

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of Sexagesima

February 8 – February 14 AD 2026

What does Elisha mean when he refers to Elijah as “My father”? There wasn’t a family relation between the two. And don’t we only have one Father, God who created and redeemed us? That is certainly true. God the Father Almighty is the one, true Father. He is the source of our life and every good thing. But Elisha wasn’t denying that. Instead, Elisha was acknowledging that Elijah, acting in God’s stead, had given him life. Elijah had taught Elisha the Word of God. He taught Elisha to trust in the Messiah whom God had promised to send. He taught Elisha to call upon God in every trouble, to pray, to praise, and to give thanks. Elisha had sat at the feet of Elijah, eagerly learning God’s Word and being shaped and molded by that Word. It was God’s Word, to be sure, not Elijah’s. But in His mercy and wisdom, God gives us men like Elijah to teach us His Word. Elijah was to Elisha what your pastor is to you. He was called and appointed by God to speak God’s Word to Elisha and the rest of God’s people. It was God’s Word in Elijah’s mouth. Elisha was right to call Elijah his father, meaning his spiritual father, because Elijah had faithfully taught Elisha the Word of the true Father. If you have been blessed with a pastor who faithfully teaches you, then you are completely welcome to refer to him as “Father (whatever his last name is)”. It is a term of great respect and endearment. You are acknowledging and praising God for giving you a faithful pastor to teach you His Word. And what is the best way to give thanks to God for a faithful pastor? By listening to your pastor and giving heed to the word he speaks because it’s not his word but God’s. May our heavenly Father forgive us for the sake of Christ when we do not honor those who have been placed in spiritual authority over us and we pray that He would grant us His Holy Spirit so that we may receive faithful spiritual fathers with joy and honor our true Father by honoring and listening to them. 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 week.

The Ten Commandments: The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

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 SEXAGESIMA

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 5:13-20	
② MONDAY	GEN 49:1(2-27)28—50:14	JOHN 8:21-30
③ TUESDAY	GENESIS 50:15-26	JOHN 8:31-36
④ WEDNESDAY	EXODUS 1:1—2:10	JOHN 8:37-45
⑤ THURSDAY	EXODUS 2:11-25	JOHN 8:46-51
⑥ FRIDAY	EXODUS 3:1-17	JOHN 8:52-59
⑦ SATURDAY	EXODUS 24:8-18	2 PETER 1:16-21

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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 members and friends of our congregation who are serving in the military (and their families): Emma and Macarios Casanova (Army), Brandon Lowery (Navy), Ethan McCrillis (Marines), Ethan Sims (Air Force Reserves), Tristana Tiro (West Point Military Academy).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Kirk Swoverland (8), Xariyah Slade (9).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Alexander Rose (8), David Horn (11), Kaye Hartfield (13), Adeline Ulmer (14).
- 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, Gene Lane, Dony Reaves, Robin Wildauer, Charley Wildauer, Cristine Purcell, **Melanie Obehaus**, Edith Wright, Ron Lane, Pete Kun, Diane Wardenburg, Theo, Marissa.
- Those experiencing other challenges:
Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer, Trace.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Quinquagesima – February 15, 2026

Catechesis: The Ten Commandments: The Seventh Commandment

Hymns: 498, 849, 417, 620, 683, 659, 404

Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 18:31-43

