

**Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio**

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**Second Sunday of Advent — December 7, 2014**

*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**    *The Holly and the Ivy*

**Ringing of the Bell**

(8:00) *Prepare the Way of the Lord* -Choir

(10:30) *Sussex Carol* -Emanubells

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

(Echo what the leader sings!)

Leader: Peace is a prayer,    All: Peace is a prayer.

Leader: Peace is a prayer that starts with me.    All: Peace is a prayer that starts with me.

Leader: Light the candle of peace,    All: Light the candle of peace.

**\* 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.  
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 # 30**    *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

**\* GREETING**

L    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.**

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE**    *(tune: O Christmas Tree)*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Almighty God is with us!

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

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Almighty God is with us!

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L    *Let us pray.* 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**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1–11**

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

<sup>2</sup>Speak 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.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of  
the LORD,

make straight in the desert a highway  
for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every 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.

<sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry out!"  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

### PSALM 85:1–2, 8–13

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

**<sup>2</sup>You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people\*  
and blotted out | all their sins.**

<sup>8</sup>I 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.

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

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

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

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,\* and our land will | yield its increase.

**<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall | go before him,\*** and peace shall be a pathway | for his feet.

<sup>9</sup>Get 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!"

<sup>10</sup>See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup>He 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.**

### SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8–15a

<sup>8</sup>But 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. <sup>9</sup>The 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. <sup>10</sup>But  
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.

<sup>11</sup>Since 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, <sup>12</sup>waiting 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? <sup>13</sup>But, in accordance with his  
promise, we wait for new heavens and a  
new earth, where righteousness is at home.

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

A The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*tune: Angels We Have Heard on High*)

Glory be unto the Lord, as we listen to his word,  
In that word we see our King,  
It is to him that we sing: "G-l-o-ri-a in excelsis Deo..."

### \* GOSPEL: Mark 1:1–8

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

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,  
"See, I am sending my messenger  
ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;  
<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the  
wilderness:

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

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the  
wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of  
repentance for the forgiveness of sins.  
<sup>5</sup>And 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. <sup>6</sup>Now 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."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN WOV # 701 *What Feast of Love*

## SERMON

\* HYMN LBW # 54 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

### \* 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)*

With longing and hopeful expectation, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*Brief silence.*

A For the church, that it be a herald of glad tidings, announcing the good news that you are drawing near. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For all who strive for peace and an end to conflict and warfare, that righteousness find a home in their midst. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For wilderness and desert terrains, for mountains and plains, for fields fallow in winter, and for fruitful vegetation during these summer days in the Southern Hemisphere. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For this community of faith, that in our busy and fast-paced lives you will grant us the gift of patience and trust in your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We give thanks for all your holy ones who faithfully prepared the way of the Lord. Open our eyes to the new heavens and new earth made known in your advent among us. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*Other petitions.*

P For all who are weighed down with economic instability, sorrow, anxiety, or sickness (*especially*), that you speak tenderly to them and comfort them in your compassionate embrace. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive our prayers, faithful God, as we watch and wait for your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### \* PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:00) *Advent Carol of Hope* -Choir

(10:30) *Do You Hear What I Hear?* -Ryan Kruse

**\* OFFERTORY** 🎵

As saints of old their first-fruits brought  
Of orchard, flock and field  
To God, the give 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.

**\* 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.**

**\* GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Cantors:* (8:00) Tom Jenny (10:30) Joleen Brubaker

P It is indeed right and salutary ....

**\* 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**

(8:00) *Will We Know Him?* -Choir

(10:30) *Carol of the Bells* -Ryan Kruse

*Breath of Heaven* -Joleen Brubaker

**\* 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: *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

**\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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**

(8:00) **LBW # 35** *Hark, the Glad Sound!*

(10:30) **LBW # 36** *On Jordan's Banks*

**\* DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**\* POSTLUDE** *Join the Triumph of the Skies!*

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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 by the family of Kurt & Karen Rohrs in honor of their 33<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Wedding**

Congratulations and God's blessings to Bradley Gerten and Jenna Peper who were married at Emanuel yesterday!

**Door offering**

We will have a door offering **TODAY** and **NEXT SUNDAY, December 14** to capital improvements, including \$6,000 to repair the eavespouting. The balance will go toward retiring the building loan debt. Won't you please help? Thank you!

**“Christmas Is...”**

Enjoy the beauty of Christmas when you attend “Christmas Is...” at the Bloomfield House, 229 W. Clinton St., on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 5-8 p.m. and Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 p.m. It truly is a visual feast upon entering the Victorian home! On Saturday only Emanuel Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church and St. Paul United Methodist Church will also open their doors from 5-8 p.m., inviting the public to enjoy the beauty of these historical churches. Luminaries will light the entrances of the Bloomfield and the Churches to guide you. The Bloomfield House will also be open Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 p.m. All events are free! We hope to see you there!

**We need your nativities!**

Emanuel will be just one church stop on the historical society's downtown church tour, taking place this year on Saturday, December 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. We would like to further “decorate” our church that evening with nativity sets, and ideally, we would LOVE to have a set to display from EACH family in Emanuel! Please bring your set, labeled with your name, to the church by Saturday morning, December 13. And/or you may help the congregational Life Board set these all out that morning! You can take your nativity set home after worship on Sunday, December 14. Let's welcome the community into our church and welcome the Holy Family into our lives!

**Christmas Cheer** We are now collecting items for Christmas Cheer.

*Needed:* (Please check expiration dates and NO microwave items)

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| Canned vegetables                      | Crackers, Peanut Butter, Jelly Pudding, Jell-O, |
| Fruits, Soup, Stews, Meats             | Cake Mixes, Frostings                           |
| Macaroni & Cheese Mixes, Spaghettios   | Fruit Juices, Coffee, Tea, Kool-Aid             |
| Spaghetti Sauces, Tomato Juice, Broths | Chocolate Drink Mixes                           |
| Noodles, Macaroni, Rice, Spaghetti     | Toilet Tissue, Facial Tissue, Paper Towels      |
| Potato Mixes, Stuffing Mixes           | Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Shampoo                   |
| Cereals, Pancake Mixes, Syrups         |   |

If you wish to make a monetary contribution, please make checks payable to **Henry County Christmas Cheer** and send to:

Henry County Christmas Cheer  
c/o LeRoy Helberg  
Q610 Co Rd 19  
Napoleon, OH 43545

**Christmas Cantata** - next week! ONE SERVICE!!! 9:00 a.m.

The musicians of Emanuel will present their annual Christmas Cantata next Sunday, December 14. Entitled “Shout the Good News”, this cantata features spirited and toe-tapping music by the bell choirs, choir, and Living Spirit. We promise you’ll leave with a song in your heart, a smile on your lips and the Christmas Gospel message in your head – ready to be spread to others! Refreshments will be served after worship. Bring a friend or two!

**THERE WILL BE ONE SERVICE NEXT WEEK - 9:00 a.m.!!!**

Please mark your calendars!

**Christmas Services**

We will be having a candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. this year *in addition to* the candlelight service at 10:30 p.m. There will be communion at the later service (but not at 5:00).

Christmas morning service with Holy Communion will begin at 10 a.m.

Reminder: the Children’s Christmas Program will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 21. (We will also have our regular service at 8:00 a.m. that day.) After the children’s service you are invited to a luncheon in the basement. Soups and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a dessert or salad or side dish to share.

**Bell Sunday**

There will be a special “Bell Sunday” on December 28 at both services. Our bell choir will play festive Christmas numbers, and we invite you to bring your jingle bells from home to ring during some of the songs!

**This Week**

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| Today     | 1:30 p.m.  | Girl Scouts                                   |
|           | 2:00 p.m.  | Community Band Rehearsal                      |
| Monday    | 9:30 a.m.  | Ruth Circle at Big Boy                        |
|           | 11:00 a.m. | Naomi Circle meet at church                   |
|           | 7:00 p.m.  | Community Band Concert here                   |
| Tuesday   | 5:30 p.m.  | Miriam Circle at Rick’s                       |
| Wednesday | 3:15 p.m.  | After School Club                             |
|           | 3:30 p.m.  | 6 <sup>th</sup> grade catechism               |
|           | 4:30 p.m.  | 6 <sup>th</sup> grade bells                   |
|           | 5:00 p.m.  | Soul Food                                     |
|           | 6:00 p.m.  | Choir   |
|           | 6:00 p.m.  | 7 <sup>th</sup> grade catechism               |
|           | 7:00 p.m.  | Living Spirit                                 |
|           | 7:30 p.m.  | 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> grade bells |
|           | 8:00 p.m.  | Emanubells                                    |
|           | 8:00 p.m.  | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade catechism               |
| Thursday  | 9:00 a.m.  | Bible Study                                   |
| Saturday  | 2:00 p.m.  | private party                                 |
| Sunday    | 9:00 a.m.  | ONE SERVICE - 9:00 A.M.                       |

**Statistics**

11/26 (Thanksgiving Eve) attendance 182 Offerings \$2,044  
11/30 attendance 96 & 171 (267) Offerings \$4,284.00 (\$120 Bldg Fd; \$10 Wrld Hngr; \$17 Sun Sch) Simply Giving (11/24 - 11/30) \$130 Gen Fd; \$20 Bldg Fd

**Newsletters**

Be sure to pick up a copy of the December newsletter.

### Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Reader - 8:00 Richard Landversicht 10:30 Bill Panning

Sound Board - 8:00 Alexandria Biederstedt 10:30 Ryan Kohout

Acolytes - 8:00 Seth Tonjes & Jessica Yunker

10:30 Abby Allison & Morgan Ashbaugh

Ushers - Ken Lange, Tom Schroeder, Kurt Rohrs, Denny Ehlers

Altar Guild - Andrea Hoffman & Marilyn Fretz

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

### Prayer List

Please let us know of any additions or corrections to our birthday or anniversary list.

Also, please provide us with updates to our prayer list. Thank you.

### Community Band Concert

The Napoleon Community Band will present their annual Christmas Concert **tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.** here at Emanuel. The guest ensemble will be the Academy Brass from the Toledo area. This quintet features some of the great brass music that this season is noted for. Jason Jordon, Emily's husband and Pastor & Carol's son-in-law, plays the tuba in this group. This is always a popular concert and will feature some new seasonal arrangements for the band this year. Don't miss it!!!!

### 2015 Flower Chart

The new flower chart is hanging in the narthex. Sign up early to furnish flowers for your special day! (*Be extra careful to get your name in the right space!*) The cost is still \$20.00. Just place this amount, marked "Altar flowers" in the offering plate.

### Project We Care "Angel Tree"

We have volunteered to adopt 50 kids for Christmas again this year from 19 different families. Each angel lists a boy or girl with their age or a family with the number of family members and a gift suggestion. Please choose a gift that you are willing to buy, wrap, and label with that paper angel and return it **no later than Monday, December 15**. Any gift cards do not need to be wrapped; simply enclose in an envelope and label with the angel. Please also attach any gift receipts you have - those are appreciated!

### Christmas Concert

The Henry County Chorale will present a Christmas Concert next Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1075 Glenwood Avenue. Many beautiful selections will be performed highlighting the splendor of the Christmas season. A free will offering will be received at the door, benefitting both the chorale and St. Paul Lutheran Church.

### **Cookie Sale**

The High School Youth Group will be making and selling cut-out Christmas cookies. You can order on the form found in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate or turn it in to the office, or tell one of the high school youth. We are asking for a freewill donation for the cookies. They can be picked up between services on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. This is a fundraiser for our trip to the National Youth Gathering in July, 2015. Order yours today!

Thank you for your support!

