

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of Judica, The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22 – March 28 AD 2026

The apostle tells us that our citizenship is in heaven but we are still citizens of the neighborhood, city, state, and country in which we live. How are we to conduct ourselves as citizens in this world as Christians who yearn for our eternal fatherland? The prophet Daniel is a good example for us. A pious man of God who believed God's Word, Daniel lived among the unbelieving Babylonians who had carried God's people into exile. Read the book of Daniel and learn from his example. Thankfully, God's Word gives us many clear instructions which teach us how to honor those in authority in a God-pleasing way, even when our rulers are not Christians. This week we hear from both Christ and St. Paul that one of the ways to honor those in authority is to give to Caesar what is Caesar's. Well, what is Caesar's? One thing that rightfully belong to those in authority is obedience. We may not agree with a law, but so long as obedience doesn't involve disobeying God, then we are to honor them with our obedience. Another thing that we owe those in authority as those who give their full time to governing is our taxes. Taxes are how rulers put bread on the tables of their family and how they provide for those public goods from which we all benefit. And we are to do both of these willingly and with a cheerful heart because we know that it is pleasing in God's sight. God bless us that we may receive our rulers in faith as those through whom God will carry out His good and gracious will. God grant it for Christ's 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.

Table of Duties: Of Citizens (Matt. 22:21; Romans 13:5-7)

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's. Matthew 22:21

It is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: if you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Romans 13:5-7

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 JUDICA, LENT 5

① SUNDAY	JOHN 8:42-59	
② MONDAY	JOHN 12:1-11	DEUTERONOMY 15:7-11
③ TUESDAY	JOHN 12:12-26	PSALM 118:1-20
④ WEDNESDAY	JOHN 13:1-20 **	EXODUS 40:1-33
⑤ THURSDAY	JOHN 13:21-38	PSALM 41
⑥ FRIDAY	JOHN 17:1-26	HEBREWS 4:11-16
⑦ SATURDAY	ZECHARIAH 9:9-12	PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

**** THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD – LUKE 1:26-38**

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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

- 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).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Gil Daughtrey (28), Phyllis Martin (28).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: James Long (22), Sandra Traugott (26), Chloe Hackbart (28).
- Wedding anniversaries celebrated this week: Brad and Angela Perry, Stephen and Yadshiri Kieser.
- Erica Ficken, Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Those undergoing cancer treatments: Doug Drawe, Robin Wildauer, Randy Cooper, Leigh R., Cristine Purcell, Kyle, Bonnie Hennig.
- Those struggling with other health issues: JE Purcell, Dana Evans, Lindsay Penrose, Kristina Wishmeyer, Edith Wright, Dony Reaves, Rush, Ruth Pritchett.
- Those experiencing other challenges: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Palmarum, Passion Sunday - Palm Sunday – March 29, 2026

Catechesis: Table of Duties: Of Citizens (1 Tim 2:1-3; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-1)

Hymns: 442, (Kyrie Hymn, 945), 438, 450, 634, 334, 423, 440

Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26-27

