

FAITH IN THE WORD

Faith Lutheran Church, Wylie Texas - *Many members. One body in Christ.*

For the week of The Feast of St. Bartholomew

August 24 – August 30, AD 2025

As we consider St. Bartholomew, it is good for us to consider again the duties which God in His Word has laid upon those who succeed Bartholomew in the pastoral office. First, he is to conform his life to Word of God. He is to strive at all times to live a holy life, that is, a life lived in the Ten Commandments as one who has been redeemed and brought into newness of life. In this, he is to be a pattern to all believers in Christ of what the life of faith looks like. This also includes a life of repentance both in prayer and before another pastor because he too daily sins much and surely deserves nothing but punishment. He is not to be new to the faith because there are few things the devil hates more than pastors who have been appointed to publicly proclaim the very word that overthrows the devil's kingdom. If the pastor has not yet endured the testing of faith, then he will much more easily fall to pride, thinking more of himself than he ought. And lastly, he must hold firmly to the one true faith proclaimed in the Holy Scriptures. He must not fall to the right or to the left. He must engage in daily study of the Scriptures, not merely reading of the Scriptures. This isn't so that he can discover something new but rather be more firmly rooted in what has been and never changed since the beginning of the world and so proclaim that one unchanging truth to all his hearers. Pray for your pastor and encourage him that he may be faithful to the Word of God and so faithfully encourage and instruct you in the true faith unto life everlasting.

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.

Catechism: Table of Duties – To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers

The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. 1 Tim. 3:2-4

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 1 Tim. 3:6

He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. Titus 1:9

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

John 17:11b – *Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one.*

Psalm 48

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"What Is the World to Me" (LSB 730)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW

① SUNDAY	JOHN 1:43-51	PROVERBS 3:1-8
② MONDAY	DANIEL 3:1-28(29-30)	1 PETER 1:3-12
③ TUESDAY	DANIEL 6:1-23(24)	1 PETER 1:13-21
④ WEDNESDAY	MATTHEW 26:36-46	ISAIAH 43:1-3A, 10-13, 25
⑤ THURSDAY	MATTHEW 26:69-75	ISAIAH 12:1-6
⑥ FRIDAY	MARK 6:14-29	REVELATION 6:9-11
⑦ SATURDAY	GENESIS 4:1-15	EPHESIANS 2:1-10

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, chose Bartholomew to be an apostle to preach the blessed Gospel. Grant that Your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through 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

- For all who serve in public safety as police officers, firefighters, and paramedics, that God would protect them, give them courage in danger, and grant them wisdom as they perform their duties, especially Josh Needman, Joshan Savage (police officers), Joe Krizan (firefighter and paramedic), and Elisabeth Handgraaf, Jonah Underwood (paramedics).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Rebekah Schwiesow (24), Samuel Dorrell (25).
- Wedding anniversaries celebrated this week: James and Amanda Rose (25).
- Mark and Kyle, brother and son of Abbe Fenner, both of whom have been diagnosed with cancer.
- Those experiencing unemployment: Greg.
- The James and Carol Long family as they mourn the death of their grandson.
- Grace Hendrickson, Sara Froiland, Amanda Needham, and Avery Redfearn for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Dana Evans, Gaye, Jill, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, Jeannie Long, JE Purcell, Ron and Gene Lane, Richard and Maureen Rump, Sarah Wickam, Judy Michels, Randy Cooper, Lesley Fox, Sam Sims, David Ricks, Leigh R., Edith Wright, Chris.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER



LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity – August 31, 2025

Catechism: Confession: What is Confession? What sins should we confess? What are these?

Hymns: 915, 559, 730, 628, 566, 601, 575

Readings: Genesis 4:1-15, Ephesians 2:1-10, Luke 18:9-14