

# The First Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2024



**“Lord, now you are letting  
your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word.”**

**(Luke 2:29 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.

## ***The Seed of David Comes to His Temple***

A Rod has come forth from the stem of Jesse (Is. 11:1–5)—the Seed of David whose kingdom shall be established forever (2 Sam. 7:1–16). In the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son Jesus to redeem us from the judgment of the Law (Gal. 4:1–7). Now He is presented in the temple in fulfillment of the Law and revealed to be “*a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel*” (Luke 2:22–40). Christ has enlightened us in baptism, giving us to be adopted as sons of God and heirs of eternal life. Receiving the Holy Sacrament of His body and blood, we are prepared to depart this world in peace, for our eyes have seen the salvation of God in Him.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Please join us on December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. as we celebrate the Eve of the Circumcision and Naming of Jesus** and meditate on the mercy of the one who from infancy was doing all things necessary for our salvation.

**Please be sure and set aside time on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** as we gather to celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord who is revealed as the Savior of all people, Jews and Gentiles.

**On Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, we will install all newly elected and re-elected officers of the congregation.** We will also be installing all those who will be serving on the Altar Guild. All those who will be installed that day are asked to be sure to be in attendance.

**The Altar Guild** signup sheet for 2025 is available in the narthex. Volunteers will be trained for this valuable service to the congregation. Teams are welcome so feel free to co-serve if desired. Please contact Gail Sellers for more information.

**Study God's Word in 2025...** Here's a simple way to study God's Word. The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily, 15-minute, verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon is currently leading a study on the Book of Psalms. You can listen at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider. You can also listen by phone at 1 (618) 262-0078.

**Please note the new 2025 Flower Chart** which is now available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Everyone is encouraged to reserve a spot for celebrating baptismal birthdays, wedding anniversaries, birthdays, or other significant dates by beautifying the altar on those special dates. This is a wonderful way to acknowledge the special people and events in your life while at the same time beautifying the Lord's house. At this time, the flowers are still only \$25.00 for one vase (or \$50.00 if no one else signs up for that Sunday). If you have any questions about providing flowers, you may email the church office or contact Sandra Traugott. (Church: [faithlutheranwylie@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheranwylie@gmail.com))

If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Ulmer or send an email to [faithlutheranwylie@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheranwylie@gmail.com).

## OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

**Luke 2:38** – “And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.” Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus, in this case). Thankfulness toward God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say and do?

## UPCOMING WEEK’S EVENTS

<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>12/29/24</i>	<i>The First Sunday after Christmas</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<i>Eve of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus</i> 7:00 PM – Divine Service
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<i>Circumcision and Name of Jesus</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>01/05/25</i>	<i>The Second Sunday after Christmas</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Family Bible Class

## PRAYERS

- Those serving in synodical offices, especially Matthew Harrison, Synodical President; Michael Newman, Texas District President; Andrew Whaley, Circuit Visitor, and Ben Gonzales, Mission Strategist. Those serving as elected leaders at Faith Wylie: Gil Daughtrey, Michael Null, Matt Dickson, Ken Lawrence, James Long, Tim Sheehan, Brad Lowery, James Rose, Brian Hendon, Gil Daughtrey.
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Donovan Cawood, Lance Dorrell.

- Thanksgiving that Pastor Heath has accepted the call to serve as Associate Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Plano.
- The family of Deborah Frick (wife of Rev. Michael Frick-former associate pastor of Faith Lutheran Church), who died in Christ on December 17.
- Rev. Brandon Koble as he considers a call from Faith Plano to serve as Headmaster of the school.
- Tim Sheehan, in thanksgiving for successful eye and knee surgeries, and for continued healing as he recovers.
- Sherry, Roberta Lowery's sister, who has been hospitalized with an autoimmune disease.
- Emma Casanova and Brianna Mallon 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, Dana Evans, Rush, Greg McClure, Tim Sheehan, Gaye, Sharon, Georgette Walter, Dan Kostoff, Rachel Preuss, Jill, Ninette DeYoung, Kristina Wishmeyer.
- Those struggling with other ongoing needs:  
Frank and Antonia, Matt, Michael.

**Assisting in the Divine Service Today:**

Elder – James Rose

Altar: Gail Sellers

Organist – Rebekah Roundey

12/22/24 General Fund Offerings received: \$3,088.62

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$20.00

Weekly budget needed: \$4,642.80;

Budget year to date: **deficit: -\$1,185.83**

**Calendar year to date: deficit: - \$10,299.94**