

Statistics

December 6 Attendance	21
December 6 Offering	\$196.00
December 10 Attendance	53
December 10 Offering	\$1,921.00

Those Assisting Us Today

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

Agnus Day



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Bulletin Deadline

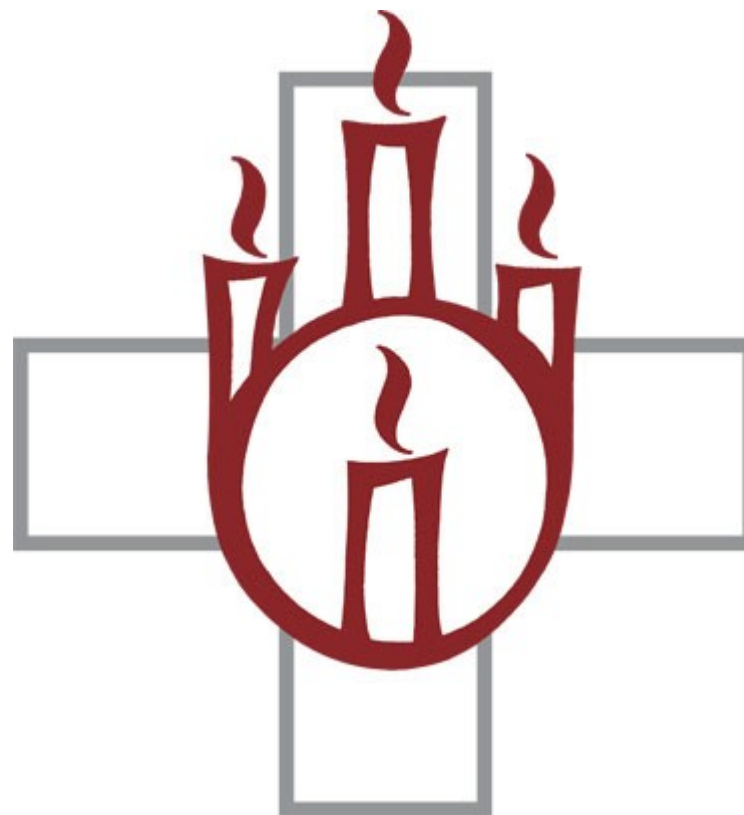
If you have announcements for the weekly Bulletin, please forward those to Linda Warsaw by **NOON on Wednesdays**. You may contact her by email at secretary@osmanlutheran.org or by phone at **309-828-5883**. Thank you!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 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

"Rejoice in the Lord Always" Choir Prelude

OPENING HYMN, "Once He Came in Blessing" 333

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 204)

Salutation and Collect of the Day (page 205)

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath (2 Samuel 7:1-16)

HYMN RESPONSE, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" 357:5

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual (Insert)

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (page 205)

Holy Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (page 206)

HYMN OF THE DAY, "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" 348
(The Choir will sing two verses between the 4th and 5th verse)

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, "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" 347

DISTRIBUTION HYMN, "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring" 353

Nunc Dimittis (page 211)

Post-Communion Collect (page 212)

Benedicamus and Benediction (page 212)

CLOSING HYMN, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" 357:7

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 Kathy Brendel for healing and strength;

...for Jodi Burgess for healing and strength;

...for Steve Martin for healing and strength following surgery;

...for Esther Lutz 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 St. Paul, Mattoon (Dorans);

...and for the Southern 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.

The flowers on our altar today are given to the glory of God by Butch and Shirley Sprau.

THANK YOU to John Lammle for picking up and assembling the new office chair in the Annex!

Thanks to everyone who helped decorate the church yesterday, and to Bob Zimmerman and Butch Sprau for getting the Christmas tree.

The Christmas Youth Breakfast will be served following church service **today**. A free will offering will be taken. A miniature decorated Christmas tree will be sold by silent auction. If you wish to bid on the tree, write your name and amount of your bid on the sheet next to the tree. We also ask everyone to view the other decorated trees and vote for the "Best Decorated" before leaving the hall. A small prize will be presented by the youth. Thanks for your participation in this activity!

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. **We will be filling the bags on December 24th at 8:45 a.m. in the hall, and any one can come and help.**

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

Poinsettias: This is the **last day** to sign-up for a poinsettia. The cost is \$12 and you may pay Bob Zimmerman, treasurer of Immanuel Osman. Please feel free to take your poinsettia home after the Dec. 31st service.

Church Council will meet on December 20th at 7p.m.

Additional Announcements

Adult Bible Class will NOT be held next Sunday morning, December 24th.

Next Sunday evening, December 24th, will be our Christmas Eve Children's service beginning at 7pm.

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.

A Prayer for Healing

Loving and tender God, touch my heart with hope, touch my mind with clarity, touch my soul with peace, and touch my body with the warmth of your presence. Grant me courage to face the future, insight to understand life's trials, wisdom to discern how I can touch the lives of others, and the comfort of people who care about me as I reach for your loving hands. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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