

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

July 19 – July 25 AD 2026

No one wants to be thought of poorly. When people talk about us, we want them to think and speak well of us. We don't want them to make fun of us or bring up our failings and mistakes and weaknesses. We want them to put us in the best light and show mercy on our shortcomings. A good reputation is a gift from God. Luther even includes it as something we pray for when we ask for daily bread. Luther writes in the Large Catechism of the Eighth Commandment "For it is intolerable to live among people in open shame and general contempt." And we are certainly hurt and angry when people tell lies about us or do something to damage our good name. So why do we do it to others? It is so easy to speak ill of other people. We think it makes us look better. We love to have something scandalous to say about others, whether we know them or not. What we insist upon from others we are quick to deprive them of. We gossip. We embellish. We mock. God gave us the Eighth Commandment precisely to protect the name and reputation of our neighbor. If we know of our neighbor's weakness, love demands that we conceal it unless we are in authority over them or are asked by someone who is. And even then, what we say is only as much as is needed to bring about our neighbor's good. Consider how our Lord has done this for us. Consider the evil that He could reveal about us. And He wouldn't have to lie. It would be true. And He is the judge who has authority over us. Yet He covers our sins and failings, not by remaining silent but by speaking His Word of forgiveness and cover our guilt with His own righteousness. God grant that we would show such mercy to one another and work diligently to uphold and protect our neighbor's good name.

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 Ten Commandments: The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

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

Matthew 5:17 – *[Jesus said] “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”*

PSALM OF THE MONTH

Psalm 119:97-104

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“These Are the Holy Ten Commands” (LSB 581)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
① SUNDAY	ACTS 15:22-41	1 SAMUEL 2:18-36
② MONDAY	ACTS 16:1-22	1 SAMUEL 3:1-21
③ TUESDAY	ACTS 16:23-40	1 SAMUEL 4:1-22
④ WEDNESDAY	ACTS 18:1-11, 23-28	1 SAMUEL 5:1—6:3, 10-16
⑤ THURSDAY	ACTS 19:1-22	1 SAMUEL 6:19—7:17
⑥ FRIDAY	ACTS 21:15-36	1 SAMUEL 8:1-22
⑦ SATURDAY	ACTS 21:37—22:16	1 SAMUEL 9:1-27

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; 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.
- We pray that our Heavenly Father would grant joy and faithfulness to the young adults of our congregation, blessing them as they begin families, continue their studies, and enter the workforce.
- Baptism birthdays celebrated this week: Amanda Curry, Mark Traugott.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Ruth Kun, Brad Lowery, Gil Daughtrey, Samuel Dorrell, Leland Gardner, Shad Reif, Gene Lane, Rebecca Shwiesow.
- All those attending the Synodical Convention this week that they would be granted safe travel and faithfulness in their service to Christ's people.
- Micah Wildauer, celebrating his ordination into the Holy Ministry 20 years ago this week.
- Emma Cassanova, Ellie Pollux, and Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Thanksgiving for healing given to Adeline Ulmer, John Ulmer, Lindsay Penrose, Katrina Burke, and Kristina Wishmeyer.
- Shelly Hennig-Hoffman and family as they mourn. Shelly's mother, Bonnie, fell asleep in Christ this past week.
- Those undergoing cancer treatments: Doug Drawe, Dana Evans, Robin Wildauer, Leigh R., Sandra Zastrow, Kyle, Randy Cooper.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues: JE Purcell, Dony Reaves, Stephanie, Tibor Kun, Diego Martinez, Joseph Horte, Will, Lance, Ina, Suzie, Mary, Adeline, Braden.
- Those experiencing other types of challenges: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer, Marc Schwiesow.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity, July 26, 2026

Catechesis: The Ninth Commandment

Hymns: 916, 745, 681, 625, 581, 523, 865, 861

Readings: Jeremiah 23:16-29; Acts 20:27-38; Matthew 7:15-23

