

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of Septuagesima

February 1 – February 6 AD 2026

Hidden in the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed is a promise that the one, holy, Christian Church will never cease. No matter how small it may become, even if it shrank to one Christian left on the whole earth, the Church will remain until the Lord Jesus returns. In Sunday School this week, the children heard of Elijah and his lament to God that he was the only believer left in the world and that wicked Queen Jezebel was determined that even he be killed. But Elijah had not been left alone. In His faithfulness to His promises, God had and always will preserve a remnant, some number of those who still cling in faith to His Word. This is part of the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. Just as He calls, gathers, and enlightens the whole Christian Church on earth, He also keeps with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. For all the effort and energy the devil and the world put into silencing God's Word and completely eliminating Christ's Church from the earth, they cannot succeed. There is no promise of how big the Church on earth will be at any given time but the Church will endure. And though it may often seem as though the Church is shrinking and even dying, God will preserve the faithful as He continues to preserve His Word. None of us are alone as Christians. It may feel like it at times, but God is with His Church and with His children, preserving us and strengthening us so that we may be kept in the true faith now and forever.

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: Third Article

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

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

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 SEPTUAGESIMA

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 5:1-12	
② MONDAY	GENESIS 44:18—45:3 **	JOHN 7:25-31
③ TUESDAY	GENESIS 45:4-28	JOHN 7:32-36
④ WEDNESDAY	GENESIS 46:1-27	JOHN 7:37—8:1
⑤ THURSDAY	GENESIS 46:28—47:12	JOHN 8:2-12
⑥ FRIDAY	GENESIS 47:27—48:21	JOHN 8:13-20
⑦ SATURDAY	ISAIAH 58:3-9a	1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-16

**** MONDAY - THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD: LUKE 2:22-40**

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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: Adeline Ulmer (4), Elizabeth Meyers (6), Aimee Hendon (7).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Christina Null (1), Lyndsey Slade (6), David Ricks (7).
- Erica Ficken, Avery Redfearn, Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Diane Wardenburg, sister-in-law of Roberta Lowery, who is recovering from a fall and cellulitis even as she is preparing for shoulder surgery.
- Theo, Brad and Roberta’s grandson, who was able to return home from the hospital after recovering from RSV, but now has the flu.
- Marissa, a distant relative of the Ulmers, who was intubated and sedated in the ICU for as yet unknown reasons. Marissa is married and has three small children.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues:
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, Carol Long, Edith Wright, Ron Lane, Pete Kun.
- Those experiencing other challenges:
Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer, Trace.



THE LORD’S PRAYER

LUTHER’S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Sexagesima – February 8, 2026

Catechesis: Apostles’ Creed – Third Article

Hymns: 582, 823, 628, 683, 586, 865, 658

Readings: Isaiah 55:10-13; 2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9; Luke 8:4-15

