

The Lord's Prayer

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Setting by David Haa

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your
name, your king-dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our
dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give
those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from th
time of trial and de-liv-er us from e-vil, for the
king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for ev-er.

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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.

****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 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, 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.

LWML RUMMAGE SALE will take place this Friday and Saturday August 1-2 from 8am -3pm. Come out and shop in the air conditioning for household items, clothes, shoes, toys, and so much more.

LADIES: Mark your calendar for the Women’s Retreat, scheduled for September 19-21. More details will be provided soon!

Week of July 27, 2025

27 Sun.	9:00am	-	Education Hour
	10:00am	-	Contemporary Worship/ Communion
28 Mon.	5:30pm	-	Pickleball
1 Fri	8:00am	-	LWML Rummage Sale
2 Sat	8:00am	-	LWML Rummage Sale
3 Sun.	9:00am	-	Education Hour
	10:00am	-	Worship

“GOD’S WORD PRODUCES LAUGHTER AND JOY”

PRESERVICE

“Ancient Words ”

Holy words long preserved
 For our walk in this world,
 They resound with God’s own heart.
 O let the ancient words impart.
 Words of life, words of hope,
 Give us strength, help us cope.
 In this world where-e’er we roam
 Ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus:
 Ancient words, ever true,
 Changing me and changing you.
 We have come with open hearts,
 O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith
 Handed down to this age,
 Came to us through sacrifice.
 O heed the faithful words of Christ.
 Holy words long preserved
 For our walk in this world,
 They resound with God’s own heart,
 O let the ancient words impart. *Chorus.*

Martyr’s blood stains each page;
 They have died for this faith.
 Hear them cry through the years;
 Heed these words and hold them dear. *Chorus.*

Repeat *Chorus*

We have come with open hearts
 O let the ancient words impart.

TIME TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Here I Am to Worship ”

Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made
This heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus:

Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down;
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days,
Oh, so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came
To the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor. *Chorus*

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross. Repeat

Chorus
Repeat *Chorus*

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.

Jesus says, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish,

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.

And crown Him Lord of all!

POSTLUDE

“Everlasting God”

Praise Band

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SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY...

- Preacher..... Rev. Scott Sundbye
- Elders..... George Boger & Dennis Huffman
- Altar Guild..... Gayla Fowler & Patty Mc Donald
- Reader..... Kellie Fluegge
- Director of Music/
Keyboard..... Gwen Huffman
- Praise Band..... Guitar: Dylan Chambers
Percussion: Paul Holder
- Vocalists..... Gayla Fowler, Corrine Patterson, Dennis Huffman
& Scott Sundbye
- Counters..... Gerda Lavender & Sue Richter
- Head Ushers..... Derek Huffman & John Lanier
- Audio/Visual..... Matt Smith & Crew

PICKLEBALL is going strong through the summer! Join us Mondays at 5:30pm!

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.

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus,
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Chorus**

Repeat Chorus

**Nothing but the blood of Jesus,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

O God our Father, You are the source of all that is good. In Your mercy, You canceled the record of our debts that stood against us by nailing them to the cross. We thank You for nourishing us with the body and blood of Your Son. Continue to build us up into Him as You knit us together in one holy communion. Lead us to walk in Him, established in the faith that we have been taught; 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.

CLOSING SONG

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name ”

**All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name,
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race,
Ye ransomed from the fall.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.**

and it will be done for you.”

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people.

The apostle Paul writes, “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”

God says, “Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!”

Jesus said, “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you.”

“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we call upon You because we are troubled by our sins—our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who delivered us through His perfect life, death, and resurrection so that we may glorify You with our lives.

Our God hears our prayers for mercy and graciously forgives our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, Your grace and mercy have strengthened Your people throughout the ages and emboldened them to come before You in all circumstances.

Strengthen our faith and confidence so that we come to You boldly, consistently, and persistently; through Jesus Christ with whom You rule and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 18:1–10

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet

them and bowed himself to the earth and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 1:21–29

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel for today is recorded in Luke 10:38–42

.Glory to You, O Lord!

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her,

Chorus:

**Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy on me.
Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy on me.**

**I have built an altar
Where I've worshiped things of man;
I have taken journeys
That have drawn me far from You.
Now I am returning
To Your mercies ever flowing;
Pardon my transgressions,
Help me to love You again. *Chorus***

**I have longed to know You
And all Your tender mercies,
Like a river of forgiveness
Ever flowing without end.
I bow my heart before You
In the goodness of Your presence;
Your grace forever shining
Like a beacon in the night.**

Chorus - Repeat Chorus

"Nothing But the Blood "

**What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

Chorus:

**Oh, precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know,**

HOLY COMMUNION

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

“Just As I Am “

Just as I am without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee.
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot.
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Chorus:

I come broken to be mended,
I come wounded to be healed.
I come desp'rate to be rescued,
I come empty to be filled.
I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ the Lamb.
And I'm welcomed with open arms,
Praise God, just as I am.

Just as I am I would be lost,
But mercy and grace my freedom bought.
And now, to glory in Your cross,
O Lamb of God, I come I come.

Chorus, Repeat Chorus

Praise God, just as I am.

“Lord, Have Mercy “

Jesus I've forgotten
The words that You have spoken.
Promises that burned within my heart
Have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart, I follow
The paths of earthly wisdom;
Forgive me for my unbelief,
Renew the fire again.

“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

SONG OF THE DAY

“By Faith”

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus:

We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth. *Chorus*

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the Gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible,
For all who call upon His name. *Chorus Repeat Chorus*

We walk by faith and not by sight.

SERMON

“GOD’S WORD PRODUCES LAUGHTER AND JOY”

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

"Offering"

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love;
There is no shadow in Your presence.
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne,
Before the Holy One of heaven.
It's only by Your blood and
It's only through Your mercy, Lord, I come.

Chorus:

I bring an offering of worship to my King.
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due.
O Lord, I bring an offering to You;

I bring an offering to You.

Repeat Verse and Chorus

O Lord, I bring an offering to You;
O Lord, I bring an offering to You.

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 good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our God, King of the universe, for You blessed us by sending Your Son, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us. We continue to be blessed by His presence today as we heard His gracious words of forgiveness, as He has taught us to pray, and as He comes to dwell with us through His body and blood given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. Lead us to walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith we have been taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

(See back of bulletin)

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.