

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 24, 2024



**Therefore keep watch,
because you do not know the
day or the hour.**

(Matthew 25:13 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.

By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ's Return

"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1 Thess. 5:1–11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. *"For you know neither the day nor the hour"* when the Son of Man is to return. (Matt. 25:1–13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is. 65:17–25).

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 the birthday of their son-in-law, Joshan.

We give thanks to God for Pastor Adler as he is graciously filling in to allow Pastor Ulmer and family to spend time with extended family.

Pies, cakes, and cookies are needed for the 37th Annual Wylie Christian Care Annual Bake Sale. Baked goods can be dropped off at the church on Tuesday, November 26 for delivery to the local bank location where the sale will take place on Wednesday, November 27. If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Lawrence at 972-442-0040.

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

Many hands make light work! 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. Invitations are being handed out with more details, but all women and girls are invited to attend. You can sign up for to bring a menu item; the sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex with the Angel Tree. Instead of a gift exchange, we are collecting books for the Belize Mission Preschool. If you have any questions about the party, please see Roberta Lowery.

Please set aside the time to join us this Advent for our Midweek Evening Prayer services at 7:00 p.m. on December 4, 11, and 18th. Our Midweek Advent sermon series will focus our attention on the words of the prophets concerning the days that are coming - the day of our Lord's Incarnation and the day of His final return. Let us set aside the time to gather together as God's people and meditate on His Word for, “behold, the days are coming.” A potluck supper at 6:00 will precede the service.

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 chosen child's name. **Thank you to everyone who has already chosen to sponsor a child.** Please remember that the wrapped gifts for your sponsored child must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 8th.

Please consider signing up to purchase a poinsettia from the Women of Wylie. These beautiful plants will be used to adorn the sanctuary this Christmas and then are yours to take with you to beautify your home. Each plant is \$14.00. *The deadline for purchase is Sunday, December 15.* Please look for the signup sheet in the narthex. Any questions may be directed to Sandra Traugott.

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

OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

I Thessalonians 5:8 – "But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation." Our salvation is secure in Christ: He has done it all to save us. Therefore, our hope is secure and our faith in Him is certain. And what goes with faith and hope? Love. Our good works of love flow forth from the certainty of our faith. Our giving back to the Lord's work comes from what He has first given us.

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS

SUNDAY 11/24/24	<i>The Last Sunday of the Church Year</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School Hour
TUESDAY	9:00 AM – Women's Bible Study
THURSDAY	7:00 PM – Thanksgiving Eve Vespers (Faith, Plano)
SATURDAY	10:00 AM – Hanging of the Greens
SUNDAY 12/1/24	<i>The First Sunday in Advent (Ad Te Levai)</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service

PRAYERS

- 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 Joshan Savage (police officer), Joe Krizan (firefighter and paramedic), Elisabeth Handgraaf, Will McCrillis, Jonah Underwood (paramedics).
- Emma Cassanova, Brianna Mallon, and Renae Womack for protection of mother and child in pregnancy. (Psalm 139:13).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Robyn Steele, Matt Thibodeaux, Brenna Hackbart
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Noah Horn-Martinez.
- Thanksgiving for all of the blessings we have been given as benefactors of God's grace and mercy through Jesus Christ.
- Tula Sheehan who had a successful blood transfusion this past week.
- Tim Sheehan who underwent a knee replacement this week.
- Gaye, Sandra Traugott's cousin, who was cancer free for several years but is now experiencing a return of breast cancer.

