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Third Sunday of Advent — December 14, 2014

Cantata Sunday
Shout the Good News!

PRELUDE *Sussex Carol* -Emanubells

“On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear what news those angels bring;
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our Savior King’s own birth.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(Echo what the leader sings!)

Leader: Joy is a song, All: Joy is a song.

Leader: Joy is a song for all to sing, All: Joy is a song for all to sing.

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground) -Living Spirit

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!

CANTATA

Readers: Jamie Bostelman and Melinda Dachenhaus

Soloist: Joleen Brubaker

We Want to be Ready

Little Bitty Baby

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Mary Was the First One to Carry the Gospel

Amen! Tell It on the Mountain

Baby Born in Bethlehem

Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child

PRAYERS

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

Brief silence.

A That the people of God prepare the way of the Lord by bearing witness to the light and giving thanks in all circumstances. Let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A That governments, political leaders, and social service agencies will work together to free all those held captive by poverty, oppression, and disease. Let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A That from the garden of this earth praise and righteousness will spring forth, and fruitful harvests will provide bread to feed all who are hungry. Let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A That you strengthen the hands of all who serve in this congregation as teachers, musicians, worship leaders, and volunteers. Let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A That you clothe us with the garments of salvation, until with all your saints we behold the fullness of your glory. Let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

Other petitions.

P That you teach us to pray without ceasing as we commend into your care all who are brokenhearted, lonely, grieving, or ill (*especially*). Let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

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

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (tune: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*)

Our Father, Lord on heav'ns high throne,

Most holy be your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done

On earth, in heav'n the same.

Give us this day the food we need;

Forgiven may we be;

Into temptation do not lead;

From evil set us free.

Yours is the kingdom; unto you

In grateful love we bow;

And yours the pow'r, Lord let us view,

Your mighty presence now.

The glory yours, your praise be sung

By angel hosts and all

In ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue

Forevermore! Amen.!

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG *Adeste Fidelis* -Bell Choir

Thank you!

Thank you to the musicians of Emanuel for the beautiful music through the Cantata this morning! Refreshments will be served after worship. Please stay and enjoy some fellowship.

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Ed & Donna Peper; and by the family of Mackenzie Godsey in honor of her 1st birthday.

Door offering

We will have a door offering **TODAY** for 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., today from 1-4 p.m. The event is free!

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. next 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

Monday	noon	Newsletter deadline
	6:45 p.m.	Executive Board
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Dartball at St. John, Deshler
Wednesday	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	3:30 p.m.	6 th grade catechism
	4:30 p.m.	6 th grade bells
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Christmas party at Jenny's
	6:00 p.m.	7 th grade catechism
	7:30 p.m.	7 th - 8 th grade bells
	8:00 p.m.	8 th grade catechism
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Christmas Program
		after program: Luncheon for everyone - bring a salad or dessert

Newsletter

The deadline for the January newsletter is noon tomorrow!

Council Meeting

All newly elected members of church council are invited to attend the meeting tomorrow evening at 7 p.m.

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Acolytes - Seth Tonjes & Jessica Yunker

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.

Have you ordered your Cookies?

The High School Youth Group is 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 next Sunday, December 21st. This is a fundraiser for our trip to the National Youth Gathering in July, 2015. Order yours today!

Thank you for your support!

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"

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 TOMORROW, 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 this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1075 Glenwood Avenue. A free will offering will be received at the door, benefitting both the chorale and St. Paul Lutheran Church.

End-of-the-Year Reports

All boards please note: Your end-of-the-year report is due in the church office by 12/31.

Statistics

12/07 attend 106 & 95 (211) com 99 & 84 (183) Offerings \$6,483 (\$1,010 Bldg Fd; \$10 Wrld Hngr; \$14 Sun Sch; \$100 Good Sam) Simply Giving (12/01 - 12/07) \$755 Gen Fd; \$145 Bldg Fd