

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Festival of the Confession of St. Peter

January 18 – January 24 AD 2026

In Matthew 28, as our Lord prepares to ascend to the right hand of the Father where He will continue to work through the apostles, through His Church, to proclaim and distribute the salvation of His cross to the whole world, Jesus commands His disciples to “make disciples of all nations.” And the plan is simple - disciples will be made of all nations through baptism and catechesis. That’s the same for everyone. Every disciple is made the same way - by being baptized into Christ and being taught all that Christ has done and said. There is only one way disciples are made because there is only one Lord who has died for all, there is only one faith which confesses this one Lord, and there is only one baptism for the remission of sins. No one receives a special baptism which elevates them above other Christians. There isn’t one baptism of water and another of the Holy Spirit. There is one baptism in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit through which God the Father forgives all our sins, claims us as His own dear children, bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, and opens to us the gates of heaven. Whoever receives this baptism and trusts in the promises God makes in it is a Christian and a disciple because the Lord Jesus has made him one. May our Lord forgive us for failing to trust in the sufficiency of our baptism and instead, may it be to us an eternal fountain of strength and joy.

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 Sacrament of Holy Baptism: First

What is baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s word.

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matt. 28:19)

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

Psalms 133

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"From God the Father, Virgin-Born" (LSB 401)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER

① SUNDAY	JOHN 1:29-42A	
② MONDAY	MARK 8:27—9:1	2 PETER 1:1-15
③ TUESDAY	GENESIS 41:1-36	JOHN 6:48-59
④ WEDNESDAY	GENESIS 41:37-57	JOHN 6:60-71
⑤ THURSDAY	GENESIS 42:1-24	JOHN 7:1-9
⑥ FRIDAY	GENESIS 42:25-38	JOHN 7:10-13
⑦ SATURDAY	ISAIAH 9:1-4	1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Heavenly Father, You revealed to the apostle Peter the blessed truth that Your Son Jesus is the Christ. Strengthen us by the proclamation of this truth that we too may joyfully confess that there is salvation in no one else; 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

- Those who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Pete Kun.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Stephen Kieser (19).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Brianna Mallon (22), Brenna Hackbart (23).
- Thanksgiving for the gift of life which God has bestowed in creation and through redemption. May we be filled with eagerness to share and preserve this life for the good of all our neighbors.
- Erica Ficken (Roberta Lowery's cousin), and Avery Redfearn for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Edith Wright who has been hospitalized again.
- Kyle, Abbe Fenner's son, who continues to heal following surgery, even as he undergoes cancer treatments.
- Doug Drawe, Dana Evans, Kristina Wishmeyer, Lindsay Penrose, JE Purcell, Sarah Wickam, Randy Cooper, Leigh R., Mark, Kyle, Gene Lane, Dony Reaves, Robin Wildauer, Charley Wildauer, Cristine Purcell, Melanie Obehaus, Jeff Ellis, Carol Long.
- 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 Transfiguration of Our Lord – January 25, 2026

Catechesis: Apostles' Creed – First Article

Hymns: 876, 413, 401, 395, 602, 523, 417

Readings: Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

