

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Third Sunday in Advent – Gaudete

December 14 – December 20, AD 2025

“**G**od certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people.” God promises to give you what you need today. What He doesn’t say is how He is going to do that. Most of the time He works through ordinary means. Parents give their children clothing and shoes. Employees receive paychecks from their employers for the work they have done. We go to the store and buy groceries and we send our payments to the electric company so that they will continue to provide power to warm our houses. But these are not the only way in which God can provide. He can and certainly has provided in miraculous ways when needed. He caused quail to cover the Israelites’ camp in the wilderness in the evening and manna to appear in the morning. When Elijah had to flee the wrath of Ahab and Jezebel, God sent ravens to bring the prophet food to eat. The Lord Jesus caused five loaves of bread and two small fish to be enough to feed thousands. There is nothing that prevents God from giving you your daily bread each and every day. It is silly and evil for us to worry about any of our daily bread as though we might find ourselves in some circumstance where God would be unable to provide. Let us repent of our sinful worries about daily bread and rest in the goodness and loving kindness of our gracious Lord who will most certainly give us all that we need to support this body and 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 Lord’s Prayer: The Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 11:2-15	
② MONDAY	LUKE 1:5-25	DANIEL 9:20-27
③ TUESDAY	LUKE 1:26-38	2 SAMUEL 7:1-17
④ WEDNESDAY	EPHESIANS 4:1-16	GENESIS 50:15-21
⑤ THURSDAY	LUKE 1:39-56	1 SAMUEL 2:1-11
⑥ FRIDAY	LUKE 1:57-66	LEVITICUS 26:40-45
⑦ SATURDAY	ISAIAH 7:10-17	ROMANS 1:1-7

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; 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 who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Pete Kun.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Jeff Ellis (15), Brian Hendon (16).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Brian Hendon (16).
- Wedding anniversaries this week: Bill and Amanda Curry (16), Greg and Ann Sims (17).
- Thanksgiving for a successful procedure granted to Ken Lawrence.
- Thanksgiving for the birth and baptism of Micah Gideon James Froiland born to parents Rev. Brandon and Sara Froiland.
- Grace Hendrickson, 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.
- Those experiencing other challenges: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer, Trace.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Fourth Sunday in Advent – Rorate Coreli – December 21, 2025

Catechesis: The Lord's Prayer – The Second Petition

Hymns: 338, 357, 631, 343, 337, 331, 334

Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Philippians 4:4-7, John 1:19-28

