

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 23 - 29, AD 2025

How wonderful and joyous that the Lord has called us to true faith through the preaching of the Gospel! All glory and honor to Him because by our own reason and strength we are completely unable to believe in Him. But we dare not rest on the fact that we are Christians now. We are under relentless attack from the devil, the world, and our own sinful nature. We are constantly bombarded with temptation and all kinds of false teachings. What reason could we ever have to think that the devil will simply be content to let us live in peace and die in faith? And what reason could we ever have to think that we are strong enough on our own to resist him and drive him back? The faith that was brought forth through water and word must be daily refreshed and strengthened. We grow weary of being watchful. We grow tired of denying our flesh. Remaining in the faith is a daily battle within and without. It requires constant vigilance and the confession that we are incapable of keeping the faith unless the Holy Spirit is constantly at work in us. The reality is that we can fall back into unbelief and be lost to eternal death. Only through daily hearing God's Word and calling upon Him in prayer are we able to stand or, better yet, does the Holy Spirit keep us in the one true faith. Our ears, hearts and minds must be filled with the Word of God in order to recognize and stand against the devil's attacks. May God forgive us for despising His faith- and life-preserving Word and may He fill us with His Holy Spirit so that by His Word we would be preserved in the true faith and receive Christ with joy when He comes again in glory.

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

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.

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

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 LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 25:1-13	
② MONDAY	GENESIS 27:1-29	ROMANS 3:27—4:8
③ TUESDAY	GENESIS 27:30-45	ROMANS 4:13-25
④ WEDNESDAY	GENESIS 27:46—28:22	ROMANS 5:1-11
⑤ THURSDAY	GENESIS 29:1-30	JOHN 4:1-14
⑥ FRIDAY	GENESIS 29:31—30:24	JOHN 4:15-30
⑦ SATURDAY	ISAIAH 2:1-5	ROMANS 13:8-14

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful 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: Matt Thibodeaux (24), Robyn Steele (25), Brenna Hackbart (29).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Abbe Fenner (26), Noah Horn-Martinez (29).
- Thanksgiving for the many rich blessings our Lord has graciously bestowed upon us each day.
- Safety for those traveling for the holiday.
- Judy Michels, who is recovering from surgery.
- 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, Abbe Fenner, Robin Wildauer, Mary Jo Daughtrey, William Best, Kyle, Dana Evans, Criss Purcell.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The First Sunday in Advent – Ad Te Levavi – November 30, 2025

Catechesis: The Lord's Prayer – First Petition

Hymns: 333, 332, 620, 334, 647, 338, 663

Readings: Jeremiah 23:5-8, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 21:1-9

