

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity

November 16 - 22, AD 2025

The estate of the civil government has been established by God and therefore has His authority. And as with the other two estates established by God, the household and the church, the authority that God gives is to be used according to His Word and for His purposes. No authority has the freedom to act against the Word of God. A pastor is not allowed to use his office to teach false doctrine. Likewise, no father or mother is allowed to use their office to exasperate their children or lead them away from Christ. Thus civil government is not free to reward what is evil and punish what is good or seek to force those under its authority to disobey God. Only when authority is used to have us live or believe contrary to the Word of God can it and must it be resisted. That may come with consequences and we must be prepared to suffer them. But God has bestowed His own authority on church, home, and government in order that what is good and right and true may be praised and protected and what is evil and harmful may be resisted and punished. As children of God, we are to receive those in civil government with great honor and pray for them that God would give them wisdom and understanding, and that He would protect them. We are to support and encourage and obey them unless and until they would have us act or believe against God's Word. May God forgive us for despising those whom He has given the authority to rule as civil government and may we do all that we can to uphold and honor those who serve well and use their authority for good and godly purposes.

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.

Table of Duties: Of Civil Government

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you

do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. *Rom. 13:1-4.*

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	MATTHEW 18:21-35	
② MONDAY	GENESIS 22:1-19	HEBREWS 11:17-22
③ TUESDAY	GENESIS 24:1-28	2 CORINTHIANS 6:11-18
④ WEDNESDAY	GENESIS 24:29-67	COLOSSIANS 3:11-24
⑤ THURSDAY	GENESIS 25:19-34	ROMANS 9:1-16
⑥ FRIDAY	GENESIS 26:1-11	EPHESIANS 5:15-33
⑦ SATURDAY	ISAIAH 65:17-25	1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; 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 who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Pete Kun.
- Kyle, Abbe Fenner's son, in thanksgiving for successful surgery, and for strength and patience as he undergoes follow-up treatment.
- Safety for those traveling for the holiday.
- Judy Michels, undergoing surgery this week.
- Criss Purcell as she awaits treatment options for a recent cancer diagnosis.
- Bonnie Hennig, Shelly Hoffman's mother, undergoing cancer treatments.
- 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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Last Sunday of the Church Year – November 23, 2025

Catechesis: The Apostles' Creed: The Third Article

Hymns: 915, 516, 337, 628, 647, 668, 514

Readings: Isaiah 65:17-25, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:1-13

