

# The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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**You have kept the good wine  
until now.**

**(John 2:10b 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.

## ***Jesus' First Miracle Reveals God's Glory***

The coming of the Messianic kingdom means the restoration of creation. The sign of this restoration is that *"the mountains shall drip sweet wine"* (Amos 9:11–15). When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to restore creation and miraculously changes water into an abundance of the very best wine (John 2:1–11). With this sign, Christ manifests His glory. The *"back"* of God (Ex. 33:12–23) is revealed to those who believe. The hour will come when Jesus will again manifest His glory by taking creation's curse into His own body to release us from its power. The Bridegroom will give His life for the Bride (Eph. 5:22–32), and from His side will flow water and blood, the holy sacraments by which she is cleansed and made one with Him. Through this sacrificial love of Christ we are enabled to *"love one another with brotherly affection . . ."* and to *"outdo one another in showing honor"* (Rom. 12:6–16).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Life Sunday – As children of the God of life**, we rejoice to uphold and defend life. Visit Lutherans for Life (<https://lutheransforlife.org/>) to learn about ways you can be an ambassador for life in our community.

**Mite Sunday today!**

**After a little break for the busy holidays**, our Fellowship Lunches will begin again today 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 us 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 go on sale today and are \$45 per person or \$80 per couple. Funds raised at this event are designated for much-needed technology improvements, including the purchase of laptops for the school’s mobile laptop cart and a full upgrade of the church and school Wi-Fi network, as well as tuition assistance to make classical Lutheran education accessible for more students. For more information and to purchase tickets, you may access <https://faithlutheranplano.schoolauction.net/februaryfling>. For more information, contact Andrea Bitunjac at [abitunjac@flsplano.org](mailto:abitunjac@flsplano.org).

**Live daily Lutheran chapel service** ... You can listen to a live chapel service weekdays from Concordia Theological Seminary–Fort Wayne, IN. Lutheran Talk Radio streams Morning Chapel from Kramer Chapel at 9 a.m. Central Mondays through Fridays. You can listen at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org).

Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn or the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

**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**

**John 2:5 – “His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever He tells you.’”** What must Mary have thought when Jesus replied, “What does this have to do with Me?” But she knew this: whatever her Son said to do would be a blessing, so she knows what advice to give to the servants: Do whatever He tells you! That’s still good advice for us in every aspect of our lives — including in our generosity toward the Lord’s work in the church.

### **UPCOMING WEEK’S EVENTS**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<i>The Second Sunday after the Epiphany</i>
<i>01/19/25</i>	<i>Sanctity of Life Sunday</i>
	9:30 AM – Divine Service
	11:15 AM – Family Bible Class
	12:30 PM – Fellowship Lunch
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:00 AM – Women’s Bible Study
	10:30 AM – Circuit Winkle (Pastor)
	3:00 PM – Adult Catechesis
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:15 PM – Youth Catechesis
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10:30 AM – Men’s Bible Study

<b>FRIDAY</b>	<i>St. Timothy</i> 9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<i>The Conversion of St. Paul</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<i>The Third Sunday after the Epiphany</i>
01/26/25	<i>St. Titus</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Family Bible Class

### PRAYERS

- Those in our congregation who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan.
- Ken Lawrence in thanksgiving for hip and back healing that the Lord has granted and the lessening of pain and discomfort in recent weeks.
- Sherry Burke, (Brad Lowery’s sister) who continues to be hospitalized in serious condition.
- Thanksgiving for good test results for Chris Purcell.
- Brandon Rhodes (Konnie Rhodes’ son), who is suffering from recently diagnosed liver disease.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Ken Lawrence.
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Brianna Mallon, Brenna Hackbart, 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, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan, Christina Null, Devin Jackson, Doug Drawe, Gary Sakko, Deanna, Dana Evans, Greg McClure, 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

1/12/25 General Fund Offerings received: \$4,486.50

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$211.00

Weekly budget needed: \$4,642.80;

Budget year to date: deficit: **-\$265.98**

Calendar year to date: surplus: **\$192.15**