

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of Invocabit, The First Sunday in Lent

February 22 – February 28 AD 2026

The account of the prophet Jonah could be one of the most surprising in all of Scripture --not because Jonah went to such great lengths to very blatantly disobey God's command to preach to the unbelievers in Nineveh, and not because Jonah was buried in the belly of a great fish for three days, after which he was resurrected by being spit back out upon the land. It's surprising because of the reason Jonah was so desperate not to go to Nineveh: Jonah was mad that those wicked Ninevites had actually listened to God's warning and repented! And worse, God actually forgave them! "That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster." (Jonah 4:2) Jonah was mad that God forgave the repentant Ninevites rather than destroying them like they deserved. How often do we wish that God would just punish those who have hurt us or who live wickedly in the world, just as we think they deserve? But do we want God to deal with us according to our own sins? Don't we want God to pity us, to be merciful to us and forgive us? Woe to us if God is not merciful! If God does not forgive and deal with us according to His steadfast love, then we are lost forever. But praise be to God, He is merciful! His joy is not in our destruction, but our salvation. And having received His abundant mercy, we are to likewise rejoice, not in our neighbor's destruction but in his salvation. May God forgive us for our wicked desire to see our neighbor dealt with according to God's wrath and fill us instead with the same pity and love and mercy for our neighbor that God has lavished upon us. God grant it for Jesus' sake.

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 month.

The Ten Commandments: The Fifth Commandment

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

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

Psalm 139:1-2 – O Lord, You have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.

PSALM OF THE MONTH

Psalm 122

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me” (LSB 683)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF INVOCABIT, LENT 1

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 4:1-11	
② MONDAY	EXODUS, THE PLAGUES **	JOHN 10:1-6
③ TUESDAY	ACTS 1:15-26	MATTHEW 11:25-30
④ WEDNESDAY	PROVERBS, SLOTH ***	LUKE 16:1-12
⑤ THURSDAY	EXODUS 12:1-14	JOHN 10:16-21
⑥ FRIDAY	EXODUS 12:21-30	JOHN 10:22-31
⑦ SATURDAY	GENESIS 12:1-9	ROMANS 4:1-8, 13-17

** EXODUS 8:1-4(7-10) 13-25,32; 9:1-4,7-35,10:3-6(7-11),20-29

*** PROVERBS 19:15; 20:4; 21:25-26; 24:30-34; 26:14-16

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through 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

- 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: Kristie Messer (24), Ben Schwiesow (25), Jack Cronister (27), Robin Hauth (28).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Greg Sims (25).
- Erica Ficken, Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues:
Doug Drawe, Dana Evans, Kristina Wishmeyer, Lindsay Penrose, JE Purcell, Sarah Wickam, Randy Cooper, Leigh R., Mark, Kyle, Dony Reaves, Robin Wildauer, Charley Wildauer, Cristine Purcell, Edith Wright, Ron Lane, Pete Kun, Todd Hauth.
- Those experiencing other challenges:
Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer, Trace.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Reminiscere, The Second Sunday in Lent – March 1, 2026

Catechesis:

Hymns: 876, (Kyrie Hymn, 945), 615, 602, 440, 745, 705, 718

Readings: Genesis 32:22-32; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28

