

# The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord

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

**(Luke 2:29 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.

## ***God Gives the Gift of a Child to Destroy Death***

The Lord opened the barren womb of Hannah and gave her the gift of the son for whom she prayed, and in grateful response she presented and gave the child, Samuel, to the Lord's service. *"As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD"* (1 Sam. 2:28). So, too, did Mary and Joseph present the Child promised from the fall, born of a virgin's womb. The true offering wasn't the turtledoves or young pigeons. It was the Child they carried. This Child has come to *"destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery"* (Heb. 2:14b-15). Set free by His advent in our flesh and the promise of what He would do *"in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people"* (Heb. 2:17b), Simeon and Anna rejoiced, and we with them, for we know that we, too, can face death unafraid and *"depart in peace"* (Luke 2:29) when our time comes.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Rev. Timothy Heath will be installed as the Associate Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Plano**, on Saturday, February 8, at 11:00 a.m. There will be a light luncheon after the service. Please RSVP for the meal at [Faith Plano Rev Heath Installation](#).

### **Missionary Offering today!**

**WoW Cookie Sale**, Sunday, February 9, before and after the Divine Service. The cost is \$10 for a baker's dozen (13 count). Collected funds will go toward projects in and for the church.

**WoW Valentine luncheon:** All ladies are invited to enjoy a Women of Wylie meal and fellowship on Friday, February 14, at 11:30 a.m. at Frankie's Mexican Restaurant, Downtown Wylie. Please let Roberta Lowery know if you can attend so she can get a good headcount.

**Zelle has recently added features** that now allow us to view what is on the MEMO line of the transaction. This will allow us to expand and include Restricted Fund giving via Zelle. A full list of all current restricted fund accounts is posted on the bulletin board next to the water coolers. Going forward, please specify the account name in the memo line on all Zelle contributions. This will ensure that your offerings are placed in the proper fund. Failure to do so will result in the donation defaulting to the General Fund.

**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.

**Planning Meeting February 22: All are invited and encouraged to attend as we discuss activities and projects for the upcoming year.** Boards and committees are to bring their proposed activities and projects for

consideration and discussion. Suggestions can also be given to either elders or council members.

**Tickets are now on sale for the February Fling at Faith Lutheran Church and School on February 22.** Please plan to attend this special evening of fellowship and fundraising. Childcare will be provided onsite. There are a limited number of spaces available for children ages 3 and up. The cost is \$10 per child. Contact the school office to register your child by Friday, February 14. For more information and to purchase tickets, access: <https://faithlutheranplano.schoolauction.net/februaryfling/>.

**Eastern orthodoxy series...** How is Confessional Lutheranism similar and different to Eastern Orthodoxy? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, is doing a series on Eastern Orthodoxy with LCMS Pastor Joshua Schooping. Pastor Schooping is a former Eastern Orthodox priest. You can listen to this series on-demand at [issuesetc.org/easternorthodoxy](http://issuesetc.org/easternorthodoxy).

**Please note the new 2025 Flower Chart** is 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.

**The newest “Meditations” (March 3 – May 31)** can be found on the long table in the narthex. Pick one up today.

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

## HELPING HANDS

**A dining table with six chairs** and a tall China cabinet are available free to a good home. If interested, please see Pastor Ulmer.

## OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

**Luke 2:24 – “[They went] to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.’”** Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God gives us the pattern of proportional giving. If you look at Leviticus 12, you’ll see that the sacrifice for purification was

either a lamb or a pair of birds if the family had no means to buy a lamb. God calls us to give in proportion to how He has blessed us — and of course Jesus sets the pattern by giving not only a portion, but His all.

### **UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 02/2/25	<i>The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of our Lord</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School / Bible Class
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:00 AM – Women’s Bible Study 3:00 PM – Adult Catechesis
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:15 PM – Youth Catechesis
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10:30 AM – Plano Study Group (Pastor) 6:30 PM – Elders’ Meeting
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution
<b>SATURDAY</b>	11:00 AM – Installation Service (Faith, Plano) 4:30 PM – Bible and Brews (at the church)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 02/09/25	<i>The Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School / Bible Class

### **PRAYERS**

- All those serving as missionaries around the world, especially Pastor Wildauer and Pastor Steele and their families.
- Pastor Timmothy Heath who will be installed as Associate Pastor at Faith Plano on Saturday morning, February 8.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Adeline Ulmer, Elizabeth Meyers, Aimee Hendon, Xariyah Slade.
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Lyndsey Slade, Alexander Rose.
- 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, Sherry Burke, Brandon Rhodes, Renee.
- Those struggling with other ongoing needs:  
Frank and Antonia, Matt, Michael.

**Assisting in the Divine Service Today:**

Elder – Brian Hendon

Altar: Robin Hauth/Aimee Hendon

Organist – Rebekah Roundey

1/26/25 General Fund Offerings received: \$2,385.00

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$225.00

Weekly budget needed: \$4,642.80;

Budget year to date: **deficit: -\$4,385.58**

Calendar year to date: **deficit: -\$3,921.45**