

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Fourth Sunday in Advent – Rorate Coeli

December 21 – December 27, AD 2025

What do you think of as you ask your Father who art in heaven that He would cause His kingdom to come into your midst? Our flesh hears the word “kingdom” and immediately thinks of crowns and conquering armies. But these are not things that impress God, nor are they things of His kingdom. He has legions of angels. He possesses all power and authority in heaven and on earth. And He is exercising that power at all times ruling and holding together all of creation. The kingdom that we need to come is the kingdom of His mercy by which we are rescued from the threatening perils of our sins. We are praying that God would send us His Holy Spirit to create, sustain, and strengthen our faith in Christ so that when this world and all things pass away, we might have a share in the blessings of the new heaven and the new earth which is being prepared for the redeemed of God. Thus, we are praying that God would protect and bless the preaching of His Word by which alone God keeps us in the true faith. We pray in the second petition of the Lord’s Prayer that God would give us faithful parents, pastors, and teachers who will teach us God’s Word. We are praying that God would guard our hearts and minds in the hour of temptation so that we are not led astray to throw away our salvation in order to chase after the wicked desires of the flesh. We pray that God would preserve the faithful administration of Holy Baptism whereby God raises sinners to new life and Holy Communion whereby He feeds us the true Body and Blood of our Savior for the forgiveness of all our sins. May God have mercy upon us for despising this kingdom purchased with the Blood of Jesus and grant that instead we eagerly desire this kingdom and sacrifice all that we have in order that this kingdom would remain in our midst and not be taken from us.

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 Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

What is meant by daily bread? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

① SUNDAY	JOHN 1:19-28	JOHN 20:24-29
② MONDAY	MATTHEW 1:18-25	ISAIAH 7:10-14
③ TUESDAY	2 SAMUEL 7:1-16	ISAIAH 52:7-10
④ WEDNESDAY	LUKE 2:1-20	ISAIAH 40:9-11
⑤ THURSDAY	JOHN 1:1-18	HEBREWS 1:1-12
⑥ FRIDAY	ACTS 6:8—7:60	MATTHEW 23:34-39
⑦ SATURDAY	JOHN 21:20-25	1 JOHN 1:1—2:2

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; 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 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).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Nancy Cawood (23), Alexander Rose (24), David Horn (25).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Alissa Ulmer (23), Rachel Schwiesow (24), Lesland Gardner (26), James Rose (27).
- Charley Wildauer, recovering from surgery.
- Edith Wright, recovering from a fall.
- 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, 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 Holy Innocents – December 28, 2025

Catechesis: The Apostles' Creed – The Third Article

Hymns: 864, 517 (stz 1,9,3), 676, 627, 725, 865, 671

Readings: Jeremiah 31:15-17, Revelation 14:1-5, Matthew 2:13-18

