

Offerings

December 27 \$1,435.52

Those Assisting Us Today

Organist: Alicia Haggin

Altar Guild: Debbie Lammle

Elders: Steve Martin and Bob Zimmerman

Agnus Day



"Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnusday.org"

Bulletin Deadline

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

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Feast of Epiphany (transferred)

January 3, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.



942 Grape Avenue, Fisher, Illinois 61843-8512
<http://www.OsmanLutheran.org>
Church@OsmanLutheran.org
(217) 897-6170

Rev. Jeffrey McPike, BCC
(312) 650-9890
Pastor@OsmanLutheran.org

Divine Service, Setting Three

Invocation, Confession and Absolution page 184f.

Salutation and Collect page 189

Readings **Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 page 190f.

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed page 191

Hymn of the Day, "**O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright**" **395:1-4**

Sermon

Hymn, "**Now Sing We, Now Rejoice**" **386**

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer page 196

The Words of Institution page 197

Hymn during Communion, "**As with Gladness Men of Old**" **397**

Communion Distribution

Congregation will remain seated. Please follow the directions of the elders to leave the church. Communion will be given at the back of the church as you exit. Please observe social distancing regarding any visiting in the parking lot. Thank you for helping promote health and wellness in these difficult times.

Offering plates are available in the back of the church. Thank you!

Let Us Pray...

...for our members who are homebound: **Johanne Bloch, and Karen Bryan**

...for thanksgiving and praise for our blessings;

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

...for Pastor Ehlers, who had open heart surgery on November 23;

...for Dorothy Miller, for peace and comfort; now a resident at Farmer City Rehab and Health Center;

...for Joy Johnson for healing and strength as she recovers from a fractured kneecap;

...for Brandon Miller for health and healing;

...for Cameron Harmon for healing and strength as he battles cancer;

...for Julie Mathis (Lee Bidner's daughter) who is ill with COVID in Oklahoma and has a compromised immune system;

...and for all first responders and medical field workers during this crisis.

EPIPHANY

(3 January 2021 – transferred)

Service Notes: "The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son"

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a "thirteenth day" of Christmas, and yet it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. Where Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord, that is, on God becoming flesh, the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. For the Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth, not only to the Jews but also to the Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6). Paraments are white. The king who came to save us is the perfect man, God in Jesus Christ. He is revealed in human flesh as the son of Mary.

Announcements

Calling ahead: Please help us keep everyone safe by calling Rick (309-830-8531) or Jill (217-841-3487) to indicate your desire to attend church the upcoming Sunday. While "reservations" for church may sound really counter to Christ's example of being welcoming, it is currently an unfortunate part of the way this nasty virus has turned our world upside-down. Thank you for doing your part to keep us all safe. **For the parking lot services**, please call Rick or Jill Hardesty if you are coming for the services on Sunday's, so your attendance is counted for the week. We appreciate your cooperation! Plan to gather in the east lot and remain in your car if you want communion. You turn your car radio **to the new channel 88.1 MHz** to hear the Sunday Service. Instead of the Pastor and elder coming to each car, we will invite the cars to file past the front of the church similarly to the way we did "drive-up communion" back in late June. An elder will give directions, and also directions will be spoken on Radio Osman when it is time to line the cars up.

Christmas decorations will be taken down after church today. Anyone is invited to help!

Quilting: The ladies will tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief tomorrow, January 4th and Wednesday, January 6th in the fellowship hall at 8AM. All ladies are invited.

The Annual Voter's meeting will be on Sunday, January 24, 2021.

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to inform all members that there are some funds available since COVID prevented the congregation from having a second benefit supper in 2020. The Stewardship Committee has found a benefit recipient for this money. The money will be given to the Richard Ringer Family of Fisher. Rich was diagnosed with ALS earlier this year and died on Monday, December 28th. Rich and his wife, Rae, transferred into our congregation in late 2018 after moving to Fisher. The money will be used to help his family with expenses. If the members of the congregation would like to add to this benefit amount, you can leave your donations in the box on the table in the back of the church near the offering plate. Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman. You also can give your donations to Dwight and Terri Hooker or Brenda Hendricks. Please donate by January 9th. It is a "benefit" without the "benefit" of our usual delicious food and great fellowship.

Our sympathy goes to the family and friends of Richard Ringer of Fisher who passed away on Monday, December 28. May our good and gracious Lord provide comfort to all those who mourn.

Bible Study: Sara McPike will be teaching a Bible study over Zoom on the Book of Acts starting January 14 at 6pm. If you are interested, please contact Sara@n9cqs.com. She taught this study as part of her internship in Manawa, Wisconsin.

Thanks to everyone who served on the Altar Guild this year. Without your dedication, we wouldn't be prepared for communion, funerals, and other festival Sundays. A new Altar Guild list is posted on the bulletin board. Anyone may sign up, and instruction will be given when needed. Let Debbie Lammle know if there are any questions.

Please remember that we have plenty of the Osman 125th Anniversary Ornaments remaining for your holiday giving! They are \$10.00 each. Please contact Deb Martin, Wilma Grussing or Marsha Warsaw if you are interested.

It's that time of year again! Nominations are being taken for several church council seats for the January 24, 2021 Voter's meeting. Seats available are: Secretary, 2 Elders, 1 Trustee, Asst. Finance, and Asst. Sunday School Supt. Please see any council member or Chairman Hardesty, if you are interested. Thank you!

"Worship Anew" - Know someone who can't get to church? Lutheran Ministries from Concordia Theological Seminary produces "Worship Anew". It airs locally on WCIX-49 on Sunday mornings at 7:30am.

Osman WI-Fi: The Osman Wi-Fi code for "OsmanChurch(public)" is "romans1017".