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FIRST
Lutheran
CHURCH



Lifted Up by Christ's Humility

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.

Week of August 31, 2025

31 Sun.	9:00am 10:00am	Education Hour Worship/ Holy Communion
1 Mon	5:30pm	Pickleball
2 Tues	5:30pm	LWML Meeting
3 Wed.	12:30pm 5:30pm	Board of Trustees Board of Education
7 Sun.	9:00am 10:00am	Education Hour Worship/ Holy Communion

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 Hollowell, Lyla Follmer, Amelia Thomas, Zachary Thomas, Makayla Burns
- **Those who are suffering from chronic illnesses:** Rori Parrish, 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, Austin Taylor
- **Those who are preparing for or recovering from 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

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.

"LIFTED UP BY CHRIST'S HUMILITY"

TIME TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

LSB #915

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

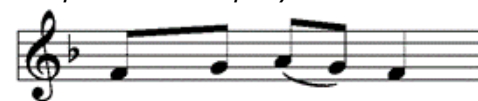
Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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.

KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

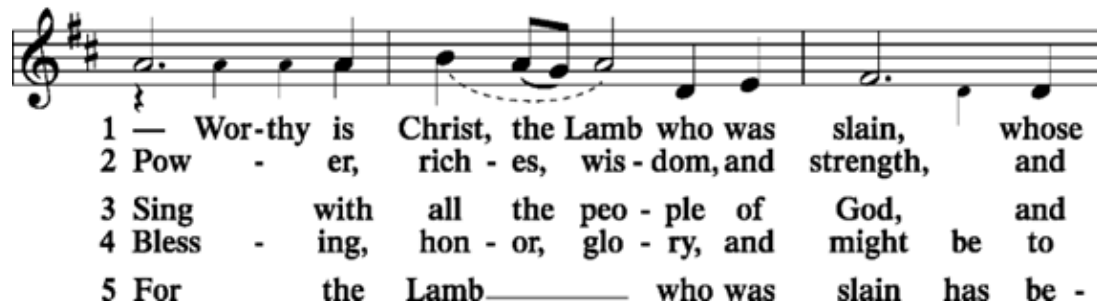


Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast"



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

THE USCCA is holding a free Women’s Personal Safety Workshop on September 10 from 11 am -1 pm at Alpha Pistol Training, 1601 County Road 1214, Texarkana, TX 75501. Contact Karen for more information on how to register.

What you will learn:

- *Five powerful situational awareness tips to **avoid threats** or looking like an easy target
- *Critical steps to take to **keep yourself safe** (no matter what happens next)
- *How to **mentally and legally prepare yourself** for a self-defense situation and the aftermath
- ***Choosing the right tool:** Intro to firearms and other *Use of Force* options
- ***LIVE Q&A** with USCCA Certified Instructors
- ***What to Bring:** Questions you have and materials to take notes

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

blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; 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

Proverbs 25:2-10

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 13:1-17

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Obey your leaders and submit to them for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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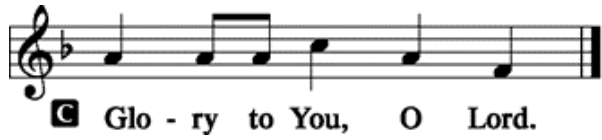
"Come, Jesus, Come"

Kellie Fluegge

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.



One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" And they could not reply to these things. Now he told



CLOSING SONG

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

LSB #922

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SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY...

Preacher.....	Rev. Scott Sundbye
Elders.....	George Boger & Jason Christian
Altar Guild.....	Sue Richter & Kathy Stivers
Reader.....	Jeff Fluegge
Counters.....	George Boger & Sue Richter
Director of Music/ Keyboard.....	Gwen Huffman
Head Ushers.....	Derek Huffman & John Lanier
Audio/Visual.....	Matt Smith & Crew

LADIES AID will meet Tuesday, September 2nd at 5:30 - all ladies are invited.

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

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 leading the daily Bible study, leading crafts, serving as the food coordinator, and assisting with driving. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with sisters in Christ and grow in God's word. The cost will be minimal; for example, if 12 people attend, the cost will be under \$40, plus your personal expenses for meals and other activities. The more attendees, the better! Feel free to invite others outside of FLC.

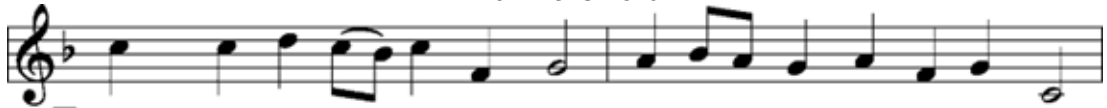
NORTHEAST TEXAS LWML is hosting a Fall Workshop at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Sulphur Springs on September 27 from 9:00am—1:30pm. They will be collecting white onesies, diapers, diaper rash ointment, baby wipes, and baby was for the Heart of Hope Pregnancy Center in Sulphur Springs. Please contact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

**He is Lord of heaven Lord of earth
He is Lord of all who live
He is Lord above the universe
All praise to Him we give**

**Hallelujah to the King of kings
Hallelujah to the Lamb
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords
Who is the great I Am**

POST- COMMUNION CANTICLE

"Thank the Lord"



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

*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.*

a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

SONG OF THE DAY

"Son of God Eternal Savior"

LSB #842

SERMON

"LIFTED UP BY CHRIST'S HUMILITY"

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

OFFERTORY

“How Great Thou Art”

JOSH DUNKESON

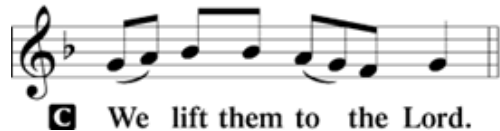
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

The Lord be with you



Lift up your hearts.

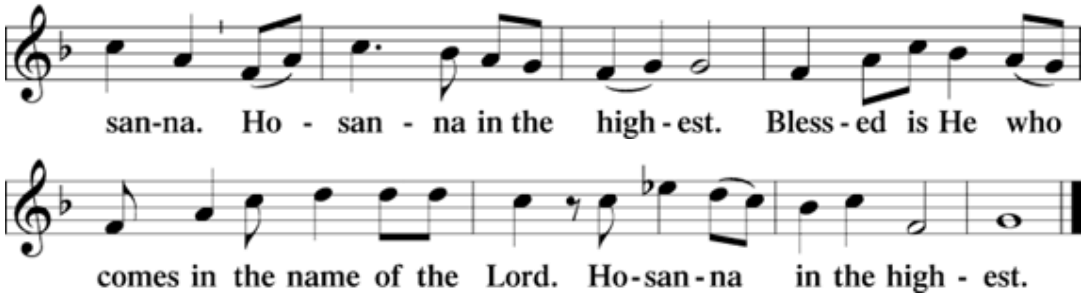


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



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.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

LSB# 622 “Lord Jesus Christ You have Prepared”

LSB# 702 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

“We Will Glorify”

**We will glorify the King of kings
We will glorify the Lamb
We will glorify the Lord of lords
Who is the great I Am**

**Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty
We will bow before His throne
We will worship Him in righteousness
We will worship Him alone**