

# FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

November 9 - 15, AD 2025

**R**elationships between sinners are difficult. We are ALL filled with weaknesses and sins. We say things we later regret. We let our emotions rule over us. We have annoying quirks and habits. Our flesh is constantly filled with pride. There is no relationship among people that doesn't suffer because sin creates friction and tension. It becomes very easy to then start looking for other relationships rather than doing the hard work of forgiving and asking for forgiveness, having difficult conversations, saying difficult things that risk exposing us to criticism and anger. We foolishly begin to imagine that it would be easier with other people. We look around and we see so many people seeming to be enjoying perfect relationships - with their spouses, their children, their parents, their friends, their coworkers. And we begin to imagine that our life would be better with those people instead of those whom the Lord has given us. These are dangerous fantasies that are not based at all in reality. But the devil uses them to drive us away from those whom the Lord has given us and to quietly and not so quietly try to draw away those who are given to our neighbor. May Christ, who laid down His life to keep us near to Him and save us from death, forgive us for seeking the easy way out of our relationships by abandoning them and seeking our neighbor's instead. And let us in love be faithful to those whom our Lord has given us and so enjoy His rich and abundant blessing.

## **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 Tenth Commandment**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

## 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 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

① SUNDAY	JOHN 4:46-54	
② MONDAY	GENESIS 18:1-15	HEBREWS 11:8-16
③ TUESDAY	GENESIS 18:16-33	1 COR. 5:9-11; 6:9-11
④ WEDNESDAY	GENESIS 19:1-29	MATTHEW 11:20-30
⑤ THURSDAY	GENESIS 20:1-18	JAMES 5:13-20
⑥ FRIDAY	GENESIS 21:1-21	GALATIANS 4:21-31
⑦ SATURDAY	MICAH 6:6-8	PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works; 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).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Eden Gefaller (9), Max Kieser (10), Angela Perry (10), Ellen Horn (11), Xaiden Slade (14), Katy Gefaller (15), Audrey Wueller (15).
- Thanksgiving for all who have made great sacrifices to serve in the defense of this nation. May God grant mercy and help to all who continue to suffer from their time of service.
- Kyle, Abbe Fenner's son. Who will be undergoing surgery next week.
- 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, Judy Michels.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

### **The Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity – November 16, 2025**

**Catechesis:** Table of Duties: Of Civil Government

**Hymns:** 908, 611, 559, 508, 627, 647, 548

**Readings:** Micah 6:6-8, Philippians 1:3-11, Matthew 18:21-35

