

## Offering

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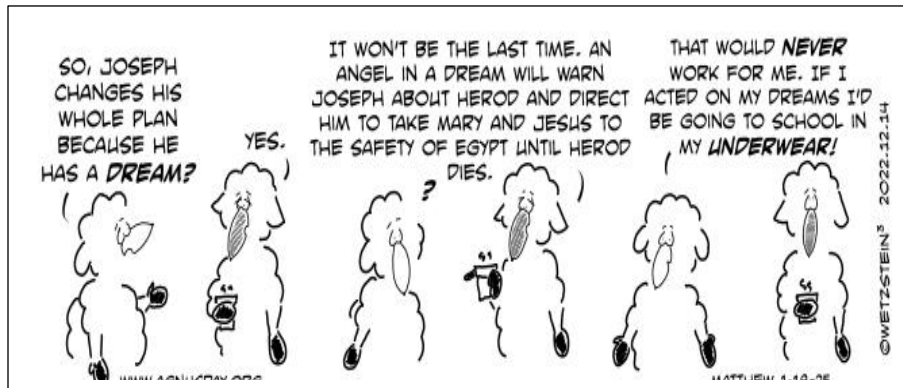
### Those Assisting Us Today

Organist: Alicia Haggin

Elder: Don Warsaw

Altar Guild: Jill Hardesty

Diana Zimmerman



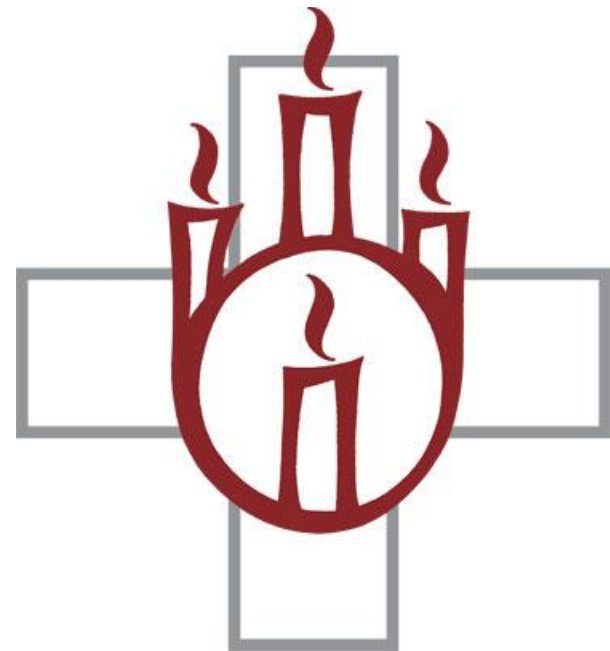
If you are listening outside, please tune your FM radio to 88.1. Please ask an elder if you have problems. Thank you.

**Bulletin Deadline:** If you have announcements for the weekly bulletin, please forward those to Brenda Hendricks by noon on THURSDAY this week. You may contact her by email at [mhendrick@mchsi.com](mailto:mhendrick@mchsi.com) or by text or phone at 309-826-9733.

**“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 7:30 AM.

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

The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 18, 2022



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## Divine Service, Setting Four

Invocation, Confession and Absolution - page 203f

Introit - page 204

Kyrie - page 204 (repeated several times)

Salutation and Collect - page 205

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**Hymn, "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel" .....357 (Stanzas 1,6,7)**

Readings: **Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17**

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: **Bulletin insert**

**Epistle: Romans 1:1-7**

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse - page 205

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the  
first chapter

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed - Page 206

**Hymn of the Day, "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" .....356**

(Congregation sing verses 1 and 4; solo on verses on 2 and 3)

Sermon

Prayers

Offering: Offering plates are available in the back of the church.

Communion Liturgy – page 208

### Service of the Sacrament

Distribution: Communion for those outside in cars will still be the first part of the Communion distribution. The distribution will take place with the elder and pastor going out the front door and meeting the cars as they pass by the front sidewalk. Communion for those seated inside will follow. Communicants will be ushered to the FRONT of the church in groups of 5-6 people. They will space themselves on both sides of the Baptismal font. Please exit the altar area by the outside aisle to the side that you were ushered from. The service will then end with the Communion Liturgy.

**Hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" .....361**

**Hymn, "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love" .....900**

**Hymn, "O Sing of Christ" .....362**

Nunc Dimittis – page 211

Post Communion Collect – page 212

Benediction – page 212

### **Let Us Pray...**

....for our homebound members: Karen Bryan and Shirley Sprau

....for Debbie Lammle as she manages her pain

....for thanksgiving for John Gercken's successful heart surgery

....for Arnita Zimmerman as she recovers at the Annex in Gibson City

....for Austin Miller for his upcoming surgery

....for Southern District

....for St. Pauls Lutheran Church in Mattoon/Dorans

## Announcements #1

**Please sign-up on the bulletin board** at the back of the church **TODAY** if you wish to donate a poinsettia for the Christmas season. The flowers will be displayed on December 24th, December 25th, and January 1st. After the service in January, the flowers may be taken home. They will be purchased on Tuesday so the price will be in next week's bulletin. The money should be given to the church treasurer, Terri Hooker.

**Christmas Treat Bags!** Everyone who would like to contribute to the fruit and candy sacks which are given out on Christmas Eve, can give their money **TODAY** to one of the elders: Dwight Hooker, Jim VanWakeman, Don Warsaw, or Chase Zimmerman in the next two Sundays. A \$250 Thrivent Action Team Card has been applied for to also help pay for the goodies. The treat bags will be assembled on December 24 at 9 AM in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to help assemble them.

**Christmas Eve Worship Service** will be held THIS SATURDAY at 7 PM. Come join in a worship service of familiar Christmas hymns.

**Christmas Day Worship with Communion** will be held Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM. The service will be a special order of communion written a number of years ago by Pastor McPike, where the 'ordinary' parts of the service are re-written to Christmas tunes. There will NOT be Bible Class or Sunday School on Christmas Day.

**2023 Offering Envelopes** are available on the back elder pew today. Please only take the box with your name on it. There are extra boxes so if you have decided that you want offering envelopes for 2023, please notify Barb Whithouse Gercken or Brenda Hendricks.

**Help those in need** during this holiday season by donating hats, mittens, and gloves to the collection box on the back pew during the month of December. This is a Ladies Aid/LWML project, but all members can feel free to donate. The donations will be given to organizations in our communities that help the needy during the winter season.

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## Announcements #2

**January 2023 Election of Officers!** New officers to be elected this coming year will be a secretary, two elders, one trustee, and one assistant financial secretary. Please consider using your God given talents to help in these offices. There is a sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board.

**Thank you** to Theresa VanWakeman-Wilson and Nick Haggin for singing the special music for our hymn today.

**Calling all voices!** If you would like to be a part of the Christmas Eve Choir, please come to the balcony after church TODAY. We will have a short choir practice on a few verses of our favorite Christmas songs. All are welcome!

**Did you know?** The "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" is omitted during the season of Advent because it is the joyful song of the angels which was sung by that heavenly choir when Christ was born. The season of Advent is one that stresses repentance, sorrow over sin. Though not as much as Lent, the joy of Advent is "restrained" somewhat as we anticipate celebrating Christ's coming first in time, remembering also that He comes regularly through Word and Sacrament and that He will come at the end of time. Years ago in Lutheran Churches, the color purple was used for both Advent and Lent for the color of the altar paraments as well as the colorful parts of the pastor's robes. Purple is thought to be a color more of sorrow, and so dark blue replaced purple in many churches for the season of Advent. Repentance, sorrow over sin and a desire to do better, is characteristic of both Advent and Lent, but it is stronger in the Lenten season than Advent.

