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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.**

## NOTES

Date :

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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 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:** Makayla Burns, 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).

## THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL

### TIME TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

### WELCOME

**OPENING SONG** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!" **LSB #790**

### INVOCATION

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

**Amen!**

### OPENING SENTENCES

*The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.*

**He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.**

*Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*

**It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for He gives to His beloved sleep.**

*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*

**The First Commandment reminds us, "You shall have no other gods before Me."**

*Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.*

**On account of these the wrath of God is coming.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Almighty God,*

**You are the giver of everything we have. Yet, we are guilty of coveting the possessions, experiences, and social**

**standing of others. We sin by valuing these things above You. For Jesus’ sake, forgive our sins. Renew us in Your knowledge and conform us to Your image by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

*"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich". Together, we receive the riches of God’s forgiveness because of Jesus.*

**Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 100**

*Know that the LORD, He is God!*

**It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!*

**Serve the LORD with gladness!**

*Come into His presence with singing!*

**Know that the LORD, He is God!**

*It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.*

**Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!**

*Give thanks to Him; bless His name!*

**For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

*Know that the LORD, He is God!*

**It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Let us pray. O God, You are the giver of all that we have, including all that we are. We praise and thank You for blessing us with family, friends, opportunities, jobs, and possessions. Guide us to be good stewards of all You generously give to us; through Jesus*

**Board of Trustees** will meet Wed. Aug 6, at 12:30pm.

**Board of Education** will meet Wed. Aug 6, at 5:30pm.

**BAILEY CREEK BINGO** will be next Tuesday, Aug12th. Meet at the church at 1:30pm or at Bailey Creek by 2:00pm. The residents would like toiletries, snacks, pictures or room decorations as their BINGO prizes. They always love having people out to play so make plans now to join us! Prize donations can be put into the box in the Narthex.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who donated school supplies. These supplies will be delivered to the children in the domestic violence shelter next week.

*Week of August 3, 2025*

<b>3 Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	-	Education Hour
	<b>10:00am</b>	-	Worship
<b>4 Mon.</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	-	Pickleball
<b>6 Wed.</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>	-	Board of Trustees
	<b>5:30pm</b>	-	Board of Education
<b>10 Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	-	Education Hour
	<b>10:00am</b>	-	Worship

**CLOSING SONG      “Brothers and Sisters in Christ”**  
**Sing Alleluia! Amen!**  
**Let your prayers and your praises ascend.**  
**Lift up your voices and sing to our Lord God, our Savior,**  
**our King!**  
**Here brought together by grace, we are gathered as**  
**friends in this place.**

*Chorus:*  
**And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,**  
**lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends,**  
**and proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.**  
**We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**Man walked alone and in need,**  
**without faith, hope or promise or creed;**  
**wandering aimlessly lost unaware of the staggering cost;**  
**that God in his mercy would save all his people from**  
**death and the grave.** *Chorus*  
**Lord, teach us how to proclaim**  
**all your goodness, your love and your name!**  
**Lord, teach us how to forgive, and in love, teach us Lord,**  
**how to live.**  
**Raising our voices in song, help us tell all the world we**  
**belong.** *Chorus*

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

- Guest Leader.....Dennis Huffman
- Elders..... George Boger & Jason Christian
- Altar Guild..... Sue Richter & Kathy Stivers
- Reader..... Nancy Lanier
- Keyboardist..... Gwen Huffman
- Counters..... George Boger & Clara Ayres
- Head Ushers..... Derek Huffman & John Lanier
- Audio/Visual..... Matt Smith & Crew

*Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING      Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14,2:18-26**

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING      Colossians 3:1-11**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual



immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL READING**

*The Gospel for today is recorded in Luke 12:13-21.*

#### **Glory to You, O Lord!**

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

*This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

**SONG OF THE DAY** "All Depends on Our Possessing" **LSB #732**

**MESSAGE** "The Parable of the Rich Fool"

### **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**

**OFFERING SONG** "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" **LSB #806**

### **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 His favor and + give you peace.*

**Amen!**