

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Festival of the Reformation

October 26 – November 1, AD 2025

Every commandment has a negative and a positive aspect - not bad and good, but “don’t do” and “do”. Negatively, the Fifth Commandment tells us “do not hurt your neighbor’s body”. Positively, the Fifth Commandment directs us to “help and support our neighbor in every physical need.” So, we cannot simply say “I didn’t hurt my neighbor.” That is not the fullness of the commandment. We actually **MUST** help our neighbor take care of the body of our neighbor which God created. We must feed and clothe and shelter our neighbor when he is in need. We must work to make sure that no one else harms our neighbor’s body. How we do these things isn’t always obvious. It isn’t always the most helpful to our neighbor to just hand him a bunch of money. We do need to use our God-given wisdom, and sometimes the help we provide will be abused. But that doesn’t mean we are free not to try to help. Too often we have turned a blind eye to our neighbor’s need because “he might not be responsible with the help I give him.” We need to repent and remember that God has continued to help us even though we have so often abused the earthly and physical care He has lavished upon us. Thanks be to God that every day He richly and daily provides us with all that we need to support this body and life though we deserve none of it. And may we, in thankfulness for Christ’s rich forgiveness, do all that we can to take care of the bodily needs of our neighbor.

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 Ten Commandments – The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

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

Psalm 46:1 – God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 54

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“Lord of Our Life” (LSB 659)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

① SUNDAY	JOHN 8:31-36	
② MONDAY	GENESIS 11:1-9	MATTHEW 11:12-19
③ TUESDAY	JOHN 15:12-21**	1 PETER 1:3-9
④ WEDNESDAY	GENESIS 12:1-20	ACTS 7:2-8
⑤ THURSDAY	GENESIS 13:1-18	2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15
⑥ FRIDAY	GENESIS 14:8-23	HEBREWS 6:19-7:17
⑦ SATURDAY	REVELATION 7:2-17	1 JOHN 3:1-3

** ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE, APOSTLES

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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: Greg Sims (26), Xaiden Slade (27).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Sasha Starr (1).
- Wedding anniversaries celebrated this week: Pete and Ruth Kun (1).
- Abbe Fenner who will be undergoing a surgical procedure this week.
- Gene Lane as she recovers from knee surgery.
- Dony Reaves who is suffering more after the latest procedure.
- Roberta Lowery's family as they mourn the passing of her uncle, Ed Ficken, who fell asleep in Christ last week.
- Those experiencing unemployment: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer, Cora Pearson.
- 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, JE Purcell, Sarah Wickam, Randy Cooper, Leigh R., Mark, Kyle, Mickey Hendon, Edith Wright.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Festival of All Saints – November 2, 2025

Catechesis: The Third Commandment

Hymns: 906, 677, 672, 623, 676, 865, 647

Readings: Revelation 7:2-17, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

