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FIRST
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CHURCH



STEWARDS OF GOD'S MERCY AND GENEROSITY

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.

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, Gwen Stout
- **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 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, 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 September 21, 2025

21 Sun.	9:00am	- Education Hour
	10:00am	- Worship/Communion
22 Mon.	5:30pm	- Pickleball
23 Tue.	11:00am	- Online Zoom Bible Class
	5:30pm	- Men's Night Out @ Amigo Juan Women's Night Out @ Osaka
24 Wed.	10:45am	- Wednesday Morning Bible Class
	5:30pm	- Board of Elders
28 Sun	<u>Bring your GRANDS to church Sunday!</u>	
	9:00am	- Education Hour
	10:00am	- Worship
	11:00am	- Food, Fellowship and FUN WITH GRANDS!

TIME TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING SONG "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" *LSB #901*

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sins in the light of God's holy Commandments. Thus says the Lord: "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."

Lord God, we confess to You that we often forget Your Word by allowing other concerns of daily living and our own desires take priority over Your ways of mercy and love. Forgive us, O Lord.

Thus says the Lord: "You shall not murder."

Lord God, we confess to You that we have hurt and harmed our neighbors, especially by our neglect of the needs of others. Forgive us, O Lord.

Thus says the Lord: "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor."

Lord God, we confess to You our rash words, harsh judgments, and false accusations against our neighbor, but even more our failure to defend and help those who have been wrongfully shamed, abused, or accused. Forgive us, O Lord.

God, our Savior, desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For the sake of the one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, and by His command, I proclaim to you His Word: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you

And also with you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, keep Your church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?" The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 2:1-15

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel for today is recorded in Luke 16:1-15.

Glory to You, O Lord!

He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager,



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

CLOSING SONG

“In Thee is Gladness”

LSB #818

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SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY...

Preacher.....	Rev. Scott Sundbye
Elders.....	Dan Bradshaw & Jason Christian
Altar Guild.....	Gerda Lavender
Reader.....	Kellie Fluegge
Head Ushers.....	Derek Huffman & John Lanier
Counters.....	Mark Oestmann & Ron Jordan
Audio/Visual.....	Matt Smith & Crew

MEN’S NIGHT OUT AND WOMEN’S NIGHT OUT will both happen on Tuesday, September 23 at 5:30pm. Men will meet at **Amigo Juan on Galleria Oaks** and the Women will meet at **Osaka on W. Park Blvd.**

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.

WE WILL BEGIN SUNDAY SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 5TH There will be a meeting for volunteers who would like to teach on a rotating basis on Monday, September 22nd at 5:30pm. During this meeting, we will review materials and prepare everyone for the upcoming sessions. Please contact Cherrie to inform her of the Sundays you would like to volunteer.

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

and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

SONG OF THE DAY “O God, My Faithful God” vv. 1-4 **LSB #696**

SERMON STEWARDS OF GOD’S MERCY AND GENEROSITY

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.

THE GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG "I am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus" **LSB #729**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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.

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.

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

LSB #618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

LSB #744 "Amazing Grace"

LSB #606 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

LSB #805 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

With renewed hearts, gracious Lord, we give thanks that You have not forgotten us but have cleansed us and established us to be the people of Your own possession by the pledge of Your own Son's sacred body and blood, now strengthening our hope, our love, and our desire to reflect Your grace to all; 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 favor and + give you peace.

Amen.