

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

October 12 – October 18, AD 2025

It really is wonderful to think of all the good and wonderful things that God lavishes upon us. Now which of those have we earned? What have we done to deserve the warm sun, the beautiful trees, faithful pets, good friends, delicious foods, and all the other things that God gives us each and every day? Nothing, of course. These are all gifts of His mercy. He loves to give. He loves to give to you. And do you always use God's gifts wisely or for the purposes He gives them? Are you as gracious with His gracious gifts as He is? Do you always give Him thanks and praise? Sadly and to our great shame, no. We are so often discontent. We complain as though we don't have enough or we deserve more. And yet, God has not stopped lavishing us with His gifts. And more, He continues to hold before you His greatest good - the life and salvation which He has accomplished for you through His Son, Jesus Christ. There truly is no greater gift. And this too, as much as it cost Him, costs you nothing. It was bestowed upon you freely the day you were baptized. That day, God gave you His Spirit and the promise of eternal life. All free. All a gift. You didn't earn them. You didn't pay for them. So let us repent of our thankless hearts as we think of all of the blessings which God pours out to us every day and give thanks and praise to our heavenly Father who, without any merit or worthiness in us, daily loads us up with the riches of His grace.

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 Creed – The First Article

Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

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

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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

① SUNDAY	LUKE 14:1-11	
② MONDAY	GENESIS 3:1-8	JOHN 1:35-42
③ TUESDAY	GENESIS 3:8-15	JOHN 1:43-51
④ WEDNESDAY	GENESIS 3:16-24	JOHN 2:1-12
⑤ THURSDAY	GENESIS 4:1-26	JOHN 2:13-25
⑥ FRIDAY	1 JOHN 1:5—2:2	MATTHEW 6:16-21
⑦ SATURDAY	LUKE 10:1-9	2 TIMOTHY 4:5-18

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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

- 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: Rachel Schwiesow (16), Max Kieser (18).
- Baptisms celebrated this week: Charley Wildauer (12), Marlys Stangeland (18).
- Thanksgiving for all of the faithful women in our congregation and the many blessings of the work of the LWML to support the preaching of the Gospel throughout the world.
- Those experiencing unemployment: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer, Cora Pearson.
- Grace Hendrickson, Sara Froiland, and Avery Redfearn for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, preparing for a procedure this week.
- Doug Drawe, Antonia, Dana Evans, Jill, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, JE Purcell, Ron and Gene Lane, Sarah Wickam, Randy Cooper, Lesley Fox, Sam Sims, Leigh R., Mark, Kyle, Mickey Hendon, Leah Savage.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity – October 19, 2025

Catechesis: The Eighth Commandment

Hymns: 500, 694, 659, 634, 402, 601, 919

Readings: Deuteronomy 10:12-21, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, Matthew 22:34-46

