

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of Oculi, The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8 – March 14 AD 2026

The answer to Dr. Luther’s question, “What sins should we confess” seems pretty obvious. We should confess all of them. And since we can’t know all of our sins, our confession before God as we pray is that He would mercifully forgive all of them, even those we are not aware of. In the Lord’s Prayer we don’t try to list out our sins. We simply ask God to forgive us our trespasses and by that we mean all of them because we are guilty of all sins. Of course, we can and should also ask God for forgiveness for those specific sins we are aware of and those that are troubling us. And though we don’t hear His voice, we know that our Heavenly Father has promised to forgive the sins of repentant sinners. He has said “Call upon Me in the day of trouble and I will deliver you.” But you know well that you often have sins that just sit on your conscience and trouble you even though you know that Jesus died and paid for those sins. The problem isn’t with God’s forgiveness. The problem is our own weakness and doubt and the devil’s relentless hounding. “Did God really say that your sins are forgiven? Are you sure about that one? It was pretty bad!” And so God has given you a pastor, one of His personally appointed ambassadors of reconciliation, and commanded him to speak into your ear “Yes, I forgive you these and all of your sins.” Going to hear those words “I forgive you” specifically in regard to those specific sins that are troubling us, is an act of faith which takes Jesus at His Word when He said, “Whoever’s sins you forgive they are forgiven.” In this way, Jesus lifts the weight of those sins so that you can say to the devil “Those sins belong to Jesus. He has forgiven them. Take your accusations up with him. Leave me alone.” Come. Confess. Because Jesus loves to forgive. 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: What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord’s Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

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

Psalms 38

HYMN OF THE MONTH

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCULI, LENT 3

① SUNDAY	LUKE 11:14-28	
② MONDAY	EXODUS 16:1-35	JOHN 12:1-8
③ TUESDAY	EXODUS 17:1-7	JOHN 12:9-11
④ WEDNESDAY	EXODUS 17:8-16	JOHN 12:12-19
⑤ THURSDAY	EXODUS 18:1-27	JOHN 12:20-26
⑥ FRIDAY	EXODUS 19:1-25	JOHN 12:27-36
⑦ SATURDAY	ISAIAH 42:14-21	EPHESIANS 5:8-14

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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: Brandon Lowery (8), Cheryl Wildauer (11), Lucy Schwiesow (13).
- Wedding anniversaries celebrated this week: Joe and Brianna Mallon (8), Ken and Gloria Lawrence (9).
- Erica Ficken, 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, Dony Reaves, Robin Wildauer, Charley Wildauer, Cristine Purcell, Edith Wright, Ron Lane, Rush, Bonnie Hennig, Jimmy Paul Long.
- Those experiencing other challenges:
Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer, Trace.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Laetare, The Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 15, 2026

Catechesis: Which are these?

Hymns: 906, (Kyrie Hymn, 945), 743, 440, 642, 557, 423, 918

Readings: Exodus 16:2-21; Galatians 4:21-31; John 6:1-15

