

Misericordias Domini

The Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025



**“I am the good shepherd. I
know my own and my own
know me. I lay down my life
for the sheep.”**

(John 10:14, 15b ESV)

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

615 Parker Road

Wylie, TX 75098

972-461-2777

Kurt A. Ulmer, Pastor

Church website: <https://www.faithlutheranwylie.org>

Church email: faithlutheranwylie@gmail.com

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.

The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of Baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). *“For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls”* (1 Peter 2:25).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

We give thanks to God for Pastor Adler as he is graciously filling in to allow Pastor Ulmer and family to spend time with extended family.

Mission Offering today to help support Rev. Walter Steele and Rev. Micah Wildauer and their families.

The newest edition of the Meditations Devotional booklets are available in the narthex, both regular and large print.

Mother/Daughter Pot-Luck Brunch, Saturday, May 10, 11:00 a.m. More details to come this week via email.

Voters' Assembly! The regular bi-annual Voters' Meeting is scheduled for May 18. Please plan to attend. The primary item of discussion will be the upcoming year's budget.

Faith Lutheran School invites you to meet authors Katie Schuermann and Christine Elliott Rivers as they launch their latest novels. Mrs. Schuermann and Mrs. Rivers have been working with the Lutheran publisher Kloria to create fiction inspired by the Lutheran Confessions for school-aged children and families. All are welcome to join us for a reading and book signing in the school cafeteria at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21 at 1701 E. Park Blvd., Plano, Texas. For more information please go to katieschuermann.com or christineelliotttrivers.com.

As you plan your summer activities, please keep in mind Vacation Bible School at Faith Plano. VBS will be June 16 – 20 from 9:00 - 12:00 each day. Preschool - 6th grade students are invited to attend. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help. Any questions please contact Mina McDonald at mmcdonald1219@gmail.com.

Sanctifying your yard work with the Word of God... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent subjects include: The Office of the Papacy in the Lutheran Confessions, The Easter Hymn "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done," The TV Series "Adolescence," Women in

the Military and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider. You can also tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis.

OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

John 10:14 – “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.” What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord’s grace.

UPCOMING WEEK’S EVENTS

SUNDAY 05/4/25	<i>Misericordias Domini, The Third Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School Hour
TUESDAY	9:30 AM – Women’s Bible Study 6:30 PM – Elders’ Meeting
FRIDAY	9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution
SATURDAY	11:00 AM – Mother/Daughter Brunch
SUNDAY 05/11/25	<i>Jubilate, The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School Hour

PRAYERS

- All those serving as missionaries around the world, especially Pastor Wildauer and Pastor Steele and their families.
- Gloria Lawrence in thanksgiving for a successful test procedure and favorable test results.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Winston Tiro, Joseph Mallon.
- Wedding anniversaries celebrated this week: Allan and Cassandra Tiro.

- The Dan Kosteff family as they mourn his passing last Sunday afternoon.
- Georgette Walker, as she recovers from stem cell replacement.
- Connie Dammann, who had brain surgery this past week.
- Pastor Ulmer and family as they travel.
- Susan Dickson, Amanda Needham, Rachel Rojas, and Mariah Scholz for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues:
Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Doug Drawe, Deanna, Dana Evans, Jill, Kristina Wishmeyer, Brandon Rhodes, Gaye, JE Purcell, Gene Obenhaus.
- Those struggling with other ongoing needs:
Frank and Antonia, Matt, Michael, Greg.

Assisting in the Divine Service Today:

Elder – Brad Lowery

Altar: Roberta Lowery

Music: Rebekah Roundey

4/27/25 General Fund Offerings received: \$3,559.00

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$0.00

Weekly budget needed: \$4,642.80;

Budget year to date: **deficit: - \$416.08**

Calendar year to date: **surplus: \$42.05**