

# FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 28 – October 4, AD 2025

**A**bsolutely essential to understanding the Bible is the distinction between the Law and the Gospel. If we don't understand these or mix them up, the Scriptures remain closed to us and the consequences are eternally disastrous. The Law is what God has commanded us that we are supposed to do. The clearest expression of this is the Ten Commandments. We are supposed to perfectly love God (Commandments 1-3) and we are supposed to perfectly love our neighbor (Commandments 4-10). If we do not do both of these things God has made perfectly clear what will happen "The wages of sin is death." And thus, even though the Law is good as it is from God, it is only death for us because through the Law our guilt is revealed to us. The Law can't bring us hope because there is no hope in our works. But there is hope. That is the Gospel. The Gospel is what God has done for us in His mercy, namely, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to perfectly keep the Law as our substitute and then die the death that we deserve under God's wrath. The Gospel is a promise that God makes to you through the Blood of Jesus. Believe God has done this for you and you will be saved. God grant that we believe both His Law and His Gospel and so rightly understand His saving Word.

## **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 Close of the Commandments**

### **What does God say about all these commandments?**

**He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Ex. 20:5-6)**

*What does this mean?* God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

## 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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 18:1-11	
② MONDAY	EX 20:1-6, 18-21; 31:18	HEBREWS 12:18-24
③ TUESDAY	EXODUS 32:1-14	HEBREWS 3:1-19
④ WEDNESDAY	EX 32:15-35	ROMANS 3:10-26
⑤ THURSDAY	LUKE 23:13-25	ISAIAH 53:4-6, 10-11
⑥ FRIDAY	LUKE 24:44-53	ROMANS 10:11-17
⑦ SATURDAY	1 KINGS 17:17-24	EPHESIANS 3:13-21

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; 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

- 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).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Katy Gefaller (28), Yadshiri Kieser (28), Walter Steel (29), Audrey Wueller (29), Rachel Maverick (Oct 2), Marlys Stangeland (3), Judy Michels (4).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Marc Schwiesow (Oct 1), Angus Handon (3).
- Blessings to David Ricks and his traveling group as they tour and learn about the life of St. Paul.
- Wedding anniversaries celebrated this week: Gil and Mary Jo Daughtrey (27), Lance and Amy Dorrell (Oct 1).
- Thanksgiving for healing granted to Richard and Maureen Rump.
- Those experiencing unemployment: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer.
- Grace Hendrickson, Sara Froiland, and Avery Redfearn for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Doug Drawe, Antonia, Dana Evans, Jill, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, Jeannie Long, JE Purcell, Ron and Gene Lane, Sarah Wickam, Judy Michels, Randy Cooper, Leah, 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 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity – October 5, 2025**

**Catechesis:** The First Commandment

**Hymns:** 498, 758, 659, 634, 750, 458, 548

**Readings:** 1 Kings 17:17-24, Ephesians 3:13-21, Luke 7:11-17

