

# FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of Reminiscere, The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1 – March 7 AD 2026

**T**his Lent during our midweek services we are talking about the seven deadly sins and how to confess them. Confessing our sins and receiving the absolution of Jesus is the very heart of the Christian faith. It isn't everything but it stands at the center of everything, like the hub of a wheel. Everything stems out from it and it holds it all together. Dr. Luther speaks of the two parts of confession in the Small Catechism. The first part, shockingly, is that we confess our sins. How is this done? We have to examine our lives in light of the Ten Commandments and let God shine His light into our hearts and expose our sin. It is true that we are sinners. But how has that sin manifested itself in your life, specifically. Make mental note of these. Better yet, write them down. Don't invent sin but don't deny it either. Then comes the second part. Go to your pastor and say "Pastor, please hear my confession and pronounce God's forgiveness in order to fulfill God's will." That is why Jesus has given you a pastor. Your pastor is Jesus' living, breathing voice so that you get to hear those beautiful words "I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Your pastor is not there to interrogate you. He is there to forgive the sins of repentant sinners in Christ's stead and by Christ's command. Trust your Savior who died for you. Go and make your pastor listen as you confess your sins to Christ and then forgive you just as Jesus has commanded him to do. You will never regret it. 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.*

## **Confession: What is Confession?**

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

## 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

**Galatians 6:7** – *Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.*

### PSALM OF THE MONTH

**Psalm 38**

### HYMN OF THE MONTH

**"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" (LSB 440)**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF REMINISCERE, LENT 2

① SUNDAY	JOHN 3:1-17	
② MONDAY	EXODUS 12:31-42	JOHN 10:31-42
③ TUESDAY	EXODUS 13:17—14:9	JOHN 11:1-16
④ WEDNESDAY	EXODUS 14:10-31	JOHN 11:17-37
⑤ THURSDAY	EXODUS 15:1-19	JOHN 11:38-44
⑥ FRIDAY	EXODUS 15:22-27	JOHN 11:45-57
⑦ SATURDAY	EXODUS 17:1-7	ROMANS 5:1-8

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

- All those serving as missionaries around the world, especially Pastor Wildauer and Pastor Steele and their families.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Tim Boeder (1), Reagan Armstrong (3), John Ulmer (4), Cora Pearson (6).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Jocelyn Reif (2), Aimee Hendon (3), Xariyah Slade (3).
- Erica Ficken, Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Thanksgiving for a return to better health for Todd Hauth.
- 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.
- 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

### **Oculi, The Third Sunday in Lent – March 8, 2026**

**Catechesis:** What sins should we confess?

**Hymns:** 908, (Kyrie Hymn, 945), 659, 439 (Stz 1,3,4,6,7,10,15), 440, 614, 655, 438

**Readings:** Exodus 8:16-24; Ephesians 5:1-9; Luke 11:14-28

