

# The Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025



**And behold, a voice from  
heaven said, “This is my  
beloved Son, with whom I am  
well pleased.”**

**(Matthew 3:17 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.

## ***In His Baptism, Jesus Takes His Place with Sinners***

Our Lord Jesus is baptized "*to fulfill all righteousness*" (Matt. 3:13–17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in "*Christ Jesus, who became to us ...righteousness and sanctification and redemption*" (1 Cor. 1:26–31). Jesus is the "*chosen*" One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death (Is. 42:1–7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the promised land of new life with God.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**During the Divine Service this morning, we will install all newly elected and re-elected officers of the congregation.** We will also be installing all those who are current and new members serving on the Altar Guild.

**Bible and Brews meets this month on January 18<sup>th</sup>** at the home of James and Amanda Rose. We will meet at 4:30 for dinner, followed by our study. Men, please make plans to join us!

**After a little break for the busy holidays,** our Fellowship Lunches will begin again next Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Divine Service. Please bring a food item to share and join in a special time of fellowship!

**Men's Retreat** – Men and boys of high school age, please join with the men of Faith Plano on February 14-15 at Camp Shiloh in Pittsburg, TX for our annual Men's Retreat. Our speaker this year is Dr. Jordan Cooper. He will be presenting on the topic, Union with Christ Foundation for a Fully Formed Lutheran Spirituality. You can sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/MoFRetreat2025>. Registration cost this year is \$65. For more information, contact Marc Gaieton, at 757-685-2582.

**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 January 19. For more information you may contact Andrea Bitunjac at [abitunjac@flsplano.org](mailto:abitunjac@flsplano.org).

**Educating a new generation of Lutherans...** 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 teachings include: The Bible & Other Religious Writings; The Small-Town Lutheran Church & Pastor; Church Discipline; Roman Catholic Indulgences and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://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. 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**

**Matthew 3:15 – “But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’”** Fulfilling all righteousness is not a task we are up to. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus’ life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

### **UPCOMING WEEK’S EVENTS**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<i>The Baptism of our Lord</i>
<i>01/12/25</i>	9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Family Bible Class
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:00 AM – Women’s Bible Study 4:00 PM – Adult Catechesis
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:15 PM – Youth Catechesis
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10:30 AM – Men’s Bible Study 7:00 PM – Church Council Meeting
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<i>The Confession of St. Peter</i> 4:30 PM - Bible and Brews

**SUNDAY**                    *Second Sunday after the Epiphany*  
                                      *Sanctity of Life Sunday*  
*01/19/25*                    9:30 AM – Divine Service  
                                      11:15 AM – Family Bible Class  
                                      12:30 PM – Fellowship Lunch

### **PRAYERS**

- Those members and friends of our congregation who are serving in the military (and their families): Emma and Macarios Casanova (Army), Thomas Kun (Air Force), Brandon Lowery (Navy), Ethan McCrillis (Marines), Ethan Sims (Air Force Reserves).
- Thanksgiving for an improvement in health for Sharon (Sandra Traugott's cousin).
- Sherry Burke, (Brad Lowery's sister) who is hospitalized with pneumonia.
- Gail Sellers in thanksgiving for good test results.
- Connie Kimber who was hospitalized this past week.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Melanie Obenhaus and Lyndsey Slade.
- 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, Greg McClure, Tim Sheehan, Georgette Walter, Dan Kostoff, Rachel Preuss, Jill, Ninette DeYoung, Kristina Wishmeyer, Gaye.
- 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

1/5/25 General Fund Offerings received: \$4,991.25

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$147.00

Weekly budget needed: \$4,642.80;

Budget year to date: **deficit: -\$109.68**

Calendar year to date: **surplus: \$348.45**