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Second Sunday of Advent — December 4, 2011

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Emanuel's mission is to witness to the good news of salvation through Christ to individuals, the community and the world through discipleship and service.



LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship

WOV—With One Voice

** Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE *O Come, Little Children*

Ring of the Bell

(8:00) **Special Music: Gloria -Choir**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(please stay seated)* Isaiah 11

P A shoot will come out of the stump of Jesse,

C and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

P The spirit of the Lord will rest on him,

C the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

P the spirit of counsel and might,

C the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

P Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist

C and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

8:00 Paul & Betty Mowery 10:30 Peggy Snyder & grandchildren

Let us pray: God of all faithfulness, Isaiah's vision paints a picture of a world shaped in accordance with your will and your design. He tells of one so enlightened by your Spirit that he would open eyes and ears and hearts to a new understanding of your will and your design for the world. Isaiah described the one for whom the people waited, the Messiah.

C We wait also, but we wait in the joyful knowledge that the Messiah has come in the form of your beloved Son. We wait in faith, praying that through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus, the Prince of peace, will be born anew in our hearts and in our lives. Amen.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who shapes the whole creation, who comes with might and mercy, who fills the hungry with good things.

C Amen.

P Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

P Faithful God,

C we confess that we have been unfaithful to you. Like dry leaves and withered grass, our lives are blown about by our sins and the powers of evil around us.

Restore us, O God; let the light of your face shine on us, and we shall be saved.

Amen.

P God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, I bring you this good news: You are free from all that imprisons you; your sins are forgiven; God heals your broken hearts. Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God.

C Amen

* **HYMN LBW # 67** *Away in a Manger*

“She gave birth to her firstborn, a Son, and placed Him in a manger.” Luke 2:7

* GREETING

P Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you.

*** KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
 For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
 and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!
 Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
 Come and behold him Born the king of angels:
Refrain: Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
 Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal,
 Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
 Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain:*

*** SALUTATION**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Special Music: (10:30) *He Leadeth Me* - Bell Choir

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1–11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
 says your God.
²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
 and cry to her
 that she has served her term,
 that her penalty is paid,
 that she has received from the LORD's
 hand
 double for all her sins.
³A voice cries out:
 "In the wilderness prepare the way of
 the LORD,
 make straight in the desert a highway
 for our God.
⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
 and every mountain and hill be made
 low;
 the uneven ground shall become level,
 and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be
 revealed,
 and all people shall see it together,
 for the mouth of the LORD has
 spoken."
⁶A voice says, "Cry out!"
 And I said, "What shall I cry?"
 All people are grass,
 their constancy is like the flower of
 the field.
⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
 when the breath of the LORD blows
 upon it;
 surely the people are grass.
⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
 but the word of our God will stand
 forever.
⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
 O Zion, herald of good tidings;
 lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.
¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

- A The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 85:1–2, 8–13

You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD,*
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.

**²You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people*
and blotted out | all their sins.**

⁸I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying,*
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their | hearts to him.

**⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to | those who fear him,*
that his glory may dwell | in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

**¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,*
and our land will | yield its increase.

**¹³Righteousness shall | go before him,*
and peace shall be a pathway | for his feet.**

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8–15a

⁸But do not ignore this one fact, beloved,
that with the Lord one day is like a
thousand years, and a thousand years are
like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about
his promise, as some think of slowness,
but is patient with you, not wanting any to

perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But
the day of the Lord will come like a thief,
and then the heavens will pass away with a
loud noise, and the elements will be
dissolved with fire, and the earth and

everything that is done on it will be
disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be
dissolved in this way, what sort of persons
ought you to be in leading lives of holiness
and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening
the coming of the day of God, because of
which the heavens will be set ablaze and
dissolved, and the elements will melt with
fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his

promise, we wait for new heavens and a
new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are
waiting for these things, strive to be found
by him at peace, without spot or blemish;
¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as
salvation.

- A The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (tune: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*)

We are called to ponder myst'ry and await the coming Christ,
to embody God's compassion for each fragile human life.
God is with us in our longing to bring healing to the earth,
While we watch with joy and wonder for the promised Savior's birth.

* GOSPEL: Mark 1:1–8



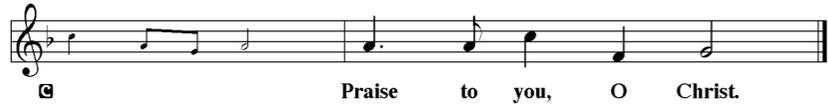
The beginning of the good news of Jesus
Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
"See, I am sending my messenger
ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
³the voice of one crying out in the
wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,"

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the
wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁵And people from the whole Judean
countryside and all the people of
Jerusalem were going out to him, and were
baptized by him in the river Jordan,
confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was
clothed with camel's hair, with a leather
belt around his waist, and he ate locusts
and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one
who is more powerful than I is coming
after me; I am not worthy to stoop down
and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have
baptized you with water; but he will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 41 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

"Bethlehem, out of you will come for me One who will be ruler over Israel." Micah 5:2

SERMON

* HYMN LBW # 56 *The First Noel*

"There were shepherds in the fields keeping watch over their flocks." Luke 2:8

(Turn to page 11 for the 10:30 Service.)

8:00 a.m.

* NICENE CREED

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS *(please be seated)*

A Walking in the light of the coming Savior, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who await God's justice.

Brief silence.

A Raise up in your church leaders who will be heralds of good tidings and shepherds who will feed your flock with good things. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Pour out upon our fragile world abundant rain to replenish and restore the earth, and teach us to use our natural resources wisely. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Bring together the leaders of nations according to your will, so that righteousness and peace may live in all lands. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Turn the hearts of all in this congregation to heed your call for repentance and amendment of life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Giving thanks for saints full of zeal for the Lord who have gone before us and are at rest in Christ Jesus, we wait for the fulfillment of your promise of a new heaven and a new earth. Hear us, O God.

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Other petitions.

P Comfort all in need: those suffering from war, those weighed down by sin, and those whose strength is affected by sickness (*especially*). Speak tenderly to them through the prayers and ministry of Christians everywhere. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love and faithfulness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

* PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Will We Know Him?* - Choir

* **OFFERTORY** (tune: *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*)

As saints of old their first-fruits brought
Of orchard, flock, and field
To God, the giver of all good,
The source of bounteous yield;
So we today first-fruits would bring,
The wealth of this good land,
Of farm and market, shop and home,
Of mind and heart and hand.

In gratitude and humble trust
We bring our best today
To serve your cause and share your love
With all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
In Jesus Christ your Son,
Teach us to give ourselves each day
Until life's work is done.

* **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

* **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: the first measure contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you.' and the second measure contains 'And al - so with you.' The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord' and 'our God.' The fourth staff has two measures: 'It is right to give him thanks' and 'and praise.'

P It is indeed right and salutary...

(tune: *Angels We Have Heard on High*)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of hosts all praise be given!
All your glory fills the earth, all your power fills the heavens!
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo!

Blessed is the King who came, bringing love and light divine.
Blessed is the King who comes in the bread and in the wine.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo!

* **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

* **LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Is Your Heart Prepared? - Choir

* **BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

* **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** (tune: *Away in a Manger*)

Lord, now in your mercy your servants release
As your word has promised Oh, grant us your peace.
Our eyes your salvation and mercy behold,
Prepared for the nations, as prophets foretold.

A Light to the Gentiles, by whom they now see
The glory of Isr'el, the promised one he
Who lives now and ever, the heaven's bright Son,
With Father and Spirit eternally one.

*** POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Lord God, we give you thanks that you have fed us even now with the banquet that is yet to come. Keep us alert for signs of your presence in the world around us. Send us as healing oil and sheltering comfort to those in need, and make us bold in testifying to the light of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

*** BENEDICTION**

*** HYMN LBW # 70** *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

“Let them shout from the mountaintops. Let them give glory to the Lord.” Isaiah 42:11-12

*** DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Masters in This Hall*

10:30 a.m.

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Be Thou My Vision - Bell Choir

OFFERTORY *(tune: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear)* *(please remain seated)*

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Of orchard, flock, and field
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The source of bounteous yield;
So we today first-fruits would bring,
The wealth of this good land,
Of farm and market, shop and home,
Of mind and heart and hand.

In gratitude and humble trust
We bring our best today
To serve your cause and share your love
With all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
In Jesus Christ your Son,
Teach us to give ourselves each day
Until life's work is done.

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Our 10:30 worship service is being broadcast on WNDH 103.1 FM

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Ben & Judy Michaelis in loving memory of Leon Pauley.

Offering Envelopes

Be sure to pick up your 2012 offering envelopes in the overflow.

Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 18 - Cantata

9:00 a.m. ONE SERVICE

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

(Both services will offer 30 minutes of pre-service music.)

7:00 p.m. Children's Program

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Communion

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. ONE SERVICE with Communion

Saturday, December 31, New Year's Eve - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day

10:00 a.m. ONE SERVICE with Communion

Nativity History

Have you put up your nativity scene yet? The first nativity set was made by St. Francis of Assisi for Christmas Eve in 1223. As early as the fourth century, nativities were painted as wall decorations. These paintings depicted the words of Isaiah and Habakkuk who wrote that the Messiah would be born in the midst of animals in a manger.

St. Nicholas

Nicholas is one of the church's most beloved saints. In the fourth century he was a bishop in what is now Turkey. Legend tells of his great love for God and neighbor, especially the poor. He has become a symbol of anonymous gift giving and is commemorated on December 6.

The new directories are here!!

If you had your picture taken for the directory (or submitted a picture) you will find your new directory in an envelope with your name on it in the box in the overflow.

Band Concert

Don't miss the Community Band Concert which is being held here at 7:00 p.m. tomorrow! The concert will feature the Community Band and the Tower Brass Quintet.

Coffee hour

Cookies and coffee will be served by the choir after the 9:00 a.m. worship on December 18th. Please stay and join us in fellowship after the Cantata.

2012 Flower Chart

The new flower chart is hanging in the narthex. Please mark your date *clearly!*

Installation

Installation of the 2012 Church Council members will take place on December 18 at the beginning of the service before the Christmas Cantata. Also, even though new council members will not officially take office until January 1, they are invited and encouraged to attend the December 19 regularly scheduled church council meeting.

During construction ... valet parking

In addition to the parking spaces reserved at the back entrance and assistance provided to navigate the stairs at the back entrance for those who need assistance, church council would also like to provide valet parking if all parking spaces at the back entrance are occupied. This is especially important as we approach the winter months when the parking lot and sidewalks may become slippery. Individuals will be at the back entrance to assist you into the church, park your car, and then return your car to the back entrance after the service. Members who are willing to assist our elderly and handicapped members in this regard are asked to simply be at the back entrance to lend a hand. There will not be specifically assigned times. Just be there to help out over the next several months.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers — We need you!!!!

We still urgently need volunteers to be Bell Ringers at Wal Mart on **December 17**. There are SIX SPOTS still open. There must be at least 1 adult at each door or 2 junior high or high school students at each. Younger people are also invited, but they must have an adult with them. Rain or shine! High School Seniors: This may count towards your community service hours. Sign up on the bulletin board by the church office!

Soul Food – change!

Soul Food is expanding its hours! We will be serving from 5 to 6:30 p.m. from now on. Please bear with us as we “adjust” our cooking times and portions; we’re going to try to stagger the times that the food is ready to accommodate the latecomers as well as the early birds! Everyone is welcome for our weekly feeding of bodies and souls!

Women of the Church...Filling Guild Memberships — DUE NOW!!

Please bring these to the WELCA General Meeting on Tuesday, December 6 and/or see Shirlee Mires-Fejes or Carol Castello with your contribution.

Statistics

11/27 Att. 120 + 118 (238) Offerings \$4,134.80 (\$110 Bldg Fd; \$34 World Hunger)

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Worship Assistants - 8:00 Terry Hershberger 10:30 Karri Ashbaugh

Acolytes - 8:00 Austin Damman & Alexandria Biederstedt

10:30 Ryan Kohout & Madison Ashbaugh

Ushers - 8:00 Tom & Barb Hoffman, Ed & Tiffany Biederstedt

10:30 Terry Walther, Tom Jenny, Kurt Rohrs

Altar Guild - Nanette Schwab & Susan DeMichiei-Mabee

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

This Week

Today	2:00 p.m.	Violin Recital
	4:30 p.m.	Community Band rehearsal
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Education Board
	6:15 p.m.	Congregational Life Board
	7:00 p.m.	Community Band Concert here
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	WELCA General Meeting
Wednesday	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	3:30 p.m.	6 th grade catechism
	5:00 p.m.	7 th grade catechism
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	6:00 p.m.	Emanubells
	7:00 p.m.	8 th grade catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	8:00 p.m.	Living Spirit
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study

Newsletter deadline – Monday, December 12