

FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

August 23 – August 29 AD 2026

Reading through the Second Article is like staring right into the heart and mind of God. The nature of God is seen most clearly in the Father sending His Son into our flesh to bear our sins and suffer God's wrath against them on the cross so that we would be spared eternal hell and instead take our place at our heavenly Father's table in His eternal kingdom. That is who God is and what defines everything God does. Though we deserve every ounce of His righteous anger, at no point did God ever desire our eternal judgment. From before the foundations of the world, God had already prepared the way of our salvation. He knew what it would cost Him and there wasn't an ounce of Him that wasn't willing to do what was necessary. He didn't begrudgingly save us. The Father gladly offered up His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. The Son gladly was conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary, endured temptation and persecution and ridicule and finally despised the shame of the cross because of His pure and perfect love for sinners. Knowing this as Holy Scripture so clearly lays out, what reason do we have to doubt the love of God or to imagine that perhaps He won't do what is good for us or fear as though the Blood of Jesus isn't sufficient to pay for all our sins and open the way to everlasting life? None, of course! Do not doubt what you see of God in your Savior Jesus Christ. There isn't another version of God that He's hiding from you. Nothing in God can contradict what you see in Jesus. Don't look at your sin. Don't look at the wickedness of the world. Look at Jesus, the Son of God, who shares in your humanity and who has died and risen and now sits at the right hand of the Father, your Father, ruling over all things both in heaven and on earth for you. God grant it for Jesus' 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.

The Creed: The Second Article: Redemption

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver; but with His holy, precious blood

and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives, and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

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

Romans 10:9 – If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

PSALM OF THE MONTH

Psalms 28

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“Our Father, Who From Heaven Above” (LSB 766)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

① SUNDAY	2 COR. 1:1-22	1 KINGS 3:1-15
② MONDAY	2 COR. 1:23—2:17	1 KINGS 5:1-18
③ TUESDAY	2 COR. 3:1-18	1 KINGS 7:51—8:21
④ WEDNESDAY	2 COR. 4:1-18	1 KINGS 8:22-30, 46-63
⑤ THURSDAY	2 COR. 5:1-21	1 KINGS 9:1-9; 10:1-13
⑥ FRIDAY	2 COR. 6:1-18	1 KINGS 11:1-26
⑦ SATURDAY	2 COR. 7:1-16	1 KINGS 11:42—12:19

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Connor Dysart (29).
- Baptism birthdays celebrated this week: Rebekah Schwiesow (24), Samuel Dorrell (25).
- Wedding anniversaries celebrated this week: Mark and Sandra Traugott (23), James and Amanda Rose (25).
- Emma Cassanova, Ellie Pollex, and Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Last week, our gracious Lord saw fit to call our brother in Christ, Ron Lane, out of this valley of sorrow and grant to Ron the crown of everlasting life. We pray that God would comfort our sister and Ron's beloved wife, Gene, and her family with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.
- 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, Mary, Braydon, Julie, Dakota, Mike Wright, Bonnie, Allan.
- Those experiencing other types of challenges: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer, Marc Schwiesow, Kevin.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, August 30, 2026

Catechesis: The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed

Hymns: 906, 683, 766, 625, 566, 857, 922 (Stz 1-4)

Readings: 2 Chronicles 28:8-15; Galatians 3:15-22; Luke 10:23-37

