

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul

June 29 – July 5, AD 2025

This week, as we observe the Festival of St. Peter and St. Paul, it is quite fitting that we give our attention to the Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer - "Thy kingdom come." It is precisely through the continuation of the apostolic ministry, the ministry of reconciliation, that the kingdom of God comes among us, in other words, that our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit so that by His grace we believe His Holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity. God's kingdom of grace and salvation does not come upon us by force nor by great shows of power and might. It comes as the good news of Jesus Christ, crucified for our sins and raised again for our justification, is preached. It comes as Christians raise their voices in prayer for the Church and for the world. It comes as fathers teach their households. It comes as Christians faithfully carry out their vocations to bring the mercy of God into the world. Peter and Paul were filled to overflowing with their own weaknesses. But it was precisely in their weakness that God showed His great power, pouring out the Holy Spirit on Jews and Gentiles alike that together they would call upon the Name of the Lord Jesus and live. May God mercifully grant that His kingdom, the kingdom carried forward through the apostolic witness, would continue to come among us.

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 Second Petition and Explanation

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

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

Matthew 5:10 – *Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Psalm 68

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray" (LSB 768)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE FEAST OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

① SUNDAY	ACTS 15:1-21	GALATIANS 2:1-10
② MONDAY	LUKE 10:1-16	ZEPHANIAH 3:1-7
③ TUESDAY	LUKE 10:17-24	ZEPHANIAH 8-13
④ WEDNESDAY	LUKE 1:39-56	ISAIAH 11:1-5
⑤ THURSDAY	LUKE 10:25-37	ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20
⑥ FRIDAY	LUKE 10:38-42	HABAKKUK 1:1-11
⑦ SATURDAY	MICAH 7:18-20	1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Merciful and eternal God, Your holy apostles Peter and Paul received grace and strength to lay down their lives for the sake of Your Son. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may confess Your truth and at all times be ready to lay down our lives for Him who laid down His life for us, even Jesus Christ, 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; Jon Braunersreuther, 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.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Tabitha Rose (29), Amanda Curry (5), Jocelyn Reif (5).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Dony Reaves (2), Cassandra Tiro (3).
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt, Greg.
- Grace Hendrickson, Amanda Needham (Todd Hauth's sister), Rachel Rojas, and Mariah Scholz for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Deanna, Dana Evans, Gaye, Georgette, Jill, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, Jeannie Long, JE Purcell, Gene Obenhaus, Ron Lane, Maureen Rump, Abbe Fenner, Toni McClure, Sarah Wickam.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Third Sunday after Trinity – July 6, 2025

The Lord's Prayer – Third Petition and Explanation

Hymns: 915, 608, 557, 566, 618, 865, 585

Readings: Micah 7:18-20, 1 Peter 5:6-11, Luke 15:1-32

