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First Sunday in Advent — December 2, 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 *On Jordan's Banks*

Ringing of the Bell

(8:00 a.m.) *O Come Let Us Adore Him* -Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

C Amen.

P Let us come before God in confession.

To you, O God,

C we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P Sisters and brothers, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation.

Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

C Amen

*** HYMN WOV # 626**

People, Look East

*** GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the refining fire of the Holy Spirit, and the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, be with you all.

C And also with you.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to you, O Israel.

Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by your advent here;

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain:

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

(10:30) **Special Music:** *You Are Holy* -Peggy Snyder & After School Club

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days

Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1–9

assisted by: 8:00 Marv & Julie Mt.Castle; 10:30 Peggy Snyder & After School Club

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;* let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³**Let none who look to you be put to shame;***

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

³Show me your ways, O LORD,* and teach me your paths.

⁴**Lead me in your truth and teach me,* for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

⁵Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,* for they are from everlasting.

⁶**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;* remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

⁷Gracious and upright is the LORD;* therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

***He guides the humble in doing right* and teaches his way to the lowly.**

⁹All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness* to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you

increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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*** Gospel Acclamation:**

♪ Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, Foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills God's Word!

*** GOSPEL: Luke 21:25–36**

²⁵There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are

not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the

whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

♪ His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding:
Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills God's Word!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 36 *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*

SERMON

* **HYMN LBW # 54** *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

(Please turn to page 10 for the 10:30 service.)

8:00 a.m. Service

* 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 Filled with expectation and longing, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Brief silence.

A Let us pray for the visible unity of the church; for increasing and abounding love among Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Christians; for our own denomination and its leaders. Strengthen our bonds. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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A Let us give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith. Keep us in communion with the saints who now see you face to face. Lord, in your mercy,

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Other petitions.

P Let us pray for all whose hearts are weighed down with the worries of this life (*especially*). Bring them hope that your redemption is drawing near. Lord, in your mercy,

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P Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and in your mercy grant us all we need, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

*** PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Little Bitty Baby* -Choir

*** OFFERTORY**

♪ So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own him.

The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;

Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

*** OFFERING 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.**

P It is indeed right and salutary...

*** GREAT THANKSGIVING** Leader-Tom Jenny All-Congregation

*** EUCHARISTIC 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

The Holly and the Ivy -Maddi Ashbaugh, piano

A Little Child Will Come to Lead Us -Choir with Maddi Ashbaugh, organ

Silent Night -Peggy Snyder, violin, and soloists

*** BLESSING**

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

C Amen

*** POST-COMMUNION**

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A Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word,
our Savior Jesus Christ.

C Amen

*** BENEDICTION**

*** HYMN LBW # 35** *Hark, the Glad Sound!*

*** DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Hark, the Glad Sound*

10:30 a.m. Service

*** 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

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Today's service...

The communion liturgy today is based on the hymn "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel." You might want to look it over before church begins. Tom Jenny will be the leader, and the choir will lead the congregation.

Caring Corner — Christmas Cheer

Think in terms of complete meals – canned beef with a bag of noodles and a can of broth; canned chicken; canned tuna with a bag of noodles and a can of cream of mushroom soup; a jar of spaghetti sauce and a box of spaghetti; canned vegetables and fruits; etc.

Christmas Cheer donations will be delivered this Tuesday, December 4. If you have any food items to bring in, please bring them BEFORE Tuesday morning!

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Larry & Diana Zachrich.

Women of the Church

Women of Emanuel Lutheran Church Christmas Program and installation of officers will be on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us in fellowship and fun.

Women – remember that we will be celebrating a “white Christmas” at this meeting. Please bring socks for the “Angel Tree” families (check the December newsletter for sizes!)

Statistics

11/25 attendance 91 + 144 (235) Offerings \$3,574.25 (\$170 Bldg Fd; \$5 World Hunger; \$25 Disaster Relief)

Angel Tree

The “angels” are now adorning the “Angel Tree”, ready for our Christmas shopping joy in sharing with our “adopted families.” We have adopted 50 kids for Christmas this year. Each angel lists a boy or girl with his/her age or a family with the number of family members and a gift suggestion, taken from the family’s application form. Please choose a gift that you are willing to buy, wrap, and label with the paper angel and return it underneath the tree no later than Monday, December 17. Any gift cards do not need to be wrapped; simply enclose in an envelope and label with the angel. All Angel Tree gifts need to be brought to the church by Monday, December 17.

Delivery to the families will take place on Tuesday, December 18 and/or Thursday, December 20, and we will, of course, invite them to worship with us here at Emanuel at Christmastime and always. If you would like to help with the deliveries (the really FUN part!), please see Carol Castello.

Band concert

The Napoleon Community Band will present their Holiday Pops concert tomorrow night at 7 p.m. here at Emanuel. The concert will feature the Henry County Chorale. This is the first time the band has joined with a choral group in a concert setting. Get the Christmas season started with music. Come and enjoy your favorite holiday tunes.

Nativities needed

We would like to have a nativity set from EACH Emanuel family to display during the Henry County Historical Society’s Downtown Church Tour on Saturday, December 15. You may bring yours in (labeled with your name, please!) and leave it in the chapel or bring it in that Saturday morning at 9 a.m. to help “decorate”. These may then be taken home after worship on Sunday, December 16.

Church Decorating

Thank you to all those who helped decorate our church for Christmas! (Also, those who had earlier brought in the fall decorations may now pick them up in the overflow area. Thank you for allowing us to use them!)

Cantata

The choir will present their annual Christmas cantata on Sunday, December 23 during ONE service at 9:00 a.m. Plan to arrive early as there will be at least 15 minutes of pre-service music!

Church Tour

Mark your calendars for the Henry County Historical Society Church Tour on Saturday, December 15 from 5-8 p.m. Emanuel is taking part in the tour and we have many special things planned including: a Nativity collection display, special music by the bell choir, adult choir and harp, refreshments, and highlights from our church history. Please support your community and your church by stopping in for awhile! We ask that you use the Clinton street entrances – watch for the luminaries.

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Sound Board - 8:00 Jeff Sharpe 10:30

Altar Guild - Susan Mabee & Lauren Helberg

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

Lay Assistant - 8:00 Carol Castello 10:30 Karl Wiechers

Acolytes - 8:00 Alie Hernandez & Caleb Hernandez

10:30 Mitchell Walther & Seth Tonjes

Ushers - 8:00 Kelli Burkhardt, Terri Sedam, Lenny Sonnenberg, Ron Wiechers

10:30 Chris Peper, Rupert Schweinhagen, Karl Wiechers, Mark Tonjes

This Week

Today 1:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
2:00 p.m. Community Band Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. 7th grade catechism
Monday 7:00 p.m. Community Band Concert here
Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Dartball here
Wednesday 3:15 p.m. After School Club
5:00 p.m. Soul Food
6:30 p.m. Choir
6:30 p.m. 6th grade catechism
7:30 p.m. Living Spirit
8:00 p.m. 8th grade catechism
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Newsletter deadline - Monday, December 10!

Advent Lessons and Carols

The Maumee Valley Conference invites the members of the Northwestern Ohio Synod to an afternoon of Advent Lessons and Carols at Zion's Lutheran Church, Defiance (1801 East Second Street - 419.782.8781) on Sunday, December 9, at 4:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

Advent Lessons and Carols is a service celebrating the expectation and anticipation of Advent – the season that proclaims our Savior is coming. Readings from Isaiah and Luke are mixed with new and familiar Advent carols for a delightful worship experience.

Steve Basselman from St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Archbold will be the musician, and Pastor Adrienne Meier from Trinity Lutheran Church, Malinta and Hosanna Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids will preside.

No RSVP required, just show up for this beautiful worship experience!