

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of Laetare, The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15 – March 21 AD 2026

Notice that when Dr. Luther asks “Which are these (the sins we should confess before our pastor)”, he points us to two places in the catechism at the same time. “Consider your place in life (vocation - Table of Duties) according to the Ten Commandments.” This is tremendously helpful as we examine our lives. Everything that we think, say, and do has to do with at least one of our vocations which we find listed out in the Table of Duties. In other words, everything we think, say, and do has to do with loving God and loving our neighbor. Do you know your places in life? Get out a piece of paper, open your Small Catechism to the Table of Duties, and write down the vocations God has placed you in and what duties or responsibilities are given to those vocations. It is also very helpful to write down by name the person or people to whom each of those vocations obligate you. Next read each of the commandments and find where in your vocations you have not loved God according to the First Table of the Law and where you have not loved each of those neighbors you listed according to the Second Table of the Law. This will help clarify what it is you ought to be doing, how exactly you have failed in your duties, as well as those things that the devil is trying to burden you with that actually aren't sin. And then go to your pastor at the invitation of your Savior, confess those sins, and then be filled with the peace of Christ as He absolves you of all your sins. God grant it for the sake of Jesus.

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: Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

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 LAETARE, LENT 4

① SUNDAY	JOHN 6:1-15	
② MONDAY	EXODUS 20:1-24(25-26)	JOHN 12:37-41
③ TUESDAY	EXODUS 23:20—24:18	JOHN 12:42-50
④ WEDNESDAY	MATTHEW 22:15-23	TITUS 3:3-7
⑤ THURSDAY	MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23	ROMANS 4:13-18
⑥ FRIDAY	JOHN 15:9-17	JEREMIAH 31:2-9
⑦ SATURDAY	EZEKIEL 37:1-14	ROMANS 8:1-11

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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.
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: John Ulmer (18), Connor Hendon (21), Mitchell Hendon (21).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Ellen Horn (15), Matthew Schwiesow (20), Lydia Mallon (21).
- Erica Ficken, Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Thanksgiving for healing for Mark, Charley Wildauer, and Jimmy Paul Long.
- Galen Dino, Matt Thibodeaux's uncle, who has been seriously ill and was hospitalized last week.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues:
Doug Drawe, Dana Evans, Kristina Wishmeyer, Lindsay Penrose, JE Purcell, Sarah Wickam, Randy Cooper, Leigh R., Kyle, Dony Reaves, Robin Wildauer, Cristine Purcell, Edith Wright, Rush, Bonnie Hennig.
- Those experiencing other challenges:
Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer, Trace.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Judica, The Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 22, 2026

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

Hymns: 557, (Kyrie Hymn, 945), 430, 450, 617, 440, 438, 424

Readings: Gen. 22:1-14; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 8:42-59

