

Statistics

March 11 Attendance	37
March 11 Offering	\$422.67
March 15 Attendance	53
March 15 Offering	\$874.04

Those Assisting Us Today

Elder	Dwight Hooker
Altar Guild	Susan Martin
Organist	Alicia Haggin
Lay Reader.....	Shirley Sprau
Acolyte	Megan Bidner

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.



As the sufferings
of christ
abound in us +
so also through
christ
Does our
comfort abound

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Welcome in Jesus' Name

We are pleased to have you with us and hope that you are enriched today in the fellowship of the Word. May the Lord bless you in the days ahead! If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book at the back of the church or complete a visitor card found in each pew.

Responsive Prayer 2

OPENING HYMN: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" 425

Opening Versicles (page 285)

Psalm (see Introit)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:14-21

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

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Catechism: **The Sacrament of the Altar (page 326)**

HYMN OF THE DAY, "God Loved the World So That He Gave" 571

The last stanza of this hymn has a triangle after it, indicating that it gives praise to the Trinity. We stand for that stanza, and also sing "Amen" at the end.

Sermon

Offering

Concluding Liturgy (page 285 ff.)

CLOSING HYMN, "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" 422

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 Shirley Sprau for healing and strength;
...for Declan Lammler for a successful hernia surgery and a speedy recovery.
...for Brandon Miller for health and healing;
...for Cameron Harmon for healing and strength as he battles cancer;
...for Gene Welborn for healing and strength following shoulder surgery;
...for Malachi Johnson and his Effingham Bravo Company National Guard Unit who are deployed for a 9-month tour of duty;
...for those in need of God's mercy and care;
...for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis;
...and for St. Paul, Sadorus.

Announcements

Service Notes: “By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light” The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. *“For his righteousness’ sake,”* He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns *“the darkness before them into light”* (Is. 42:16) because He is *“the light of the world”* (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh *“while it is day,”* until that night *“when no one can work”* (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though *“at one time you were darkness,”* now *“you are light in the Lord”* (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to *“awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead”* (Eph. 5:14). The purple paraments remind us of the king who came to serve us, giving His life as substitute under God’s law to win our salvation.

The High Priest, yes the whole religious leadership, wanted Jesus to die. We heard that last week in the Wednesday Lenten service. As you come this coming Wednesday at 7:00 PM, you will hear about how Pilate wanted Jesus to die. That might just sound a bit surprising, because Pilate seemed to want to do almost anything he could to set Jesus free. What Pilate really wanted was to save his own skin! A riot among the people would have brought the ire or Rome down on him.

"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".