

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 9, 2025



“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him.”

(Matthew 17:5b 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 Transfigured and Manifests His Glory

The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush (Ex. 3:1–14). Later Moses' face would shine with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai (Ex. 34:29–35). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light Himself (Matt. 17:1–9). Jesus' glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Pet. 1:16–21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father, and He wonderfully foreshadowed our adoption as sons (Collect). We who have been baptized into Christ's body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WoW Cookie Sale TODAY!! Before and after the Divine Service, cookies will be on sale. 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.

Giving statements that were not picked up were mailed last week. If you didn't receive a statement and need one, please contact James Long or email the church office (faithlutheranwylie@gmail.com).

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, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: 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.

This is the last day tickets are on sale for the February Fling to be held at Faith Lutheran Church and School, Plano, 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/>.

The church February calendar was emailed to members last week. If you didn't receive the email, please contact the church office via email.

Women of Faith, mark your calendars to join us on March 7 & 8 for our Women's Retreat at Springhill Retreat Center in Richardson. We will be considering the topic of "Prayer in our Vocations". More information will be coming soon.

If you have moved or have a new telephone number or email address, please contact the church office so we have your most recent contact information. An update to the October 2023 directory is planned sometime during the late summer.

The promises of God in Scripture Series... How do you know if a promise in the Bible is for you? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, is doing a series on The Promises of God with Pastor Will Weedon of "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever." You can listen to this at issuesetc.org/godspromises.

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

OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

Matthew 17:8 – "And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only." Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, and speak about Jesus and His sacrifice, and then they are happy to fade into the background. They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives comes into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

Or as Jesus Himself said, “Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you.”

UPCOMING WEEK’S EVENTS

SUNDAY <i>02/09/25</i>	<i>The Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> WoW Cookie Sale 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School / Bible Class
TUESDAY	9:00 AM – Women’s Bible Study 4:00 PM – Adult Catechesis
WEDNESDAY	6:15 PM – Youth Catechesis
THURSDAY	10:30 AM – Men’s Bible Study 7:00 PM – Church Council
FRIDAY	9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution 11:30 AM – WoW Luncheon 7:00 PM – Faith Plano-Hosted Men’s Retreat through
SATURDAY	12:00 PM
SUNDAY <i>02/16/25</i>	<i>Septuagesima</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School / 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).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: David Horn, Kaye Hartfield, Adeline Ulmer.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Xariyah Slade, Matthew Dickson.
- 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, Todd Hauth, Cathy Miksch.
- Those struggling with other ongoing needs:
Frank and Antonia, Matt, Michael.

Assisting in the Divine Service Today:

Elder – Brian Hendon

Altar: Aimee Hendon/Robin Hauth

Organist – Rebekah Roundey

2/2/25 General Fund Offerings received: \$4,844.00

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$132.55

Weekly budget needed: \$4,642.80;

Budget year to date: **deficit: -\$4,178.38**

Calendar year to date: **deficit: -\$3,720.25**