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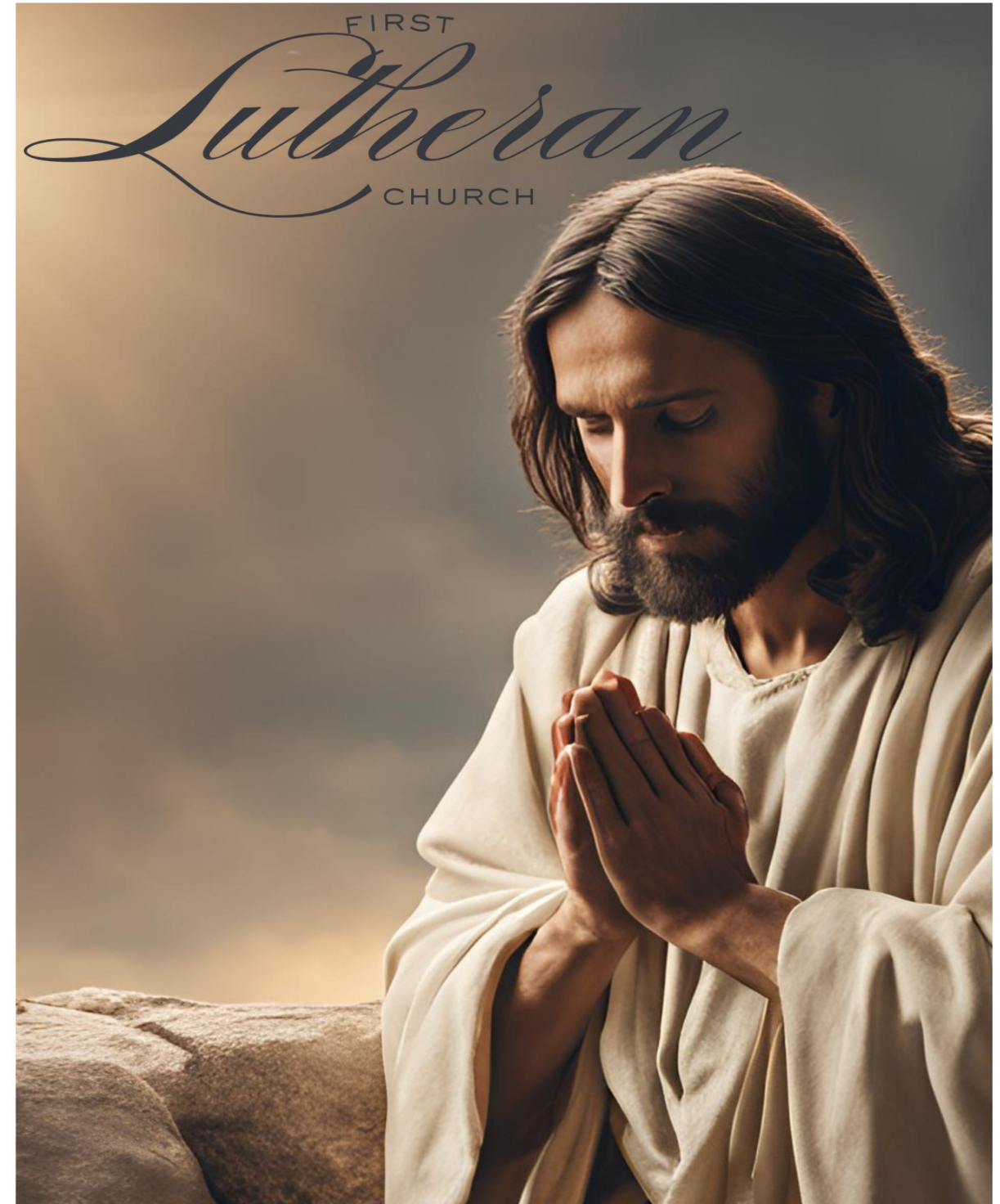
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# Welcome

- ◆ 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.

**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 At-taway, 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, Pastor Robert Hill, 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
- **Those who are suffering from chronic illnesses:** Rev. Joe Ardy, Mark & Shelia Oestmann, Ken Nielsen, Georges & Sandra Drautz, Terry Feyen, Cathy Jordan, Lisa Sundbye, 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:** Joseph Holmes, Michael Oestmann, 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).

for the class. The meeting dates: **July 22, Aug. 5 & 19, Sep. 2, 16 &30, Oct. 14 & 28.**

**WOMEN’S NIGHT OUT** is this Thursday, July 24th, at 6:00pm. We will meet at 1923 Banana Club for dinner and stay for Skylar The Piano Man at 6:30pm. Come join us for an evening of dinner and music!

**LWML** is collecting School supplies for children who are in the Domestic Violence Shelters in Texarkana. A box will be in the Narthex throughout the month of July. We would appreciate your donations that will make a difference in these children’s lives.

**LWML RUMMAGE SALE** will be held on August 1-2. Please search through your closets, drawers, and garage for hidden treasures! You can bring items to the Youth building during the week. If you need access to the building, please let Corrine or Pastor know.

**JOIN US FOR THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE!** The purpose of this committee is to help plan and oversee church activities. This is a wonderful opportunity to help plan fun activities for our church community. We’d love for you to share your ideas and be part of the conversation. Everyone’s welcome, and we can’t wait to hear your thoughts! Let Pastor or Gayla know if you are interested!

*Week of July 20, 2025*

<b>20 Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	-	Education Hour
	<b>10:00am</b>	-	Worship
<b>21 Mon.</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	-	Pickleball
<b>22 Tues.</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	-	Online Evangelism Training
<b>24 Thurs.</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	-	Women’s Night Out 1923 Banana Club
<b>27 Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	-	Education Hour
	<b>10:00am</b>	-	<b>Praise</b> Worship / Communion

**PERSISTENT INTERCESSION RELYING ON GRACE**

**PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING SONG**                    “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”                    **LSB #802**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

**Amen.**

*Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**who made heaven and earth.**

*I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*

**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)*

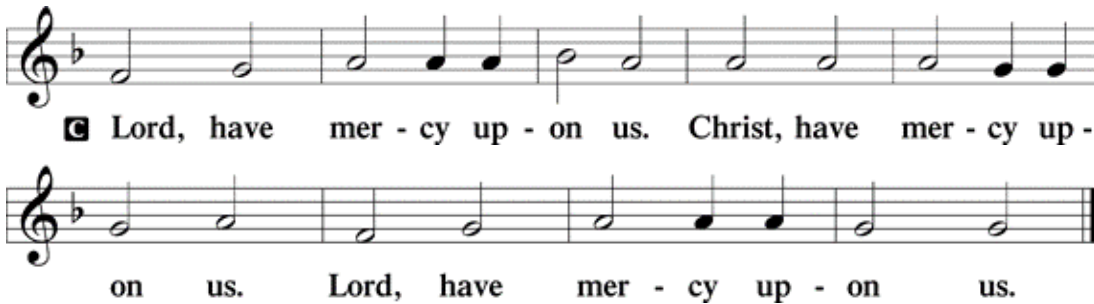
*O almighty God, merciful Father,*

**I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

*Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

**KYRIE**



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

  
[P] Glory be to God on high: [C] and on earth peace, good - will toward  
  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

  
[C] Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

*The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.*

  
[C] A-men, a-men, a - men.

**CLOSING SONG** "Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" **LSB#924**  
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**FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR** today by Jimmy and Cherrie Curtis in honor and celebration of their grandsons Stetson who is turning 15 and Jackson who is turning 11.

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

Preacher.....	Rev. Scott Sundbye
Elders.....	George Boger & Dennis Huffman
Altar Guild.....	Gayla Fowler & Patty McDonald
Reader.....	John Lanier
Counters.....	Mark Oestmann & Ron Jordan
Organ/Keyboard.....	Gwen Huffman
Head Ushers.....	Derek Huffman & John Lanier
Audio/Visual.....	Matt Smith & Crew

**NEW EVANGELISM TRAINING CLASS** is starting up and everyone is invited to attend. The class will be meeting online for eight sessions with the first official class this Tuesday, July 22. The group will meet every other Tuesday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The purpose of the class is to help you share your faith in everyday settings where you work, live and play. I (Pastor Sundbye) believe this can be beneficial to every member of our congregation. You do need to register and sign up but there is no longer a background check to take the class. I am also going through the class. If you are interested, please let me know soon and I will help you get set up

**OFFERING**  
**OFFERTORY**

“Create in Me”



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

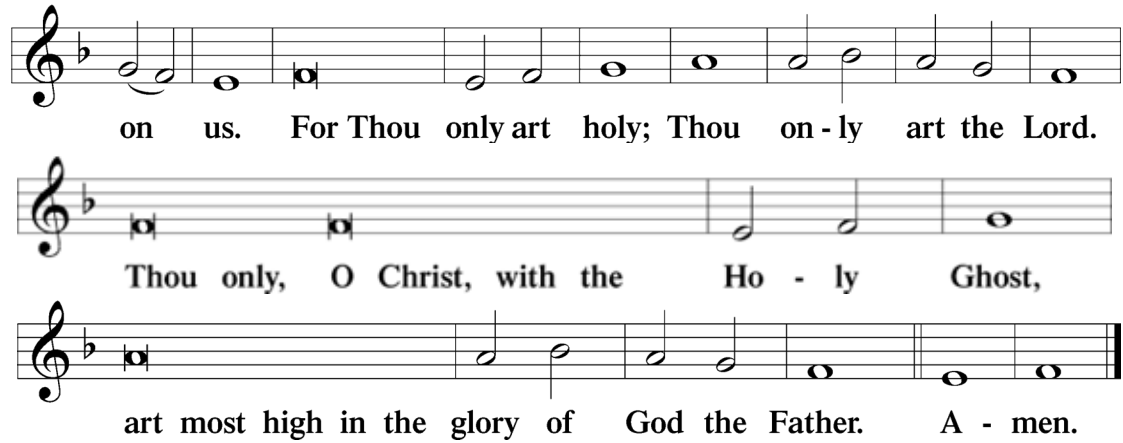
**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**  
**THE LORD’S PRAYER**  
**SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

*The Lord be with you*



And with thy spir - it.

*Bless we the Lord.*



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**  
*The Lord be with you.*  
**And with thy spirit.**

*O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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** **Genesis 18:20-33**  
Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.” So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” Then he said, “Oh let not

the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**

**Colossians 2:6-15**

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA VERSE**




Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 11:1-13**


*The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th chapter.*



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.” And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

*This is the Gospel of our Lord.*



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SONG OF THE DAY** “Come, My Soul, with Every Care” **LSB #779**

**SERMON** **PERSISTENT INTERCESSION RELYING ON GRACE**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **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.**