed "

**And then for work to do for Thee,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me,
Christ crucified, I come.**

MESSAGE **WE OVERCOME SUFFERING
THROUGH CHRIST**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

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.

Amen.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ruth 1:1-19a

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was

Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 2:1-13

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

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GOSPEL READING

The Gospel for today is recorded in Luke 17:11-19.

Glory to You, O Lord!

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.