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Second Sunday of Advent — December 9, 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 Go Tell It on the Mountain

Ringing of the Bell

(10:30 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 Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful LBW #45

* 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 Emmanuel, Emmanuel (tune: O Christmas Tree)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Almighty God is with us!

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The Lord of heaven high above, has come to us in tender love.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Almighty God is with us!

* 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

(10:30) Special Music: I Wonder as I Wander -Marv Mt.Castle

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1–4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight — indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and

purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Luke 1:68–79

Blessed be the LORD, the ¹God of Israel;* he has come to his people and ¹set them free.

⁶⁹**He has raised up for us a ¹mighty Savior,*
born of the house of his ¹servant David.**

⁷⁰Through his holy prophets he promised of old ⁷¹that he would save us ¹from our enemies,*
from the hands of ¹all who hate us.

⁷²**He promised to show mercy ¹to our fathers*
and to remember his ¹holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath he swore to our ¹father Abraham:*
to set us free from the hands ¹of our enemies,

⁷⁴**free to worship him ¹without fear,*
⁷⁵holy and righteous in his sight
all the days ¹of our life.**

⁷⁶You, my child, shall be called the prophet of ¹the Most High,*
for you will go before the LORD to pre- ¹pare his way,

⁷⁷**to give his people knowledge ¹of salvation*
by the forgiveness ¹of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion ¹of our God*
the dawn from on high shall ¹break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shad- ¹ow of death,*
and to guide our feet into the ¹way of peace.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3–11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is

my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** 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 3:1–6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet

Isaiah,
"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

♪ 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 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* **LBW # 44**

SERMON

* **HYMN** *Away in a Manger* **WOV # 644**

(Please turn to page 7 for the 10:30 service.)

8:00 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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *I Wonder as I Wander* -Marv Mt.Castle

OFFERTORY (*please remain seated*)

♪ 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.

A world in need now summons us To labor, love, and give;
To make our life an offering To God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us To make the dream come true:
A world redeemed by Christ-like love; All life in Christ made new.

THE PRAYERS (*please remain 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 You are full of tender compassion. Strengthen your church that we might endure the day of your coming and stand when you appear at the end of time. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Your dawn from on high breaks upon us. Prepare the earth itself for your coming, that the valleys, the mountains, and the wilderness might sing your praise. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You guide our feet into the way of peace. Give wisdom to presidents, prime ministers, legislatures, and judges in all nations, especially nations at war. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You come to your people and set us free. As we are strengthened and sent out from this assembly, help us prepare your way in our daily lives. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We thank you for the witnesses who have gone before us. Help our love to overflow more and more until the day all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Other petitions.

P You give light to those who sit in darkness. We lift up those without homes or jobs, those dying of malaria or cancer, those who long for forgiveness, and the sick and suffering (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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

*** 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.

*** BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Variations to Adeste Fidelis*

10:30 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.

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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**

♪ 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,
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A world in need now summons us To labor, love, and give;
To make our life an offering To God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us To make the dream come true:
A world redeemed by Christ-like love; All life in Christ made new.

*** 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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel -Morgan Ashbaugh

Of the Father’s Love Begotten -Jessica Yunker

The Holly and the Ivy -Maddi Ashbaugh

Angels We Have Heard on High - Alexandria Biederstedt & Macee Glick

A Little Child Will Come to Lead Us -Choir with Holly Mohring on flute

Silent Night -Peggy Snyder-violin; Marv & Julie Mt.Castle

*** BLESSING**

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

C Amen

*** POST-COMMUNION**

*** POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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

*** DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Variations to *Adeste Fidelis*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Ben & Judy Michaelis in loving memory of Leon Pauley; and in celebration of Kurt & Karen Rohrs’ 31st wedding anniversary from Krista, Kara, and Kaitlin & family.

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!

Caring Corner — 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.

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 Tour

Mark your calendars for the Henry County Historical Society Church Tour this 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.

Statistics

12/2 attendance 120 + 91 (211) Communed 117 Offerings \$6268.50 (\$970 Bldg Fd; \$125 World Hunger; \$20 mem to Bldg Fd-R.Delaney) 12/3 poinsettias \$256.50

Newsletter deadline — noon TOMORROW!

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 7:00 p.m. 7th grade catechism

Monday 9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle

11:00 a.m. Naomi Circle meet at church

noon newsletter deadline

Tuesday 5:00 p.m. Miriam Circle at Rick’s

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

Saturday 5-8 p.m. Historical Society Tour/Downtown Churches

Toledo Symphony

The Toledo Symphony will present a Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township. You may purchase your tickets in their church office (office hours M-F from 10-2) or call 419-758-3522 to reserve your tickets TODAY. Ticket prices are \$20 for those ages 13 and up; \$10 for children ages 6-12; free for ages 5 and under. Along with the concert, they are sponsoring a food drive for their Food Pantry at St. Paul’s. Those attending are encouraged to bring along a non-perishable food item the night of the concert.

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) this afternoon 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!

Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 23 — 9:00 a.m. Cantata ***ONE SERVICE***
Monday, December 24 — 7:00 p.m. Children's Program (30 minutes pre-service music)
Monday, December 24 — 11:00 p.m. Candlelight, communion (30 min. pre-service music)
Tuesday, December 25 — 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship, communion
Sunday, December 30 — 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Regular Worship times *
Monday, December 31 — 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship

* December 30 is a "5th Sunday" and we will celebrate by having a potluck after the 10:30 worship service. Bring in your holiday leftovers and/or those goodies that you're planning to get rid of in the New Year with your new diet resolutions! Gather with our "old" church family and friends and share your "new" dreams for 2013!

The 2013 Offering Envelope boxes are now available in the overflow area.

Received from the Synod office...

The Synod Office received the following request from a member of St. Peter, Ridgeville Corners, for the following message to be publicized to MV Conference congregations for use today!

To: Northwestern Ohio Synod
Subject: [Website Contact] Bone Marrow Donor Drive
From: Jeff Benecke - St. Peter Ridgeville Corners, Ohio jbcorner@rteccexpress.net

Maddy Lambert is a 9 year old girl from Archbold, Ohio (and student of Mr. Benecke). She was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in November of 2009. Maddy recently relapsed for the second time and is now in need of a bone marrow transplant. You could be the match for Maddy! "Match for Maddy & Others" is a bone marrow donor drive that is dedicated to getting individuals registered on the National Bone Marrow Registry. This is the database used to find matches for those in need of a transplant. A simple cheek swab is all that is necessary at the drive to get yourself added to the donor registry. To get swabbed you must be between 18 and 55 and be in good general health. The whole process takes about 15 minutes. Please come out on December 15 and "Get Swabbed". You just might be the match that could save someone's life!

Saturday, December 15, 2012
10:00am - 4:00pm
Archbold High School