

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Festival of the Transfiguration of Our Lord
January 25 – January 31 AD 2026

As those who have received the one baptism into the one faith that confesses the one Lord Jesus Christ, how humbling it is to know that together we have one Father, the Father Almighty, the Creator of the heavens and earth! What does that make us except one family? Together our eyes are turned to our Father expecting from Him every good and perfect gift. And we rejoice when our Father pours out those gifts upon our brothers and sisters. In this family there is no room or need for jealousy or pride or covetousness. We are all baptized into the one Christ and in Him we are all equal heirs of God's eternal and gracious kingdom. We all equally have the promise of His abundant and perfect care according to our needs. None of us can claim superiority. The right of the firstborn belongs only to Jesus and all that He has He bestows upon us, His dear brothers and sisters because He seeks nothing for Himself. How silly and wicked for us to then to still be trying to fight for position and privilege and honor over one another! We all have the same Father. We all have been equally forgiven. What place can partiality have when all are alike in Christ? What each has been given has been given for the benefit of the body, not the one who has received them. In the body of Christ none is before or after another, none has any greater claim to God's kingdom, and certainly none dare look in haughtiness on another of the baptized. If one appears weaker, the response should be an eagerness to strengthen, not chide. Let us set aside all division with our brothers and sisters in Christ and seek the unity of the faith in the bond of the Spirit so that the Name of our Father may be glorified in the world and our brothers and sisters in Christ would be strengthened and built up in the true faith. God grant it for the sake of Christ Jesus our Savior.

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 Creed: First Article

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

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

Psalms 133

HYMN OF THE MONTH

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 17:1-9	
② MONDAY	ACTS 16:1-51	1 TIMOTHY 6:11-16
③ TUESDAY	ACTS 9:1-22	GALATIANS 1:11-24
④ WEDNESDAY	TITUS 1:1-9	ACTS 20:28-35
⑤ THURSDAY	GENESIS 43:1-34	JOHN 7:14-18
⑥ FRIDAY	GENESIS 44:1-17	JOHN 7:19-24
⑦ SATURDAY	MICAH 6:1-8	1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; 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

- For all who serve in public safety as police officers, firefighters, and paramedics, that God would protect them, give them courage in danger, and grant them wisdom as they perform their duties, especially Josh Needman, Joshan Savage (police officers), Joe Krizan (firefighter and paramedic), and Elisabeth Handgraaf, Jonah Underwood (paramedics).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Ken Lawrence (25), Bridgette Boeder (26), Carol Long (27), Jim Graff (28).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Stephen Kieser (30)
- Erica Ficken (Roberta Lowery's cousin), and Avery Redfearn for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Thanksgiving for successful surgery granted to Pete Kun
- 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, Edith Wright, Ron Lane.
- Those experiencing other challenges: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer, Trace.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Septuagesima – February 1, 2026

Catechesis: Apostles' Creed – Third Article

Hymns: 500, 555, 627, 683, 566, 601, 918

Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; 1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5; Matthew 20:1-16

