

# FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

August 17 – August 23, AD 2025

**D**r. Luther lists essentially two responsibilities of those who have been given the vocation of hearers of the Word. The first is to listen to and obey the faithful pastors whom the Lord has placed in spiritual authority over them because they will have to give an accounting to the Lord for their ministry. The second is to support the pastor financially so that he can give his full attention to prayer, preaching, teaching, and visiting the sick and shut in. It is true that the Gospel is free. You don't buy salvation with your offerings. But you do provide daily bread for your pastor. That way, he can continue to deliver the gifts of salvation to you without the distraction of having to have another job to obtain daily bread. Another job would mean less time that he is able to devote to caring for the souls entrusted to him, studying the Word of God, and delivering the forgiveness of Christ to poor, miserable sinners. What a comfort to know that if you have to go to the hospital or your loved one is near death and you call your pastor so that he can come and bring Christ's comfort to you, you won't have to be fighting with his work schedule. May the Lord forgive us when we don't heed His Word to support the preaching of the Gospel and may He fill our hearts with such a fervent love and thankfulness for our salvation that we gladly give generously of our first fruits to support the work of the church.

## ***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.*

## **Table of Duties – What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors (first half)**

The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. 1 Cor. 9:14

Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Gal. 6:6-7

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." 1 Tim. 5:17-18

## 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 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

① SUNDAY	LUKE 16:1-13	
② MONDAY	LUKE 20:27-44	MALACHI 2:10-17
③ TUESDAY	LUKE 20:45—21:4	MALACHI 3:1-7
④ WEDNESDAY	LUKE 21:5-19	MALACHI 3:8-12
⑤ THURSDAY	LUKE 21:20-28	MALACHI 3:13-18
⑥ FRIDAY	LUKE 21:29-38	MALACHI 4:1-6
⑦ SATURDAY	JEREMIAH 7:1-11	1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; 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 in our congregation who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Angela Perry (18), Mike Wright (20).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: William Wueller (18).
- Wedding anniversaries celebrated this week: Mark and Sandra Traugott (23).
- Gil Daughtrey while he recovers from hand surgery.
- Thanksgiving to God for healing granted to Deanna and Georgette.
- The family of Joseph Babcock, Ann Sim's brother, as he fell asleep in Christ earlier this week in Mankato, MN.
- Leigh R., who is undergoing testing at MD Anderson for very serious cancer.
- Those experiencing unemployment: Greg.
- 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, Christina Null, David Ricks.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

### **The Feast of St. Bartholomew – August 24, 2025**

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

**Hymns:** 498, 583, 518, (Stz 1,23,3), 642, 730, 865, 919

**Readings:** Proverbs 3:1-8, 2 Corinthians 4:7-10, Luke 22:24-30

