

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The First Sunday in Advent – Ad Te Levavi
November 30 – December 6, AD 2025

God's Name is very precious. Not because it is magical but because it reveals to us both the character and the work of Him who created us and redeemed us. When God's people speak His Name, we are saying particular things about Him. That's why we dare not misuse His Name for what is evil or what is false. That is also why we are to guard against sin. Just as our words say something about God, so do our deeds. We are God's children and so we are to be a reflection of our heavenly Father. We are to glorify Him in our hearts and before the world by speaking as He speaks and loving as He loves. This is also why God hates both false teaching and sin. They say false things about Him. And when we say false things about Him or live contrary to the Ten Commandments, we are encouraging others to believe false things about God and leading them away from salvation. This is also why we don't take God's Name lightly and just throw it out in casual conversation to make a point. We are to guard it and use it as He gave it to us to use - to call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks. God loves when we use His Name for these reasons and richly blesses those who do. God loves when our words and deeds point people to Him so that they too may know Him as their Savior and Father. God's Name is, indeed, precious and how blessed we are to know His Name and be able to call upon it in every need! May God forgive us for profaning His Name (misusing it) and strengthen us by His Holy Spirit so that in both word and deed we keep His Name holy.

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 First Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition, that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name is kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who

teaches or lives contrary to God’s Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

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

Matthew 6:33 – *But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you.*

Psalm 46

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head” (LSB 647)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 21:1-11 **	
② MONDAY	GENESIS 30:25-43	JOHN 4:31-42
③ TUESDAY	GENESIS 31:1-21	JOHN 4:43-54
④ WEDNESDAY	LUKE 17:39-37	2 PETER 3:3b-9
⑤ THURSDAY	GENESIS 31:22-42	JOHN 5:1-15
⑥ FRIDAY	GENESIS 31:43-55	JOHN 5:15-23
⑦ SATURDAY	ISAIAH 11:1-10	ROMANS 15:4-13

**** ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE – JOHN 1:35-42a**

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; 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 serving in synodical offices, especially Matthew Harrison, Synodical President; Jon Braunersreuther, Texas District President; Andrew Whaley, Circuit Visitor, and Ben Gonzales, Mission Strategist. Those serving as elected leaders at Faith Wylie: Gil Daughtrey, Michael Null, Stephen Kieser, Ken Lawrence, James Long, Tim Sheehan, Brad Lowery, James Rose, Jeff Ellis.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Whitney Wueller (2).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Kristen Horn (4) .
- 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, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, Lindsay Penrose, JE Purcell, Sarah Wickam, Randy Cooper, Leigh R., Mark, Mickey Hendon, Edith Wright, Gene Lane, Dony Reaves, Robin Wildauer, Mary Jo Daughtrey, William Best, Kyle, Judy Michels, Criss Purcell.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Second Sunday in Advent – Populus Zion – December 7, 2025

Catechesis: The Ten Commandments – The First Commandment

Hymns: 337, 336, 343, 623, 658, 601, 333

Readings: Malachi 4:1-6, Romans 15:4-13, Luke 21:25-36

