

PRELUDE *Little Drummer Boy and Caroling Medley* -Emanubells

Ringing of the Bell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTALLATION OF 2012 CHURCH COUNCIL

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 80) *(please stay seated)*

P O God, how long will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?

C **Restore us, O God; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.**

P We who worship you are increasingly becoming the scorn of our neighbors;

C **those who worship other gods laugh among themselves.**

P Restore us, O God; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

C **Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you made strong for yourself.**

P Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

C **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING — Daryl & Lorelee Jones

Let us pray: O God of love,

C **We give thanks for a love that passes our human understanding, and we await once more the birth of God's enduring this Christmas. Amen.**

Light A Candle - After School Club children

Cantata: A Ceremony of Candles

We ask that you hold your applause until the end.

Reader: Jamie Bostelman

Choir Procession: *O Come, O, Come Emmanuel* -Bell Choir

A Shoot Shall Come Forth -Choir

The Promised Light - congregation (tune: *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*)

- 1 The people who in darkness walk will see a wondrous light;
And soon the long awaited Son will bring their faith to sight.
A Star will shine upon the world and end the rule of night.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.
O tidings of comfort and joy.
- 2 The prophets of the covenant have searched the eastern sky;
And soon the Son of God will come in glory from on high.
Lift up your heads ye might gates, redemption draweth nigh.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.
O tidings of comfort and joy.
- 3 Now let the world with joy declare the coming of the Son.
Let all creation sing as one and share what God has done.
For God will send a Morning star to shine on everyone.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Come, Lord Jesus -Choir

Make Straight in the Desert -Choir, Bell Choir

In the First Light -Choir

I Can See the Light -Living Spirit, Junior High Youth

O Holy Night -Bell Choir

O Come, Little Children -After School Club, Junior High Youth, Catechism Bells

Night of the Father's Love -Choir

Jesus, What a Wonderful Child -Choir and Joleen Brubaker, soloist

Tithes and Offerings *Joy to the World* -Rainbow Ringers

Offertory Hymn (tune: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*)

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three In One.
Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart,
As we glory in your presence, giving from a grateful heart.

Prayers

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 Pour out your Spirit on the church, that its leaders and all the baptized may answer your call to be bearers of the revelation of your love for the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Restore wetlands and forests, waterways and the vast sky, mountains and canyons, and enable us to live in harmony with the natural world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Unseat from their thrones those who use their power to exploit others, and raise up leaders in our nation and throughout the world who will work for justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Remember with mercy the children of our congregation, that their excitement and anticipation during this season matures into joy and lasting peace in the revelation of the gift of your Son. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A With thanksgiving for the faithful witness of Mary and all the saints who have responded to your steadfast love, inspire us also to be servants of your will. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Other petitions.

P Look with favor on the sick, the lonely, victims of war and of domestic violence, the homeless, and those living in poverty. Fill them all with good things. 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.

Lord's Prayer 🎵 (tune: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*)

God our Father, God of fame, hollow'd be your saving name.
Everywhere your kingdom come, far away and here at home.
May we to your will comply, as the angels do on high.
Grant each day our daily bread, thankful that by you we're fed.
Thankful that our care you've planned, all we have is from your hand.

Grant that we, our sins forgiven, follow in the way of heav'n
May we, even at our worst, show forgiveness shown us first.
Guard us from the tempting devil, and deliver us from evil.
Yours the kingdom, so sing we, pow'r and glory ever be
Unto you while ages run. Yea, amen! So be it done!

Benediction

Doxology (tune: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*)

The Lord bless and keep us, look with love upon us.
Be gracious and cause his face to shine with peace.
Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
The Savior close beside us, God's love from harm to hide us,
The Spirit's pow'r to guide us forevermore!

Postlude *Adeste Fidelis* (Congregation please be seated)



**The Cantata has been recorded and is being broadcast at 10:30
this morning on WNDH 103.1 FM.**

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Charlee Glick's 12th birthday.

Worship Schedule

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

Offering Envelopes

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

New directories

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.

Coffee hour

Cookies and coffee are being served by the choir after the service this morning. Please stay and join us in fellowship after the Cantata.

Caroling

Our caroling caravan" will gather at the church at 1 p.m. today after Sunday School program practice. All voices and bodies and ages are welcome, and we'll plan to gather afterward back at the church for chili and hot chocolate.

2012 Flower Chart

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

Annual Reports — due in the church office by December 31!

Installation

The Installation of the 2012 Church Council members is taking place this morning. Serving the next year: President: Ron Wiechers; President-elect: Kevin Gerken; Secretary- Jenny Perdew; Treasurer: Julie Kohout; Board of Properties: Jeff Sharpe and Mike Mohring; Board of Education: Julie Mt.Castle & Angela Sosebee; Finance Board: Loralee Jones and Martha Young; Board of Doctrine & Worship: Terry Hershberger & Jack Robbins; Congregational Life Board: Carol Castello & Terri Sedam.

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 at 7 p.m.

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.

Baptism

Being baptized later today in the Chapel is Caraline Elizabeth Fickert, daughter of Erin Walker and Ryan Fickert. Caraline's sponsors are Sean & Lisa Walker.

Holiday Pops Concert

WNDH is scheduled to play the CD of the Napoleon Community Band and The Tower Brass Quintet Holiday Pops concert today from 12-1 p.m. and on Christmas Day from 2-3 p.m.

Thrivent Open House — Wayne Park Drive Office

You are invited to a holiday open house at Thrivent Financial for Lutherans at 15146 County Road M1, Napoleon, on Monday, December 19 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. (No products will be offered.)

Simply Giving

If you are interested in making your offerings using automatic withdrawal from your bank, you can pick up a form from Julie Kohout or the church office. Automatic giving can be set up for weekly, semi-monthly or monthly withdrawal and can be designated to the General and/or Building Funds. This form can also be used if you are already using this service and would like to make changes. Please talk to Julie Kohout about any questions.

Statistics

12/11 Attendance 101 + 120 (221) Communed 115 Offerings \$6624.50 (\$775 Bldg Fd; \$40 World Hngr; \$250 Good Sam Fd; \$500 Angel Tree)

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Acolytes - Austin Damman & Ryan Kohout
Altar Guild - Nanette Schwab & Susan Mabee
Prayer Chain Coordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

This Week

Today	11:00 a.m. Children's Christmas program practice 1:00 p.m. Caroling
Monday	4:00 p.m. Miriam Circle at Peppermills 6:30 p.m. Executive Board 7:00 p.m. Church Council
Wednesday	3:30 p.m. 6 th grade catechism 5:00 p.m. 7 th grade catechism 5:00 p.m. Soul Food 7:00 p.m. 8 th grade catechism Choir party
Thursday	9:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Children's Program Rehearsal
Friday	4:00 p.m. private party
Saturday	7:00 p.m. Children's Program 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
Sunday	10:00 a.m. ONE service at 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion 4-5:30 p.m. Community meal here for everyone!