

# FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Second Sunday after Christmas

January 4 – January 10 AD 2026

“I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord...” When we confess the creeds, we are confessing a single, shared truth. This week, we focus on the single, shared truth that Jesus is OUR Lord. Jesus is not only my personal Lord. He didn't die only for me. The one Lord, Jesus Christ, died for the sins of the whole world. There aren't different Lords for different people. There is one Lord for all. And what a joy and comfort that is! What comfort and strength that brings! What humility it ought to impart. We ALL need the one Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary to bear the guilt of our sin and rescue us from death and eternal judgment. No matter where we live, what language we speak, what our income is, whatever age or gender we are, all of God's children have in common this one Lord who has brought us all this one salvation. I have no special claim or relationship to Christ that every other true Christian doesn't have. I have the same Lord as Adam, Abraham, Peter, Luther, and all the host of heaven. And that means that I enjoy all the same rights and blessings of that Lord! What then should separate us from one another? Nothing because each of us in OUR Lord's kingdom is equally a child of God. May OUR Lord graciously forgive us for living against my brothers and sisters as though He is only my Lord, and strengthen us in the one Spirit to live in unity together under OUR one merciful and loving Lord.

## **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 Apostles' Creed: The Second Article**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

*What does this mean?* I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

## **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**

### **MEMORY VERSE**

*Ephesians 4:4-6 – There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call---one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all..*

### **PSALM OF THE MONTH**

*Psalm 133*

### **HYMN OF THE MONTH**

*“From God the Father, Virgin-Born” (LSB 401)*

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

① SUNDAY	LUKE 2:40-52	NUMBERS 6:22-27
② MONDAY	LUKE 2:21-24	LEVITICUS 12:1-8
③ TUESDAY	LUKE 2:25-40	ISAIAH 60:1-6
④ WEDNESDAY	<b>MATTHEW 2:1-12</b>	<b>NUMBERS 24:15-19</b>
⑤ THURSDAY	MATTHEW 2:13-23	JEREMIAH 31:10-17
⑥ FRIDAY	LUKE 2:41-52	DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9
⑦ SATURDAY	ISAIAH 42:1-9	ROMANS 6:1-11

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same 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

- All those serving as missionaries around the world, especially Pastor Wildauer and Pastor Steele and their families.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Brianna Mallon (5), David Ricks (8), Elaine Graff (9).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Whitney Wueller (10).
- 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, Charley Wildauer.
- Those experiencing other challenges: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer, Trace.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

### **The Baptism of Our Lord – January 11, 2026**

**Catechesis:** The Apostles' Creed – The Third Article

**Hymns:** 402, 406, 602, 405, 401, 601, 412

**Readings:** Joshua 3:1-3, 7-8, 13-17; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 3:13-17

