

# FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of Quinquagesima

February 15 – February 21 AD 2026

**W**hen God healed Naaman the Syrian of his leprosy in the waters of the Jordan, Naaman naturally thought he now owed God something. He offered to load God's prophet Elisha with lavish gifts. Being thankful is good. We ought to give thanks when we are given gifts. We ought to write thank you cards and go out of our way to show our appreciation. But, Naaman wasn't just saying thank you. He did not yet understand that the salvation of God, indeed, any blessing of God, is a gift. God and thus Elisha weren't showing Naaman mercy for a fee. That isn't how God's mercy works. It is free. But Elisha's servant Gehazi was greedy and set his heart on the gifts that were offered. God's mercy just cost Elisha some pretty nice stuff. And even though Elisha warned Gehazi against his greed, Gehazi went ahead and chased after what belonged to Naaman and his king. And though how Gehazi got the gift seemed perfectly reasonable, he betrayed the covetousness of his own heart. He desired what was not given to him and he got his neighbor's possessions in a dishonest way. He lied. Naaman didn't know but God did. Thus, Gehazi was punished and the stuff that he received from Naaman became a curse to him. As his heart was sick with the sin of greed, so his body would now be sick with leprosy. His body was now a window to his heart. May God our Father forgive us for despising all of the merciful good that He bestows upon us and instead seeking to take what He has given to others. And may God the Holy Spirit lead us to cheerfully and generously bestow His mercy on those around 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 Seventh Commandment**

### **You shall not steal.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

## 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 QUINQUAGESIMA

① SUNDAY	LUKE 18:31-43	
② MONDAY	EXODUS 4:1-31	JOHN 9:1-12
③ TUESDAY	EXODUS 5:1-23	JOHN 9:13-23
④ WEDNESDAY	JOEL 2:12-19	LUKE 7:36-50
⑤ THURSDAY	EXODUS 6:1-13	JOHN 9:24-34
⑥ FRIDAY	EXODUS 6:28—7:25	JOHN 9:35-41
⑦ SATURDAY	GENESIS 3:1-21	2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-10

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; 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

- Those who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Pete Kun.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Kristin Hackbart (16), Dony Reaves (18).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Tori Thibodeaux (19).
- Thanksgiving for recovery for Melanie Obenhaus.
- Thanksgiving for recovery for Gene Lane.
- Erica Ficken, Avery Redfearn, 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

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

### **Invocabit, The First Sunday in Lent – February 22, 2026**

**Catechesis:** The Lord's Prayer: The Fifth Petition

**Hymns:** 875, 945, 656, 666, 683, 724, 659, 440

**Readings:** Genesis 3:1-21; 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 4:1-11

