

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity

November 17, 2024



**“For behold, the kingdom of God
is in the midst of you.”**

(Luke 17:21b ESV)

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

Faith Comes By Hearing the Word of Christ

"The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed" (Luke 17:20). You must use your ears and not your eyes. For God's kingdom in this world is one of faith, and faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ. The people of Israel, however, wanted to walk not by faith but by sight. When Moses delayed in coming down the mountain, they decided to make a visible god for themselves, the golden calf (Ex. 32:1). Upon such faithless and false worshipers God's judgment comes. Only on the Last Day will our faith be turned to sight. "For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man" (Matt. 24:27). The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, and He will gather His people to Himself, both the living and the dead. In a world in which our days are few and full of trouble (Job 14:1), let us comfort one another with these words of the resurrection and the coming of our Lord Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

We give thanks to God for the gift of the organ and we thank the many people who gave of their time and resources to obtain it and set it up, including Nathan Leicht, Rebekah Roundey, Greg Sims, Ken Lawrence, and Gil Daughtrey.

Mites today – For the same amount you might tip a barista at a coffee shop, you can support the spreading of the Gospel through mite offerings.

Voters' Meeting today! – All adult members of Faith Wylie are encouraged to attend today's Voters' Assembly beginning at 11:15. New members can take this opportunity to sign the Constitution and can begin voting at the next meeting. It is very important that all members participate in the decision-making process for the congregation so that all things are done in good order and unity is maintained in the body. Childcare will be available. Please make every effort to attend.

Thanksgiving Vespers Service at Faith, Plano on Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Please mark your calendars now to plan on spending a couple of hours helping to decorate the church and sanctuary for the beautiful season of the nativity of our Lord Jesus. Saturday, November 30 beginning at 10:00 a.m., we will need men, women, and children to help with the **Hanging of the Greens**.

Join the Women of Wylie on Friday, December 6, at 6:00 p.m. for the "Sounds of Christmas" party. If you have any questions about this annual fellowship for all Faith women, please contact Roberta Lowery. More information will be announced next week.

We have received the names of twelve children from Expansion Kids for this year's Christmas Angel Tree! The children are from families who live in low-income apartment complexes in Rockwall and Carrollton. Look for the Angel Tree in the narthex and prayerfully consider choosing one of the children's names to sponsor. Once you make your choice, simply take

the ornament with the corresponding envelope, and sign the sheet next to your child's name; then, return wrapped gifts for your chosen child to the church by Sunday, December 8.

Myths about Lutheranism series...Lutherans follow Martin Luther; Luther didn't go far enough; Lutherans don't have the Holy Spirit. Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, is doing a series with Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller on debunking popular myths about Lutheranism. You can listen at issuesetc.org/lutheranmyths.

If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Ulmer or send an email to faithlutheranwylie@gmail.com.

OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

1 Thessalonians 4:13 – “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.” Christians are different from unbelievers. Our trust in Christ changes us. Our hope in Christ means that we don't grieve in the same way that unbelievers grieve — we know what comes after death. We don't treat our time or money in the same way as unbelievers either. We start each week with a sacrifice of our time as we come to the Lord's house to hear His Word and receive His Sacraments. And we also cheerfully set aside a generous, first-fruits proportion of our income for the support of the Lord's work in His church. Our faith changes us and our actions ... we don't do anything as others do who have no hope.

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS

SUNDAY	<i>The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity</i>
<i>11/17/24</i>	9:30 AM – Divine Service
	11:15 AM – Voters' Assembly
TUESDAY	9:00 AM – Women's Bible Study
	11:00 AM – Circuit Winkle (Pastor)
	3:00 PM – Adult Catechesis
WEDNESDAY	6:15 PM – Youth Catechesis
THURSDAY	10:30 AM – Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY

11/24/24

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

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, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan.
- Thanks and praise to God for blessing us with a new organ.
- Thanksgiving that Timmy, friend of the Thibodeaux’s has fully recovered.
- Thanksgiving that Hannah and Thomas, grandchildren of Marlys Stangeland, have been released from the hospital and are recovering at home.
- Emma Cassanova, Brianna Mallon, and Renae Womack for protection of mother and child in pregnancy. (Psalm 139:13).
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues:
Dony Reaves, Chris Purcell, Connie Kimber, Ken Lawrence, Tula Sheehan, Christina Null, Devin Jackson, Doug Drawe, Gary Sakko, Deanna, Dan Kosteff, Jill, Dana Evans, Rush, Greg McClure.
- Those struggling with other ongoing needs:
Frank and Antonia, Matt, Michael.

Assisting in the Divine Service Today:

Elder – Gil Daughtrey

Altar: Robin Hauth

Adult Bible Class – Pastor Ulmer

Organist – Rebekah Roundey

Sunday School Superintendent – Amanda Curry

11/10/24 General Fund Offerings received: \$6,745.00

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$51.00

Weekly budget needed: \$4,642.80;

Budget year to date: deficit: **-\$2,524.15**

Calendar year to date: deficit: **-\$11,638.26**