FAITH IN THE WORD

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

For the week of The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity
November 15 – November 21 AD 2026

How often do you think about your Baptism? If most people are being honest the answer is probably "not very often". Most people don't know the date they were baptized. Do you? We go to incredible lengths to celebrate the day a person was born. And we should (though, perhaps not in the ways that people often do). It is good and right to celebrate and give thanks to God that in His mercy He created you, knit you together in your mother's womb, and continues to nourish and sustain you day by day. That is definitely a cause for rejoicing! But, as Jesus said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh." (John 3:6a) As we all know too well, our flesh is like the grass of the field - here today and gone tomorrow. Being born a human, as wonderful as it is, is still only a birth into death. "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psalm 51:5) Being born of your father and mother doesn't save you from the death of sin. But, praise be to God, there is a birth that does! In Holy Baptism dead sinners are born again of water and the Spirit and "that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." (John 3:6b) On the day you were baptized you were born from above by the will of God. You were saved! God gave you new, eternal life by washing you clean of the death of your sin and rescuing you from eternal judgment. Your baptism is an eternal gift from God Almighty, your Heavenly Father. Because of your Baptism, you are alive! You are filled with Christ's own life. And even though your body will close its eyes when you fall asleep in Christ, you will not be dead. Your soul will be with Christ and your body will await the resurrection to eternal life. "All that the mortal eye beholds is water as we pour it. Before the eye of faith unfolds the power of Jesus' merit." (LSB 406, stz. 7) So, remember and treasure your Baptism every day and the incredible blessings that you have through it.

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 Sacrament of Baptism - Second

What benefits does Baptism give?
It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?
Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

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
1 Peter 5:8 – *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

PSALM OF THE MONTH
Psalm 24

HYMN OF THE MONTH
"From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" (LSB 607)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

① NOV 15	JER. 30:1-24	MATT. 26:57-75
② NOV 16	JER. 31:1-17, 23-34	MATT. 27:1-10
③ NOV 17	JER. 33:1-22	MATT. 27:11-32
④ NOV 18	JER. 37:1-21	MATT. 27:33-56
⑤ NOV 19	JER. 38:1-28	MATT. 27:57-66
⑥ NOV 20	DAN. 1:1-21	MATT. 28:1-20
⑦ NOV 21	DAN. 2:1-23	REV. 18:1-24

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; 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, Dianna Lee.
- 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.
- Our Voters' Assembly, that all business of the church may be conducted in a wise and orderly fashion to the glory of God.
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Audrey Wueller (15).
- Morgan Blue, Brianna Mallon, Sam Sims, Jenna Swissler for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Those who are undergoing cancer treatments: Dana Evans, Robin Wildauer, Leigh R., Kyle, Randy Cooper, Connie Dammann.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues: JE Purcell, Dony Reaves, Tibor Kun, Mary, Pete Kun, Roy Rogers, Mercy Moranes, William Kieser, Braydon Ramsey, Chloe Hackbart.
- Those experiencing other types of challenges: Andrew Fischer, Marc Schwiesow, Kevin, John Pearson (Cora Pearson's father).

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Last Sunday of the Church Year, November 22, 2026
Catechesis: The Sacrament of Baptism – Third Part
Hymns: 509, 516, 337, 627, 607, 666, 515
Readings: Isaiah 65:17-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:1-13