

Offerings

December 6 ..... \$1,863.29

December 13 ..... \$1,755.82

Those Assisting Us Today

Organist: Alicia Haggin

Altar Guild: Debbie Lammle

Elders: Steve Martin and Jim VanWakeman

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!

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN**

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

*December 20, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.*



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**Service with communion**

**Let Us Pray...**

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Readings **Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**

A. O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle: Romans 16:25-27**

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**Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38**

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Nicene Creed

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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!*

...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;

...and for the Texas District.

## Announcements

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

(20 December 2020)

**Service Notes:** *“The Lord Builds a House for David: Jesus Christ Who Comes in the Flesh”* When King David *“lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,”* he piously supposed that he would build a house for God (2 Sam. 7:1–2). But the Lord would turn it around: He would establish a house for David and an everlasting throne. This He has done not only for David, but also for all His people, in the Son of David, Jesus Christ, *“conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary”* (Apostles’ Creed). That holy child, the incarnate *“Son of the Most High,”* receives *“the throne of his father David”* and begins to reign *“over the house of Jacob forever”* (Luke 1:32–33). Having given Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world, His body is the true and eternal temple of God in which His people have their own place of peace and rest. That is *“the mystery that was kept secret for long ages”* but is now *“made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God”* in order that we may have faith and life in Christ (Rom. 16:25–26). Paraments remain blue. Jesus Christ is God who came in human flesh as Mary’s son. He is also the king of the universe, and royal blue reminds us of His kingly rule.

**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.

**Thank you** to Bella Ford and Jenna Clemmons for singing "Away in the Manger" last Sunday at the beginning of the service. Since there will not be a service Christmas Eve, it gave our only Sunday School student, Bella, a chance to at least sing a Christmas song.

**Pastor McPike** and I have arranged to have the graveside service for Marge on Monday, December 21 at 4PM at Bellflower Township Cemetery. Any members or friends are welcome to attend. Barb Whitehouse-Gercken

**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 Lammler 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 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".