

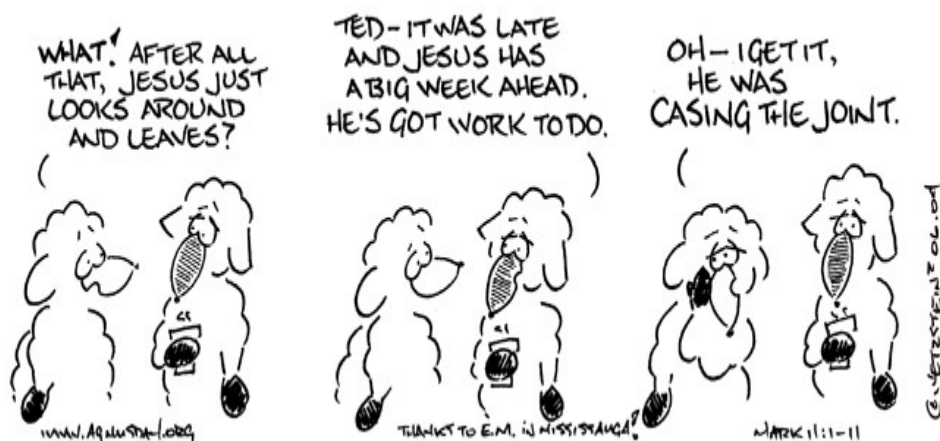
Statistics

November 26 Attendance 70
November 26 Offering \$2,132.00

Those Assisting Us Today

Elder..... Don Warsaw
Altar Guild Deb Lammle and Shirley Sprau
Organist Alicia Haggin
Lay Reader..... Marsha Warsaw

Agnus Day



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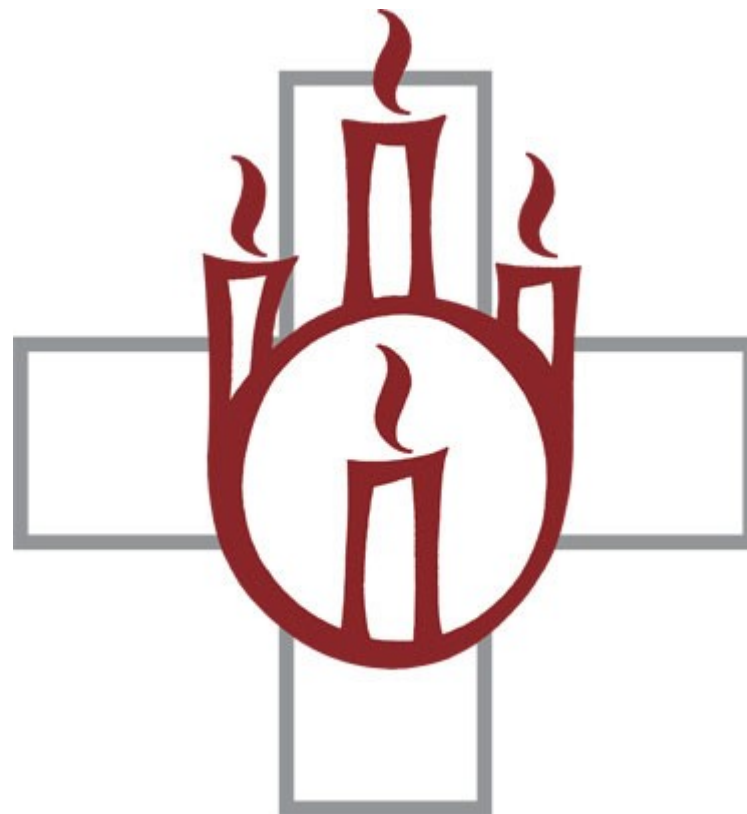
If you have announcements for the weekly Bulletin, please forward those to Linda Warsaw by **NOON on Wednesdays**. You may contact her by email at secretary@osmanlutheran.org or by phone at **309-828-5883**. Thank you!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

First Sunday in Advent

December 3, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.



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Welcome in Jesus' Name

Lutherans believe that Jesus Christ is present in the Sacrament so that we receive His true body and blood along with the bread and wine (Mark 14:22, 24; 1 Corinthians 10:16). We further believe that in this Sacrament, we receive the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:28) and strength to live an improved Christian life (Galatians 2:20). A worthy communicant is one who is truly repentant of his/her sins and who resolves to amend his/her life (1 Corinthians 11:28). Furthermore, this Sacrament is not only a communion with Christ (Matthew 18:20; 1 Corinthians 10:16), but also with one another (1 Corinthians 10:17; Acts 2:42). Those desiring to commune with us for the first time should register with the pastor in his office BEFORE the service begins.

DIVINE SERVICE, Setting Four

OPENING HYMN, "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" 350

Confession and Absolution (page 203)

Introit

Kyrie (During Advent the longer Kyrie is used, where there are several petitions, each followed by the congregation responding with the three-fold "Lord, have mercy" on the top of page 205)

Salutation and Collect of the Day (page 205)

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath (Genesis 3:11b-15)

HYMN RESPONSE, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" 357:1

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual (Insert)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (page 205)

Holy Gospel: Mark 11:1-10

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (page 206)

HYMN OF THE DAY, "Savior of the Nations, Come" 332

Sermon

Prayer of the Church (page 207)

The Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (page 208)

Sanctus (page 208)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (page 209)

Lord's Prayer (page 209)

The Words of our Lord (page 209)

Pax Domini (page 209)

Agnus Dei (page 210)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN, "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" 334
(tune: 442)**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN, "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" 631

Nunc Dimittis (page 211)

Post-Communion Collect (page 212)

Benedicamus and Benediction (page 212)

CLOSING HYMN, "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" 627:5

Let Us Pray...

...for our members who are homebound: **Phyllis Burnett, Marge Morrissey, and Johanne Bloch**

...for thanksgiving and praise for our blessings;

...for God's healing hand for those who have been ill;

...for Rick Hardesty for healing and strength;

...for Kathy Brendel for healing and strength;

...for Jodi Burgess for healing and strength;

...for Pastor Peter Kolb and family, LCMS Missionary serving in southeast Asia;

...for those in need of God's mercy and care;

...for Immanuel, Broadlands;

...and for the New Jersey District.

Announcements

The Eternal Flame is being sponsored during the month of December by Harry Henriksen in memory of his late wife Jeannine whom he met on New Year's Eve.

Ladies Aid Christmas Luncheon! The Ladies Aid Christmas luncheon is THIS Wednesday, December 6th at noon in the fellowship hall. All members are reminded to bring the food they signed up for and an \$8-10 gift. All husbands and guests are welcome!

Advent Service - Plan to attend the Advent service on Wednesday, December 6th at 7 PM with a social hour following in the fellowship hall. Refreshments will be served by the Ladies Aid. Everyone is welcome! Ladies Aid members: Please bring your bar cookies before the Advent service.

Come and enjoy the warmth of the season with this year's Bellflower Area Christmas Cantata, "O Holy Night!". The performance will be on Saturday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bellflower Community Center. Under the direction of Allen Grussing, this year's cantata is truly an area event with approximately 25 singers from 10 churches in the Bellflower area. This musical celebration contains some of your favorite carols and hymns as well as some beautiful new songs that are sure to fill you with the joy and spirit of the holiday season. Everyone is welcome. There is no admission fee. Refreshments will be served following the performance.

Treat Bags: Anyone who wants to contribute to the fruit and candy sacks which are given out on Christmas Eve can give their money to one of the elders: Marvin Clemmons, Butch Sprau, Don Warsaw or Roy Whitehouse. A Thrivent Action Team card for \$250 which Don Warsaw applied for will be used to cover part of the expenses.

Everyone is welcome to help decorate the church on December 16th at 9am.

Christmas Caroling to our homebound members will take place on Sunday, December 17. We will meet at the church at 1:30 for a little practice before we leave. All are welcome to come spread Christmas joy!

The annual Youth Breakfast will be held after church on Dec. 17th. At the same time a Festival of Trees will be held, showing the decorated trees brought in by our members. These trees will be taken home after the breakfast. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help in this activity. The trees should be 3 feet or smaller, and electric or battery lights are permitted. (Battery lights are encouraged, since electricity may not be available for all trees) One tree, provided by the youth, will be auctioned off and the proceeds given for the next Youth Gathering. Please bring your trees to the hall on Saturday, December 16th at 9 a.m. or Sunday morning. Thanks for helping our youth.

Poinsettias: Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you would like to donate a poinsettia to adorn the altar on Christmas Eve. The cost is \$12. Please pay our treasurer, Bob Zimmerman, and make checks to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman. Thanks!

Advent Challenge: Advent is a time to think about, and experience, the immense blessings that God wants to give us. Our work is to slow down, simplify, and listen to the Lord. Here are some ways you can pray during Advent for simplicity and all that it entails:

- Pray for attentiveness to what truly matters, without being distracted by trivial things.
- Pray for opportunities to learn something new regularly.
- Pray for discernment of how God would like you to set your priorities and the ability to focus on them consistently to fulfill His purposes in your life.
- Pray for the grace to be able to rest, become aware of God's presence, and enjoy it.
- Pray for peace in all situations, no matter what the circumstances.
- Pray for an enlivened imagination that helps you contribute to the world in creative ways.
- Pray for freedom from all that burdens you - past mistakes, fears, destructive habits, hurts other people have inflicted, and more.
- Pray for joy and a sense of humor.
- Pray for confidence in God's love for you and trust in His power to work things out for the best in your life.
- Pray for a clear mind and the ability to clearly communicate what you value to others.
- Pray for openness to the Holy Spirit's guidance.
- Pray for a genuine awareness of God's grace in your life and the humility.
- Pray for a passion to pursue justice.

Adapted from When True Simplicity is Gained: Finding Spiritual Clarity in a Complex World, 1988 Martin E. Marty

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Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you would consider running for one of the following Church Council offices: Chairman, 2 elders, treasurer, finance, trustee, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, and head usher.

Church Council will meet on December 20th at 7pm.