

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of Jubilate - Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26 – May 2 AD 2026

Before us this week from the Table of Duties is “What Hearers Owe Their Pastors”, particularly the command of God that directs us to make sure that by our offerings the pastor whom our Lord has given us is supplied with the means by which to feed, clothe, and shelter his family. God has always insisted that His people, in thankfulness for their salvation and the multitude of God’s blessings, cheerfully and generously share a portion of their first fruits to support those who minister to them and for the upkeep and improvement of their place of worship. When we withhold our tithes, we are showing not only our unthankfulness to God who has provided our salvation, but we are also despising those through whom God delivers the means of grace. As with all of our good works, God doesn’t need our offerings for His personal use. Rather our neighbor does and that includes our pastor who gives his full time to caring for the flock God has entrusted to his care. May our merciful heavenly Father forgive us for begrudgingly withholding our first fruits so that we have more for ourselves and give us thankful and generous hearts to ensure that the Word of God continues to be preached to us and the generations who follow. 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: What Hearers Owe Their Pastors

The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. 1 Cor. 9:14

Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Gal. 6:6–7

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.” 1 Tim. 5:17–18

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 26:8 – Oh Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

PSALM OF THE MONTH

Psalm 33

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” (LSB 487)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUBILATE – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

① SUNDAY	JOHN 16:16-22	
② MONDAY	JOHN 14:1-6	ISAIAH 45:15-21
③ TUESDAY	JOHN 14:7-11	ISAIAH 45:22-25
④ WEDNESDAY	JOHN 14:12-18	ISAIAH 4:12-21
⑤ THURSDAY	JOHN 14:19-26	ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20
⑥ FRIDAY	JOHN 14:1-14	EPHESIANS 2:19-22
⑦ SATURDAY	ISAIAH 12:1-6	JAMES 1:16-21

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; 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: Kristie Messer (30), Elizabeth Meyers (May 1)
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Connor Hendon (May 2).
- Wedding Anniversaries celebrated this week: Matt and Tori Thibodeaux (27), Brad and Roberta Lowery (May 1).
- Emma Cassanova, Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Oleh Cholak, the Ulmers' godson, recovering from surgery.
- The Lowerys in thanksgiving for the safe birth of Grace Leigh, daughter of Mitchell and Erica Ficken, and in joyous anticipation of her upcoming rebirth through the saving waters of Holy Baptism.
- Doug Wall, friend of Greg Sims, whose health is declining.
- Those undergoing cancer treatments: Doug Drawe, Dana Evans, Robin Wildauer, Sarah Wickham, Leigh R., Cristine Purcell, Kyle, Bonnie Hennig, Sandra Zastrow, Randy Cooper.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues: JE Purcell, Kristina Wishmeyer, Edith Wright, Dony Reaves, Rush, Ruth Pritchett, Galen Dino, Lindsay Penrose, Stephanie, Will, Harrison, Reagan, Katrina.
- Those experiencing other challenges: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER



LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Cantate, The Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2026

Catechesis: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: What is Baptism? What is that word of God?

Hymns: 768, 556, Pg. 155, 492, 480, 573, 819

Readings: Isaiah 12:1-6; James 1:16-21; John 16:5-15