

The Second Sunday after Christmas

January 5, 2025



This was to fulfill what the
Lord had spoken by the
prophet, “Out of Egypt I called
my son.”

(Matthew 2:15b 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.

Jesus Is the Perfect Israel

Israel and all his family went and dwelt in Egypt (Gen. 46:1–7). God made a great nation of him there, but that nation would prove unfaithful to the Lord. Therefore, the New Israel came. In fleeing the murderous Herod, our young Lord goes to Egypt (Matt. 2:13–23), that the prophecy might be fulfilled, “*Out of Egypt I called my Son*” (Hos. 11:1). Jesus brings to perfection what old Israel could not. He is the faithful Israel, the embodiment of the people of God. He offers His perfect and holy life in place of our own. He submits Himself to persecution and suffering in order to save us. Therefore, we should not think it strange when we who are in Christ experience trials because of the faith (1 Pet. 4:12–19). Rather, we rejoice to share in Christ's sufferings, knowing that we will also share in His glory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Please be sure and set aside time tomorrow, January 6th 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.

Missionary Offering today!

Altar Guild Training – Both new and current members of the Altar Guild are asked to attend a training workshop on January 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 12th, 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.

Save the date! On Saturday, February 22, at 6:00 p.m., Faith Lutheran School Plano will host an evening of good-old fashioned fun, fellowship, and fundraising. It's the "February Fling"! The event will feature a BBQ dinner, live music by the Uptown Drifters, dancing, drawings, door prizes, and more. Tickets will go on sale soon so stay tuned for more information.

Expert guests, expansive topics, extolling Christ... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Promises of God, The Top Biblical Archeological Discoveries of 2024, Eastern Orthodoxy, the Book of Lamentations and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](https://www.issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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)

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

OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

Genesis 46:1 – “So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.” Every sacrifice in the Old Testament pointed forward to the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus upon the cross. That is the one sacrifice for sin. But the New Testament tells us to offer sacrifices as well: sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving, and even to present our very bodies and selves as “living sacrifices” to the Lord.

UPCOMING WEEK’S EVENTS

SUNDAY 01/05/25	<i>The Second Sunday after Christmas</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Family Bible Class 12:00 PM – Remove Christmas Decorations
MONDAY	7:00 PM – Epiphany Divine Service
TUESDAY	9:00 AM – Women’s Bible Study 3:00 PM – Adult Catechesis 6:30 PM – Board of Elders’ Meeting
WEDNESDAY	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 – Women of Wylie Meeting
SATURDAY	10:00 am – Altar Guild Training Workshop
SUNDAY 01/12/25	<i>The Baptism of our Lord</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Family Bible Class

PRAYERS

- All those serving as missionaries around the world, especially Pastor Wildauer and Pastor Steele and their families.
- Sherri Burke, (Brad Lowery's sister) who is critically ill with an autoimmune disease and continues to be in and out of the hospital.
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Whitney Wueller.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Brianna Mallon, Elaine Graff.
- Wedding anniversaries celebrated this week: Donovan and Nancy Cawood.
- Emma Casanova, Susan Dickson, 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 – Brad Lowery

Altar: Roberta Lowery

Organist – Rebekah Roundey

12/29/24 General Fund Offerings received: \$5,370.50

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$20.00

Weekly budget needed: \$4,642.80;

Budget year to date: **deficit: -\$458.13**

Calendar year to date: deficit: - \$9,572.24