

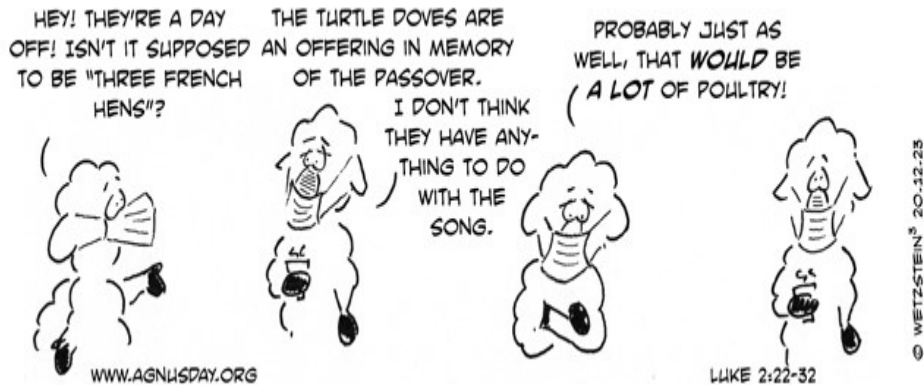
Offerings

December 20 \$7,260.00

Those Assisting Us Today

Organist: Alicia Haggin
Altar Guild: Debbie Lammle
Elders: Steve Martin and Bob Zimmerman

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 or at **309-828-5883**. Thank you!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

First Sunday after Christmas

December 27, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.



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Service with communion

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Readings **Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

A. This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7

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Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

A. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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

...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 Oklahoma District.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

(27 December 2020)

Service Notes: "The Time Has Fully Come for Redemption and Purification through Jesus Christ, Our Lord". "When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son," born of the woman, "to redeem those who were under the law" (Gal. 4:4-5). Therefore, "according to the Law of Moses," Mary and Joseph "brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord" (Luke 2:22). There He was received and taken up into the arms of Simeon, who was righteous and devout, "waiting for the consolation of Israel" (Luke 2:25). Simeon praised God and blessed the parents by confessing the cross for which this child was appointed. "At that very hour," old and faithful Anna, who had watched, prayed and worshiped in the temple for so long, came up and "began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). The Lord causes "righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations" (Is. 61:11). We also "greatly rejoice in the LORD," because this child has clothed us "with the garments of salvation," covered us "with the robe of righteousness" and called us "by a new name" (Is. 61:10; 62:2). Paraments are white. White is the color of joy and holiness. We remember our king who came as the perfect man, God in human flesh, and the joy that message gives.

Announcements

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Christmas Eve service available online, including Pastor McPike, Alicia and Nick Haggin, and Theresa VanWakeman Wilson. We appreciate your dedication to our church and to our Lord Jesus Christ!

A New Year's Prayer

As a new year begins, We come to You and ask for Your blessings.

We pray that you would give us joy to fill our days, peace to fill our hearts, and love to fill our lives.

Thank You for the plans You have for us in this New Year.

We wait in anticipation to see all You will do!

Thanking God for you and praying your new year is blessed in every way.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope, and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Amen

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 the church service on Sunday, January 3rd. Anyone is invited to help!

Quilting Dates: The ladies will be tying quilts for Lutheran World Relief on January 4th and 6th at 8AM in the fellowship hall. No experience needed! All ladies of the congregation are invited.

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to inform all members that there are some funds available since COVID prevented a second benefit supper in 2020. The Stewardship Committee has found a benefit recipient for this money. The money will be given to Richard Ringer of Fisher who has been recently diagnosed with ALS. 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 for his care at home. 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, but it will "benefit" someone in need.

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

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".