

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Fourth Sunday in Lent, Laetare
March 30 – April 5, AD 2025

“The Lord will fight for you. And you have only to be silent.” You are not your deliverer. God alone is. No man is saved by his wisdom or his strength or his cunning or his efforts. Your deliver is God Almighty who drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his hosts in the Red Sea while His people crossed through the sea on dry ground. The Israelites didn’t pick up weapons. They didn’t outwit the Egyptians. God opened the way through the sea and by that same sea God destroyed the Egyptians. And as He delivered the two million Israelites, He will deliver you. Your heavenly Father is CONSTANTLY at work for you, defending you, delivering you, providing for you. That doesn’t mean that you will never suffer. You will be attacked. The pharaoh of hell will seek after you in his mad rage and hatred of God. He will seek to drag you back under his slavery. But do not fear. You have the sure and certain promise of the Lord’s deliverance. And what you do suffer, you suffer with the promise that God will turn it to a blessing for you. The Lord will fight for you and you have only to be silent. In Him you will most certainly overcome them and win the victory.

The Catechism

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to the household. Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

The Lord’s Prayer: The Seventh Petition

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

THE ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

Isaiah 42:8 – I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

Psalm 22

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“Jesus, Lead Thou On” (LSB 718)

<https://youtu.be/aFkBcbwoh3I>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, LAETARE

① SUNDAY	JOHN 6:1-15	
② MONDAY	JOHN 7:(25-36) 37-52	ISAIAH 12:1-6
③ TUESDAY	JOHN 7:53—8:12	PSALM 36
④ WEDNESDAY	LUKE 22:42-62	ISAIAH 59:1-3, 12-13
⑤ THURSDAY	JOHN 9:1-12	ISAIAH 60:19-22
⑥ FRIDAY	JOHN 9:13-34	1 JOHN 2:15-23
⑦ SATURDAY	GENESIS 22:1-14	HEBREWS 9:11-15

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

SUNDAY: *The joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word; for our congregation's faithfulness to the Word of God.*

MONDAY: *Faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; our calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; government; peace; for the leaders of our congregation.*

TUESDAY: *Deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*

WEDNESDAY: *For marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; parents who must rear their children alone; for godly schools, our church schools, and seminaries.*

THURSDAY: *For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; for our congregation, our pastor and his family.*

FRIDAY: *For the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*

SATURDAY: *For faithfulness to the end; the physically and mentally sick and those who are dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Those serving in synodical offices, especially Matthew Harrison, Synodical President; Michael Newman, Texas District President; Andrew Whaley, Circuit Visitor, and Ben Gonzales, Mission Strategist. Those serving as elected leaders at Faith Wylie: Gil Daughtrey, Michael Null, Stephen Kieser, Ken Lawrence, James Long, Tim Sheehan, Brad Lowery, James Rose, Brian Hendon, Gil Daughtrey.
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Joanna Gefaller (31), Kyler Mallon (31), Joe Mallon (31), Norah Gefaller (2), Benjamin Schwiesow (4).
- Thanksgiving for the birth of Lydia Lane Mallon.
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt and Michael.
- Emma Casanova, Susan Dickson, Amanda Needham (Todd Hauth's sister), Rachel Rojas, and Mariah Scholz for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Deanna, Gary Sakko, Greg McClure, Dana Evans, Gaye, Georgette, Dan Kostoff, Jill, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, Brandon Rhodes, Rush, JE Purcell, Dale Hackbart, Gloria Lawrence.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Fifth Sunday in Lent (Judica) – April 6, 2025

Catechism: The Lord's Prayer – The Fourth Petition

Hymns: 566, (945), 430, 438, 450, 451, 617, 655

Readings: Genesis 22:1-14, Hebrews 9:11-15, John 8:42-59

