

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of Misericordias Domini - Third Sunday of Easter

April 19 – April 25 AD 2026

There is a great deal of evil all around us in this world. Nations rise up against nation. Neighbors seek their own advantage at the expense of those around them. Satan is constantly pressing the attack against Christ and His Church. Even our own flesh is constantly seeking to lead us into sin and shame and unbelief. In the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer, we pray that all of these evil wills be stopped among us and that only the good and gracious will of God would be done, just as it is done constantly in heaven. But we must be clear that the devil, the world, and our flesh will keep trying to do their works. That is why we, as the children of God, groan in this life. This is why we pray. The life of peace and joy and rest in God's presence that we long for is not ours yet. We remain surrounded by these enemies who long to consume us in the fires of eternal judgment. Our prayer is that God would give to us His Holy Spirit so we may resist our enemies, remain firm in the true faith, and walk the obedient life of faith. We are not strong enough to overcome these enemies. God alone is and has. This is why He has given us His holy Word so that we would not be deceived and fall into the traps that surround us. It is by His Word that the Holy Spirit keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die according to His good and gracious will.

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.

The Lord's Prayer: Third Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done? God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come, and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die.

This is His good and gracious will.

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 MISERICORDIAS DOMINI

① SUNDAY	LUKE 24:13-35	
② MONDAY	JOHN 4:43-54	1 JOHN 1:1-4
③ TUESDAY	JOHN 7:52-8:12	PSALM 36
④ WEDNESDAY	JOHN 8:12-30	1 JOHN 1:5—2:2
⑤ THURSDAY	JOHN 8:31-41	1 JOHN 2:3-11
⑥ FRIDAY	JOHN 8:42-59	1 JOHN 2:12-17
⑦ SATURDAY	ISAIAH 40:25-31*	1 PETER 2:11-20*

* ST. MARK, EVANGELIST: MARK 16:14-20; 2 TIMOTHY 4:5-18

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through 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 who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Pete Kun.
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Brandi Boeder (21), Matt Thibodeaux (22), Donovan Kieser (24).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Michael Wueller (21), Zacciah Slade (22).
- Wedding Anniversaries celebrated this week: Brandon and Rosa Lowery (10).
- Emma Cassanova, Erica Ficken, Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- 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, Reagan Armstrong.
- Those experiencing other challenges: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Jubilate – Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2026

Catechesis: Table of Duties: What Hearers Owe Their Pastors

Hymns: 482, 483, 818, Pg 155, 725, 488, 462

Readings: Isaiah 40:25-31; 1 Peter 2:11-20, John 16:16-22

