

FIRST
Lutheran
CHURCH



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.



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NOTES

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TIME TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

OPENING SONG

"0 Day of Rest and Gladness"

LSB #906

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

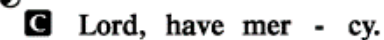
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

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.

Amen.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C 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.

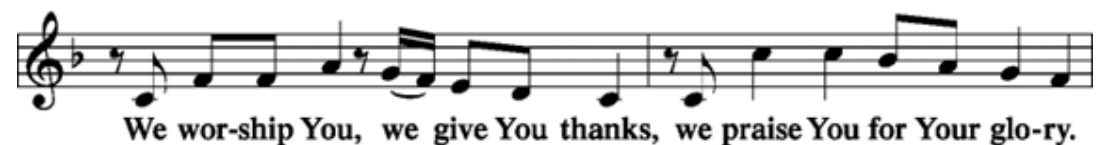
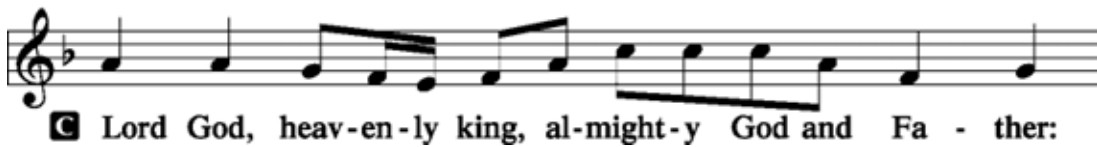
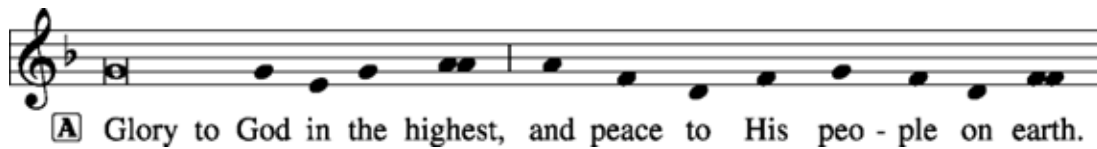


Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

"Gloria in Excelsis"



PRAYER Requests

- **People with special needs:** Nancy Barth, 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, 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.

Week of August 24, 2025

- 24 Sun.** **9:00am** - Education Hour
 10:00am - Worship
- 25 Mon.** **5:30pm** - Pickleball
- 27 Wed.** **6:00pm** - **Board of Elders Meeting**
- 28 Thurs.** **5:30pm** - **Women's Night Out @ Flying Burger**
- 31 Sun.** **9:00am** - Education Hour
 10:00am - Worship / Holy Communion



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

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

Isaiah 66:18-23

"For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. "For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 12:4-24

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For



SEPT 21, 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

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.

LADIES NIGHT OUT is Thursday, August 28th, 5:30pm at Twisted Fork on Summerhill Rd. All ladies are invited to join us for an evening of delicious food and great company. Please let Gayla know if you want to attend.

you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA & VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second staff continues the melody with 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' and ends with a double bar line.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:22-30

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

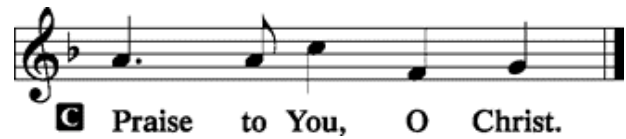
Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp). It begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for 'Glo - ry to You, O Lord.' The staff ends with a double bar line.

He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come

from.’ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SONG OF THE DAY “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee” *LSB#750*
vv. 1,3,5,7

SERMON **LOVE, DISCIPLINE, FRUIT**

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.

OFFERING

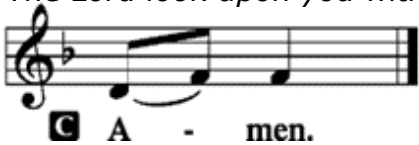
OFFERTORY **SOLOIST** Kellie Fluegge

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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 favor and + give you peace.*



CLOSING SONG “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” *LSB #791*

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FLOWERS have been placed on the altar this morning by Jimmy and Cherrie Curtis in celebration of their granddaughter Emma’s birthday and Wesley & Noelle Curtis’ 12th Wedding Anniversary.

SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY...

Preacher.....	Rev. Scott Sundbye
Elders.....	George Boger & Jason Christian
Altar Guild.....	Sue Richter & Kathy Stivers
Reader.....	Gayla Fowler
Counters.....	Gerda Lavender & Sue Richter
Organ/Keyboard.....	Gwen Huffman
Head Ushers.....	Derek Huffman & John Lanier
Audio/Visual.....	Matt Smith & Crew

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL will restart on Sunday, September 14. We are looking for volunteers to help teach on a rotating weekly schedule. If you are interested in helping with our children's Christian 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 leading the daily Bible study, leading crafts, serving as the food coordinator,