

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Sunday of the Passion

March 29 – April 4 AD 2026

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego found out that following God's Word and disobeying the sinful rulers can sometimes come at great personal cost. For their unwillingness to worship the image set up by King Nebuchadnezzar, they were cast into the fiery furnace. The wrath of unbelieving Caesar can sometimes burn very hot, especially when his authority and power are his idols and those who challenge it are exposing his idolatry. Jesus warned His Church that just as the world hated Him and was not content until He was dead, so the world would hate us and not be satisfied until we are removed from the earth. This week, we have before us the duties of citizens that urge us to pray for those who serve in government and to submit to them. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego certainly prayed for their king and their nation. They served faithfully in their stations as advisors in matters of the state. But they could no longer obey when Nebuchadnezzar stepped outside of the authority given to him, to demand worship of a false god. They would have rather suffered the burning of their bodies than to deny the true God through whom they had salvation and eternal life. May our Lord, who died for us, mercifully forgive us for those times when we have denied Him in order to avoid the wrath of the world. And may He strengthen us by His Holy Spirit to pray for and submit to the governing authorities and to disobey them when they call us to disobey the Lord. 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.

Table of Duties: Of Citizens (1 Tim, 2:1-3; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-14)

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior. 1 Tim. 2:1-3

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good. Titus 3:1

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 1 Peter 2:13-15

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 PALMARUM, SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 26:1—27:66	
② MONDAY	JOHN 18:1-27	LAMENTATIONS 3:19-33
③ TUESDAY	JOHN 18:28-40	ISAIAH 52:4-10
④ WEDNESDAY	JOHN 19:1-24	PSALM 22
⑤ THURSDAY	JOHN 13:1-17, 31b-35	1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-32
⑥ FRIDAY	JOHNN 19:25-42	ISAIAH 52:13-53:12
⑦ SATURDAY	MATTHEW 27:57-66	1 PETER 4:1-8

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 serving in synodical offices, especially Matthew Harrison, Synodical President; Jon Braunersreuther, Texas District President; Andrew Whaley, Circuit Visitor, and Ben Gonzales, Mission Strategist. Those serving as elected leaders at Faith Wylie: Gil Daughtrey, Michael Null, Stephen Kieser, Ken Lawrence, James Long, Tim Sheehan, Brad Lowery, James Rose, Jeff Ellis.
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Mike Wright (29), Kyler Mallon (31), Joseph Mallon (31).
- Emma Cassanova, Erica Ficken, Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Joe Krizan and his fiancée, Rylie, upon their engagement.
- Cristine Purcell in thanksgiving for a good medical report.
- Those undergoing cancer treatments: Doug Drawe, Dana Evans, Robin Wildauer, Randy Cooper, Leigh R., Cristine Purcell, Kyle, Bonnie Hennig.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues: JE Purcell, Lindsay Penrose, Kristina Wishmeyer, Edith Wright, Dony Reaves, Rush, Ruth Pritchett, Galen Dino.
- Those experiencing other challenges: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Resurrection of Our Lord – April 5, 2026

Catechesis: The Creed – Second Article

Hymns: 457, 458, pg. 155, 461 (stanzas. 1-4), 633, 487, 461 (stanzas 5-8)

Readings: Job 19:23-27; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; Mark 16:1-8

