

# FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

September 7 – September 13, AD 2025

In our day, when men are wrongfully believed to be capable of figuring out and explaining pretty much everything, it is absolutely necessary that we hold fast to God's Word which teaches us that, because of original sin which turns us against God and His Word, we are not able "to believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him." The desire to be like God that doomed our first parents, is still very much alive and active in us today. Not a single person is a Christian because he made himself a Christian. No one figures out salvation on his own. He doesn't carefully weigh the options of either following God or the devil and with his superior intellect and powers of reason, choose to follow God. That's not possible for us because as God clearly teaches, "The intentions of man's heart is only evil from his youth." If they are only evil, then they can't be good. That is, unless God Himself comes and creates in us a clean heart, unless he opens our blind eyes so that we can see our sin and our need for the salvation which Jesus has prepared for us. And that is exactly what the Holy Spirit does through the preaching of the Gospel. He opens our eyes and shows us Jesus. He calls us to faith in the One who died for us and made atonement for our sin. You are a Christian because the Holy Spirit has made you a Christian through the Word and given you new birth in the waters of Holy Baptism. And it is the Holy Spirit who keeps you in this Christian faith by those very same means. God grant that we rejoice in these blessed works of the Holy Spirit and pray that He would always continue them 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 Apostles' Creed – The Third Article and Explanation**

### **Sanctification**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*What does this mean?* I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. *(continued on page 2)*

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.  
 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 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

① SUNDAY	<b>MARK 7:31-37</b>	
② MONDAY	LUKE 18:15-17	DEUTERONOMY 6:4-15
③ TUESDAY	GENESIS 4:1-12(13-15)	ROMANS 12:9-21
④ WEDNESDAY	LUKE 10:25-37	PSALM 139:1-18
⑤ THURSDAY	GENESIS 39:1-21(22-23)	1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-8
⑥ FRIDAY	MATTHEW 4:1-11	GEN. 1:26-28; 2:7, 18-25
⑦ SATURDAY	2 CHRONICLES 28:8-15	GALATIANS 3:15-22

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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

- All those serving as missionaries around the world, especially Pastor Wildauer and Pastor Steele and their families.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Todd Hauth (7), Edith Wright (8), Noelle Wueller (8), Eli Gefaller (9), Noah Horn-Martinez (9), Tori Thibodezux (13).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Eli Gefaller (10).
- Newly installed Sunday School teachers as well as new and returning students.
- The family of Joan Schneider as they mourn her passing.
- 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, 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

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

**Holy Cross Day – September 14, 2025**

**Apostles' Creed** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Article and Explanation

**Hymns:** 478, 455, 837, 596, 453, 427, 467

**Readings:** Numbers 21:4-9, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 12:20-23

