

*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, 28:20; 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, "When All The World Was Cursed" .....346**

- Confession and Absolution (page 203)
- Introit (Insert)
- Kyrie (page 204)
- (The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent.)
- Salutation and Collect (page 205)

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 40:1-11

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gradual (Insert)

**Epistle:** 2 Peter 3:8-14

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse (page 205)

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 1:1-8 (Gospel responses, page 206)

Nicene Creed

**HYMN OF THE DAY, "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" .....344**

- Sermon
- Prayers (page 207)
- The Offering

**Service of the Sacrament**

- Preface, Sanctus (page 208)
- Prayer of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer (page 209)
- Agnus Dei (page 210)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN, "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" .....663**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN, "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born" .....624**

- Post Communion Collect (page 212)
- Benedicamus and Benediction

**CLOSING HYMN, "Beautiful Savior" .....537**

**Announcements/Events**

The **Eternal Flame** is being donated by Wilma Grussing for December.

**Christmas Caroling Today!** All voices are needed to share the Christmas news with our shut-ins and other nursing home residents this afternoon. The group will leave at 12:30 from the church to start their cross country tour. They will be taking a poinsettia and a tray of cookies to Paul Zimmerman, Loretta Brandt, Alma Hassebrock, and Leona Albin.

**Youth Group-Christmas Caroling.** Please meet at the church by 12:30 TODAY to go Christmas caroling. Please let Rick or Jill Hardesty know if you need a ride.

The **Ladies Aid Food Drive** concluded last week. A trunkful of donations was taken to Christ Lutheran Church in Normal to be delivered to the Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne on December 6, 2011. Thank you to all the members who so graciously donated to help fill the shelves of the Seminary Food Co-op. Many seminary students rely on this service for their weekly groceries. Thank you also to Donnie and Connie Warsaw for delivering our donations.

**Thank you** to Agnes Martinie, Darryl Redding, and the Lammler's for hosting the Fellowship Club last Sunday. Watch for a sign-up to host the next gathering in February.

The **adult confirmation class** will NOT MEET ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 due to a conflict with Pastor McPike's schedule.

The **Ladies Aid Christmas Luncheon** will be held at noon on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a \$5.00 gift exchange. All Ladies Aid members and their guests are welcome to attend.

**Christmas Eve Program Practice.** The second practice for the Christmas Eve Program will be held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2011. (All practices are listed in the December Newsletter.)

**Choir Practice.** The choir will meet on Wednesday, December 7 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. to practice their songs for Christmas Eve.

A **LWML Meeting** will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The topic will be given by Shirley Sprau; refreshments will be served by Brenda Edwards and Debbie Lammler. Secret Pals will be revealed and new ones drawn for the coming year.

The **Altar Guild** will meet with the trustees in the Annex following the worship service on December 11, 2011.

**Poinsettias for the Christmas Eve Service.** Please sign-up for a Christmas poinsettia on the bulletin board of the church by December 11, 2011. (The

flowers will be picked up on the 17th.) The cost is \$10.80. Checks may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman and given to Mike Hendricks.

**Christmas Decorating.** The Christmas decorations will be put up in phrases this year. Just like Advent is the preparing of the Christ Child's birth, the decorations will get more complete as the weeks approach Christmas.

The tree and the garland were put up yesterday. On December 11, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., the tree will be completely decorated and the remaining decorations on the garland will be added.

The **Church Council** will meet on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex.

**Contribution Envelopes.** The Finance Committee, Christie Delaney, and Larry Lutz will be assigning contribution envelopes to those who were assigned envelopes in 2011. If you would like to be assigned contribution envelopes, or do not want to be assigned contribution envelopes for 2012, please contact Larry Lutz or Christie Delaney by Sunday December 18, 2011. We will be assigning new envelopes December 19-23. Thank you.

**Christmas Treat Bags.** The treat bags that are given to our guests on Christmas Eve will be assembled on Saturday, December 24, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to donate money for this project, please give your donation to one of the elders (Rob Gallier, Butch Sprau, Aaron Warsaw, or Shane Zimmerman) or the Treasurer, Mike Hendricks.

**Cookbooks/Notecards for Sale.** If you are new to the congregation or did not purchase these previously, the Osman Youth Group has twelve cookbooks and thirteen notecards remaining in our possession. This cookbook is a collection of Osman favorite recipes over the years!

The cookbook was \$8.00 -- NOW REDUCED to \$6.00. The blank notecards were \$10.00 -- NOW REDUCED to \$8.00. Please see Jill Hardesty if you are interested in purchasing.

**It's Christmas Card Time!** If anyone would like to send Vicar Fenker a Christmas card, his school address is Aaron Fenker, Concordia Theological Seminary, 6600 North Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825. His home address is Aaron Fenker, 1367 Finch Lane, Milford, Ohio 45150.

**Statistics**

November 23 Attendance .....	43
November 23 Offering .....	\$1,057.00
November 27 Attendance .....	78
November 27 Offering .....	\$1,506.00
November 30 Attendance .....	42
November 30 Offering .....	\$321.00

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN**  
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Second Sunday in Advent  
December 4, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.



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