

## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

### Third Sunday in Advent

December 13, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

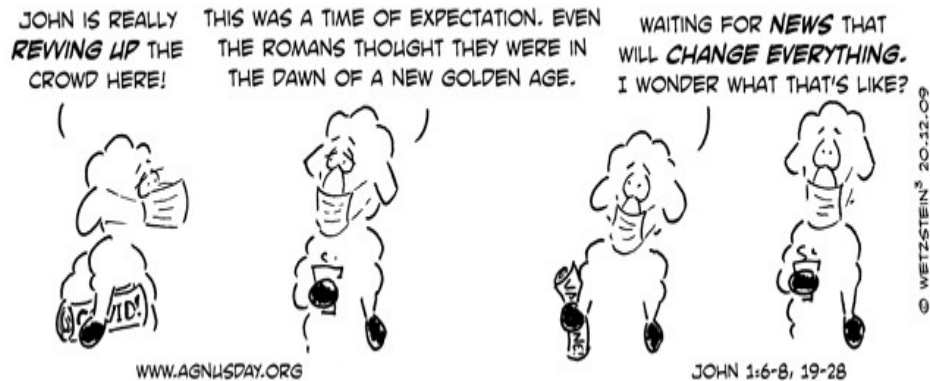
### Those Assisting Us Today

Organist: Alicia Haggin

Altar Guild: Debbie Lammle

Elders: Steve Martin and Dwight Hooker

### Agnus Day



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### 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](mailto:secretary@osmanlutheran.org) or at **309-828-5883**. Thank you!



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

A. O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

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

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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 Richard Ringer, recently diagnosed with ALS;

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

...for the Southern District;

...and for St. Paul, Mattoon (Dorans).

## Announcements

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

(13 December 2020)

**Service Notes:** *“The Coming of the Christ Brings True Rejoicing in His Forgiveness”* When he preaches repentance, John the Baptist points us to Christ Jesus. John was sent by God *“as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him”* (John 1:7). He baptizes with water in order to *“make straight the way of the Lord,”* who shall redeem His people from their sins (John 1:23). That Lord Jesus *“who comes after”* John now stands among us and makes Himself known to us (John 1:26–27). He has been anointed by the Holy Spirit *“to bring good news to the poor”* and *“to bind up the brokenhearted”* (Is. 61:1). By the washing of the water with His Word and Spirit, He clothes His Church with *“the garments of salvation”* and adorns her with His own righteousness *“as a bride adorns herself with her jewels”* (Is. 61:10). Therefore, we *“rejoice always”* in the Lord, *“pray without ceasing”* and *“give thanks in all circumstances”* (1 Thess. 5:16–18). For *“the God of peace,”* who has called you by the Gospel, will surely *“sanctify you completely,”* so that *“your whole spirit and soul and body”* will *“be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”* (1 Thess. 5:23–24). Paraments remain blue. We look to Christ who came, who comes and who is coming during this season of expectation.

**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.

**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.

**The Church Council** will meet on Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30PM.

**Our heartfelt sympathy** goes to the family and friends of Marjorie (Whitehouse) Daniel who was called to her eternal home this week. She is a sister to Barb Whitehouse-Gercken and Ken Whitehouse. May the presence of our loving Lord comfort all those who mourn.

**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 2021 Voters 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".