

# Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio

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## Name of Jesus — January 1, 2012

*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** *And the Angels Sang*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

God of glory, God of peace,

C **we confess that we have shunned the light that reveals the truth about us. We cling to worldly things rather than sharing the gifts of this earth. We trust ourselves above all. Save your people, O God; sustain the rivers and trees that sing your praise; and free us to live boldly in the light and truth of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

P The grace of God shines upon us, bringing salvation to the whole world. We are saved, our sins are washed away, not because of anything we have done, but according to God's mercy in Jesus Christ. Renewed by the Holy Spirit, let us live in hope and joy.

C **Amen**

\* **HYMN LBW # 55**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

#### \* GREETING

P Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

#### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Eternal Father, you gave your Son the name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

#### FIRST READING: Numbers 6:22–27

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

<sup>23</sup>Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup>So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 8

<sup>1</sup>O Lord our Lord,\*

how exalted is your name in all the world!

**<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of infants and children\*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,\*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**<sup>4</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,\*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

<sup>5</sup>what is man that you should be mindful of him,\*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?

**<sup>6</sup>You have made him but little lower than the angels;\*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;**

<sup>7</sup>you give him mastery over the works of your hands;\*  
you put all things under his feet:

**<sup>8</sup>all sheep and oxen,\***

even the wild beasts <sup>1</sup> of the field,  
<sup>9</sup>the birds of the air, the fish <sup>1</sup> of the sea,\*  
 and whatsoever walks in the paths <sup>1</sup> of the sea.

<sup>10</sup>**O | Lord our Lord,\***  
**how exalted is your name in <sup>1</sup> all the world!**

**SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come,  
 God sent his Son, born of a woman, born  
 under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those  
 who were under the law, so that we might  
 receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And  
 because you are children, God has sent the

Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying,  
 "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a  
 slave but a child, and if a child then also an  
 heir, through God.

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



**\* GOSPEL: Luke 2:15-21**



<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone  
 into heaven, the shepherds said to one  
 another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and  
 see this thing that has taken place, which  
 the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they  
 went with haste and found Mary and  
 Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.  
<sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known

what had been told them about this child;  
<sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what  
 the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary  
 treasured all these words and pondered  
 them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds  
 returned, glorifying and praising God for  
 all they had heard and seen, as it had been  
 told them.

<sup>21</sup>After eight days had passed, it was  
 time to circumcise the child; and he was

called Jesus, the name given by the angel  
 before he was conceived in the womb.



**BAPTISM OF LUCAS JAMES AELKER**

**Special Music:** *Cradle Song* -Joleen Brubaker

**PRESENTATION**

P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by  
 joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a  
 fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of  
 eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the  
 body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and  
 obedience to the will of God.

**Parents and Sponsors:** I present **Lucas James Aelker** to receive the Sacrament of Holy  
 Baptism.

P In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should,  
 therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and teach him the Lord's  
 Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in  
 his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that,  
 living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a  
 godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

**Parents and Sponsors:** I do.

**THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth.

By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that he who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of him who is cleansed by this water and bring him forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C Amen**

#### **RENUNCIATION AND PROFESSION**

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

*Parents and Sponsors:* I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C 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**

#### **BAPTISM**

P **Lucas James Aelker**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

#### **LAYING ON OF HANDS**

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon **Lucas**: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

**C Amen**

#### **SIGNING WITH THE CROSS**

P **Lucas**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen

#### **GIVING OF THE LIGHT**

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

#### **PRAYER FOR PARENTS**

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon **Andy** and **Becky**. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

#### **WELCOME**

A Through Baptism God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

**C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

**BAPTISMAL HYMN WOV # 770**      *Borning Cry*

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**HYMN LBW # 40**      *What Child Is This*

### **SERMON**

\* **HYMN**      *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

I heard the bells on Christmas day  
Their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet the words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along the unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Till ringing, singing on its way  
The world revolved from night to day,  
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head  
"There is no peace on earth," I said,  
"For hate is strong and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail  
With peace on earth, good will to men."

### **THE PRAYERS**      *(please be seated)*

A Rejoicing in this new year of grace, let us bring our prayers for the church, all creation, and the needs of the world before God.

*Brief silence.*

A Let us pray for our bishops, pastors, teachers, and other church leaders. Grant them boldness to work for unity among all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord, so that the world might believe. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Let us pray for wisdom and discernment. Grant that we, who have been given dominion over creation, may rule over the works of your hands with humility. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Let us pray for all nations. Grant peace where there is war, food where there is famine, and economic opportunity where there is poverty. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Let us pray for this congregation. Grant us vision for ministry, and give us your Spirit to live in harmony and do your will. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Let us give thanks for those gone before us, who with tongues and talents confessed Jesus Christ as Lord. May their faith and lives move us to be servants of Christ. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Other petitions.*

P Let us pray for those in need: children, all seeking a new start in life, and the sick (*especially*). Grant them healing, safety, and hope, that they may live in the dignity you have given to all humanity. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Rejoicing in the glory of the Lord revealed to the world, we offer these and all our prayers to you, O God of our salvation.

**C Amen.**

### **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*What Shall We Name Him?* -Joleen Brubaker & Seth Tonjes

**\* OFFERTORY**



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**\* LORD'S PRAYER** 

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*The Holly and the Ivy* -Seth Tonjes, piano  
*Do You Hear What I Hear* -Seth Tonjes, solo

**\* BLESSING**

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

C **Amen**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* HYMN LBW # 70** *Go Tell It On the Mountain*

**\* DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Salute the Happy Morn*

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### Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Ted Penney.

### Baptism

We are privileged to witness the baptism this morning of Lucas James, son of Andy & Becky (Castello) Aelker. Lucas was born October 15 in Fremont. His sponsors are Holly Mohring and Amanda Aelker.

### Funeral

Remember in your prayers the family of Julia Arps who passed away on Christmas. Her funeral was held here on Thursday.

### De-decorating

Your help would be very much appreciated on Saturday morning beginning at 9 a.m. to help take down the Christmas decorations!

### During construction ... valet parking

There are several reserved parking spaces at the back door and assistance will be provided to those who need help navigating the stairs. We are also providing “valet parking” if all parking spaces at the back entrance are occupied. 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.

### This Week

Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Soul Food Planning Meeting
	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	3:30 p.m.	6 <sup>th</sup> grade catechism
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	5:00 p.m.	7 <sup>th</sup> grade catechism
	6:00 p.m.	Emanubells
	7:00 p.m.	8 <sup>th</sup> grade catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	De-decorating

### Statistics

12/18 attendance 286 offerings \$6081 (\$2,745 Bldg Fd; \$30 World Hngr; \$10 Good Sam Fd)

12/24 (7 p.m.) attendance 246 (11p.m.) attendance 196 communed 172

12/25 attendance 90 communed 83

Total Christmas offerings \$15,753 (\$2,850 Bldg Fd; \$9 World Hunger; \$200 Bell Choir; \$400 mem to Bldg Fd - Paul Bressler)

### Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Worship Assistant - Jack Robbins

Acolytes - Brock Brubaker & Derek Belcher

Ushers - Norm Bostelman, Mark Tonjes, Alan Storch, Bill Panning

Altar Guild - Sue Schink & Terri Haase

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

### Annual Reports — All Boards and Committees:

HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR ANNUAL REPORT??

### 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.

### Donation Corner for January

*Together We Can Make A Difference*

toilet paper	deodorant	dish soap
toothbrushes	shampoo	<b>diapers!!!</b>
(adult & children)	bar soap	feminine supplies
toothpaste	disposable razors	(pads & tampons)

Plastic bags are always needed for repackaging items. Opened packages of diapers (outgrown sizes, unused extras) are always welcomed! Sunday supplement coupons help stretch dollars further, for them and for their clients.