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FIRST
Lutheran
CHURCH

**Courage and Strength
to Follow Jesus**

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.

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!

Week of September 7, 2025

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| 7 Sun. | 9:00am - Education Hour |
| | 10:00am - Worship/ Holy Communion |
| 8 Mon. | 5:30pm - Pickleball |
| 10 Wed. | 6:00pm - Church Council |
| 14 Sun. | 9:00am - Education Hour |
| | 10:00am - Worship |

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:** 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
- **Those preparing for surgery:** Nancy Jacobs
- **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
- **The family and friends** of Rev Joe Ardy who went to his Heavenly Home on September 2.

COURAGE AND STRENGTH TO FOLLOW JESUS

TIME TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

LSB #905

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

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.

We have taken for granted Your grace and mercy and lived as though You did not matter and we mattered most of all.

Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.

We confess to You, O Lord, that we have done the evil Your Word prohibits and have not done the good You command.

Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.

We confess that we have hidden our sin from You and from one another and have not confessed honestly before You or to those whom we have hurt.

We are truly sorry for the sins we have committed in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done that is wrong and by our failure to do what is right. Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he



SEPT 28, 2025

Bring your “Grands” to Church Sunday

Join us as we kick off our
children's Sunday School year
with a special service designed
by our youth! Food, games,
crafts, & fun following church!

**CHILDREN AND ADULT
SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00AM**

WORSHIP 10:00AM

SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY...

Preacher.....	Rev. Scott Sundbye
Elders.....	Dan Bradshaw & Jason Christian
Altar Guild.....	Lois Haugh & Gerda Lavender
Reader.....	Jamie Baldwin
Counters.....	George Boger & Clara Ayres
Head Ushers.....	Derek Huffman & John Lanier
Audio/Visual.....	Matt Smith & Crew

NORTHEAST TEXAS LWML is hosting a Fall Workshop at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Sulphur Springs on September 27 from 9:00am—1:30pm. They will be collecting white onesies, diapers, diaper rash ointment, baby wipes, and baby wash for the Heart of Hope Pregnancy Center in Sulphur Springs. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Gayla for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for our Oktoberfest Anbetung und Essen (Worship and Food) at the Lake October 12.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Sunday Morning Greeters and Sunday School teachers. Please fill out the insert or email Corrine at flctexarkana@gmail.com

To my dear Church Family:

Thank you so very much for my retirement recognition last Sunday, for the beautiful plate and the many cards. It truly touched my heart. Thank you, too, for all your support and encouragement over the years. It seemed like every time I was having an issue, one of you would say just the right words to me at the right time. You all have been and will continue to be such a blessing to me. A final thank you to all of you who participated in our music through choirs, bells, praise, instrumentalists, soloists, narrators, and in any way. I could not have done it without you.
Again, thank you. Love Gwen

“Worshiping God through Music” (My saying throughout the years.)

was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you. Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel for today is recorded in Luke 14:25-35.

Glory to You, O Lord!

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

SONG OF THE DAY “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”

LSB#688

SERMON **COURAGE AND STRENGTH TO FOLLOW JESUS**

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG “We Give Thee But Thine Own” **LSB#718**

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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people.

Amen.

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.

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

PEACE OF THE LORD

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

LSB #570 “Just as I Am Without One Plea”

LSB #761 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

LSB #392 “God Loves Me Dearly”

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Blessed Lord, You were born in flesh and blood to walk with us the path of our sin and death in order that we might walk with You by Baptism and faith. Lead us in the way of the cross that we may not depart from it but follow its path to everlasting life; 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 His favor and + give you peace.

Amen!

CLOSING SONG “Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer” **LSB#918**

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****VOTER’S MEETING ****will be Sunday, September 14, directly after the service.