

# FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Festival of St. Matthew

September 21 – September 27, AD 2025

**W**ouldn't it be great if temptation could just go away? Wouldn't it be great if after you are baptized, you would be able to resist temptation as perfectly and completely as Jesus? The truth is that we simply can't escape temptation in this life. Some have tried by isolating themselves from people, but that only breeds a whole new kind of temptation. Indeed, fleeing from people is itself a temptation. You can't love your neighbor if you are not around your neighbor to love him! Jesus said it plainly, "Temptation to sin will come." (Luke 17:1) And it will come because the devil and the world that serves him and our own sinful flesh have not yet been destroyed. They will stop at nothing at any time to lead us to rebel against God and His Word because they know that such rebellion separates us from God and casts us under God's wrath. You will be tempted, but you don't have to sin. Knowing the enemies that surround us and lurk in our own hearts, should drive us constantly to pray this petition and ask God to fill us with His Holy Spirit so that we would be able to recognize temptation when it comes for us and resist it, not with our own strength, but with the clear Word of God. And praise be to God who, when His dear children stumble and fall, graciously receives us back and forgives us until that day when all sources of temptation will be cast away from us forever.

## **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 Sixth Petition**

### **And lead us not into temptation.**

*What does this mean?* God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

## 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 FESTIVAL OF ST. MATTHEW

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 9:9-13	
② MONDAY	LUKE 17:11-19	EPHESIANS 4:7-16
③ TUESDAY	1 KINGS 21:1-16	JAMES 4:1-10
④ WEDNESDAY	GENESIS 3:1-8	ROMANS 7:7-13
⑤ THURSDAY	MATTHEW 10:32-39	HEBREWS 13:1-6
⑥ FRIDAY	MARK 10:17-31	PHILIPPIANS 3:7-12
⑦ SATURDAY	DANIEL 10:10-14; 12:1-3	REVELATION 12:7-12

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father 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: Charley Wildauer (21), Angus Hendon (23), Sienna Reif (23),
- Those experiencing unemployment: Greg, Andrew Fischer.
- Grace Hendrickson, Sara Froiland, and Avery Redfearn for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter to Amanda Neeham.
- Thanksgiving for healing granted to David Ricks.
- Gene Lane as she recovers from eye surgery this past week.
- 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., Mark, Kyle.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

### **The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity – September 28, 2025**

**Catechesis:** The Conclusion of the Commandments

**Hymns:** 913, 760, 719, 625, 596, 740, 768

**Readings:** 1 Kings 17:8-16, Galatians 5:25-6:10, Matthew 6:24-34

