

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Second Sunday in Advent – Populus Zion
December 7 – December 13, AD 2025

As this Sunday in Advent draws our attention to Jesus' return on the Last Day for judgment, it is of the greatest importance that we know how that day can be a day of joy for us rather than a day of fear and sorrow. St. Paul points us to the means which God has provided for us to prepare for His return. It is not fancy or flashy or exciting. It is instead very simple and easily accessible and something that we, unfortunately, often don't give much attention to - His Word, the Holy Scriptures. The apostle tells us that all of the Scriptures that have been written have been written "for our instruction". And he also tells us that the purpose of that instruction is so that we might have hope "through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures." (Rom. 15:4) This is why God in the Third Commandment directs us to keep the Sabbath day holy. We must deliberately set aside time to hear the preaching and teaching of God's Word so that we may be taught and led in the truth. That means that every Lord's Day is to be set aside by God's people to be admonished to repent of their sins and to receive God's mercy and forgiveness through Christ and the Holy Sacraments. And every day we are to set aside time to read the Scriptures and to pray. We live by God's Word and we die without it. Those who despise God's Word by paying no attention to it will find that their faith has withered and died and will only know the terror of Christ's judgment on the Last Day. But those who treasure God's Word by studying and learning it and by it are nurtured in the true faith will lift their heads on the Last Day and rejoice to see their Savior coming on the clouds to deliver them to eternal life.

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 First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

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

1 John 2:17 – *And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.*

Psalm 80

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"The Night Will Soon Be Ending" (LSB 337)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 3:1-12	
② MONDAY	GENESIS 32:1-21	JOHN 5:24-30
③ TUESDAY	GENESIS 32:22-32	JOHN 5:31-47
④ WEDNESDAY	MATTHEW 22:41-46	DANIEL 7:9-14
⑤ THURSDAY	GENESIS 33:1-11	JOHN 6:1-14
⑥ FRIDAY	GENESIS 35:1-15	JOHN 6:15-21
⑦ SATURDAY	ISAIAH 35:1-10	JAMES 5:7-11

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, 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

- All those serving as missionaries around the world, especially Pastor Wildauer and Pastor Steele and their families.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Tyler Sims (9), Gail Sellers (10).
- Those experiencing unemployment: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer.
- Grace Hendrickson, Sara Froiland, and Avery Redfearn for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Doug Drawe, Dana Evans, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, Lindsay Penrose, JE Purcell, Sarah Wickam, Randy Cooper, Leigh R., Mark, Edith Wright, Gene Lane, Dony Reaves, Abbe Fenner, 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 Third Sunday in Advent – Gaudete – December 14, 2025

Catechesis: The Lord's Prayer – The Fourth Petition

Hymns: 344, 345, 337, 622, 533, 349, 513

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 4:1-5, Matthew 11:2-11

