

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Festival of the Holy Cross

September 14 – September 20, AD 2025

The center of Jesus' life and work, indeed, the center of all human history is His death as the atoning sacrifice offered for the sins of the world. The cross of Jesus is not a pretty sight when considered from the perspective that such a death suffered by God's sinless and beloved Son was necessary to sufficiently pay for the evil of our sin. In this way, the cross is a source of shame for us as we ponder the great depth of our depravity. But when considered from the perspective that God was willing to offer His Son up to death to save us without any merit or worthiness in us, the cross suddenly becomes the most beautiful sight imaginable. There, with the utmost clarity, we can see the depth of God's love for us. The cross is most certainly not a commentary on our great worth nor is it simply a demonstration of how great our love should be. The cross of Jesus is the fullness of God's mercy and the sacrifice by which the sins of the whole world have been atoned for. God grant us His Holy Spirit so that we may rightly meditate on the cross of Jesus and rejoice that our Lord gladly suffered it in our place that we might have the certain hope of our own resurrection to eternal life, and so bear our own crosses with patience and faith.

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 Apostles' Creed – The Second Article and Explanation

Redemption

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,

Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and with His innocent suffering and death,

That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

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

Ezekiel 36:28 – *You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be My people, and I will be your God.*

Psalm 133

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" (LSB 596)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE FEAST OF HOLY CROSS

① SUNDAY	JOHN 12:20-33	
② MONDAY	LUKE 10:23-37	1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25
③ TUESDAY	GEN. 13:1-12(13-18)	PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4
④ WEDNESDAY	LUKE 19:1-10	EPHESIANS 4:25-32
⑤ THURSDAY	MATTHEW 5:33-45	ROMANS 13:8-10
⑥ FRIDAY	LUKE 23:33-43	1 THESSALONIANS 5:14-24
⑦ SATURDAY	PROVERBS 4:10-23	GALATIANS 5:16-24

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, 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 members and friends of our congregation who are serving in the military (and their families): Emma and Macarios Casanova (Army), Brandon Lowery (Navy), Ethan McCrillis (Marines), Ethan Sims (Air Force Reserves), Tristana Tiro (West Point Military Academy).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Ron Lane (17), Kurt Lowery (18), Mitchell Hendon (20).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Tristana Tiro (18).
- Those experiencing unemployment: Greg.
- Grace Hendrickson, Sara Froiland, Amanda Needham, and Avery Redfearn for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Mark and Kyle, brother and son of Abbe Fenner, both of whom were recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Dana Evans, 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, Leigh R., David Ricks.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

St. Matthew – September 21, 2025

Catechesis: The Lord's Prayer – The Sixth Petition

Hymns: 915, 730, 518 (Stz 1, 25, 3), 602, 596, 655, 919

Readings: Ezekiel 2:8—3:11, Ephesians 4:7-16, Matthew 9:9-13

