

The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

October 20, 2024



Jesus said to him, “Go, your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way.

(John 4:50a ESV)

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Welcome to the Divine Service where the risen Christ comes into our midst to bring us the peace of His cross and empty tomb. We pray that the Lord would grant us His Holy Spirit that His Word would bear the fruits of faith in Christ and works of love toward our neighbor.

The Lord's Supper is a confession that we are united in holding to all the doctrines of God's Word. Those who do not know and hold to the doctrinal commitment of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are requested to attend the Adult Instruction Class for membership before communing at Faith Lutheran Church.

God Declares Us Righteous Unsheathing His Word Against All Evil

“Let there be light, and there was light” (Gen. 1:1—2:3). The Father speaks, and it is so. His Word accomplishes what it says. He created all things out of nothing through His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father's creative Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, that He might restore fallen creation and save fallen man. To the nobleman whose son was deathly ill, Jesus says, *“Go; your son will live”* (John 4:46—54). And in the very hour Jesus spoke, the nobleman's son was made well. The Word of Christ still accomplishes what it says. In baptism, absolution, and the Lord's Supper, He declares His life-giving forgiveness to you, and it is so. This saving Word of God is the sword of the Spirit by which you are able to fight off all the onslaughts of the devil (Eph. 6:10—17). *“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please remember to silence your cell phones during the Divine Service.)

Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Jeff and Patti Ellis in thanksgiving for their 46th wedding anniversary.

Mite Collection today!

Everyone is invited to Faith Lutheran School's (Plano) annual "Treat 'n Feast", Friday, October 25, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. This is a major fundraiser for the PTL and is a safe, Christian environment in which to dress up and have some fun. Invite your neighbors and friends. There will be games, inflatable bounce houses, delicious food, and lots of prizes and treats! A small entry fee of \$5.00 per person includes all the activities and games. Dinner and raffle tickets are a separate fee.

Reformation Fellowship! – Please plan to join in the fun at Faith Wylie's annual Reformation Celebration this Saturday, October 26, 4:30 – 8:30 p.m. If you've never attended, it's a great evening of food, games and crafts for the kids, a Reformation skit and a bonfire. This year we will have a Reformation themed costume contest for participants of all ages. Costumes can be period authentic or whimsical. We ask that you bring your favorite German food to share. Please see Angela Perry or Robin Hauth if you would like to volunteer to assist with the children's games or crafts, or have any new ideas for games, crafts or decorations for the event. We look forward to seeing you there. To bring a food item, you can sign up either on the sign-up sheet on the kitchen door or use the following link to sign up electronically: [Reformation Food Sign-up](#)

Plano Faith Lutheran Church's annual Jr. High Retreat (5-8th grade) is scheduled for Saturday, November 2, from 9:30-4:00. Rev. Kurt Ulmer will be presenting on *The Lord's Prayer*. There will be a study, games, and lots of food. Come join us! Please sign up by October 30 by using this link: <https://LordsPrayer2024.eventbrite.com>

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Rockwall will celebrate the Ordination and Installation of Executive Director Jaime Gonzalez and the Installation of Deaconesses Fabiana Gonzalez and Maria Barron on November 3, 2024

at 3:00 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3003 Horizon, Rockwall, 75032. All are invited.

A sign-up sheet is available for those who would like to volunteer for Nursery duty during the Sunday School hour.

The Women of Wylie (WoW) are still collecting cereal for the Amazing Grace Food Pantry in Wylie. Cereal is the #1 item that the pantry needs and can't keep it on the shelves. Please continue to utilize the cereal collection box in the narthex for your contributions.

What is it like to serve on a short-term mission trip to Belize? The Revs. Micah Wildauer and Weston Wildauer (Micah's cousin), along with Beverly Wildauer (Micah's aunt), join the Coffee Hour podcast on KFUD to share their stories. Please click the following link to listen anytime.
<https://www.kfuo.org/2024/10/16/coffee-hour-101624-short-term-mission-to-belize/>

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OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

Genesis 1:1 – "In the beginning God created ..." Many studies report that atheism is on the rise in our culture. The appeal of atheism is in the denial of a Creator. If the world just happens to exist, and we are just accidents that arose out of a long process of random, directionless evolution, then we get to make our own rules, and nobody has any right to tell us otherwise. However, if there is a Creator, then obviously He would know best, and we would do best, to follow His commands. Of course, we Christians know this Creator very well, and we have seen not only His power and commands, but also His grace and mercy in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS

SUNDAY 10/20/24	<i>Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School Hour
TUESDAY	9:00 AM – Women's Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	<i>St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Jesus and Martyr</i> 6:15 PM – Youth Catechesis
THURSDAY	10:30 AM – Men's Bible Study
FRIDAY	9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution 11:00 AM – Homeschool Group
SATURDAY	4:30 PM – Reformation Fellowship
SUNDAY 10/27/24	<i>The Festival of the Reformation (observed)</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School Hour

PRAYERS

- Those in our congregation who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves, Pete Kun.
- Birthdays celebrated this week – Autumn Reif, Levi Dickson, Brandi Boeder, Ann Sims.
- Wedding Anniversaries celebrated this week – Jeff and Patti Ellis, Walter and Robyn Steele.
- Dana Evans, Alissa's cousin, who is suffering from mouth cancer.
- Leah Savage, Brianna Mallon for protection of mother and child in pregnancy. (Psalm 139:13).
- Thanksgiving for a new job granted to Marc Schwiesow.
- Victims of recent natural disasters who are still dealing with the aftermath.

