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Second Sunday of Christmas — January 4, 2015

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**

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

8:00 a.m. Service

PRELUDE Prelude on *Morning Star*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Installation of Church Council

*** 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 come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy. God of peace,

C we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the name of Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

C Amen.

HYMN LBW # 84 *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

*** GREETING**

P 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**

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. *Refrain:*

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain:*

This star drew near to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain:*

Then entered in those Wise men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *Refrain:*

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P *Let us pray.* Lord God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, 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: Jeremiah 31:7–14

⁷For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the
nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."
⁸See, I am going to bring them from the
land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts
of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor,
together;
a great company, they shall return here.
⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall
not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.
¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far
away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will
gather him,

PSALM 72:1–7, 10–14

and will keep him as a shepherd a
flock."
¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too
strong for him.
¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the
height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the
goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered
garden,
and they shall never languish again.
¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in
the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be
merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them
gladness for sorrow.
¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with
my bounty,
says the LORD.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,*
and your righteousness to | the king's son;

**²that he may rule your | people righteously*
and the | poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,*
and the little | hills bring righteousness.

**⁴He shall defend the needy a- | mong the people;*
he shall rescue the poor and crush | the oppressor.**

⁵He shall live as long as the sun and | moon endure,*
from one generation | to another.

**⁶He shall come down like rain upon | the mown field,*
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**

⁷In his time shall the | righteous flourish;*
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.

**¹⁰The kings of Tarshish and of the isles | shall pay tribute,*
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This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that

was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

To God the Father, God the Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in one,
may every tongue and nation raise
an endless song of thankful praise.

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1–12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

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when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P The Gospel of our Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 82 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

SERMON

*** HYMN WOV # 646** *We Three Kings*

*** 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 Rejoicing in the light of Christ that shines upon us, we pray for the church, the world, and all according to their needs.

Brief silence.

A Gracious God, we pray for the church. Make it one body and send it to proclaim the boundless riches of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Gracious God, we pray for the creation. Send rain where it is needed and sun to dry what is too drenched. Feed all living things with your abundance. Lord, in your mercy,

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A Gracious God, we pray for the nations. Make your wisdom known to rulers and authorities. Defend the needy and rescue the poor. Lord, in your mercy,

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A Gracious God, we pray for this assembly. Open our hearts as we adopt budgets and shape ministries. Rouse us to holy courage and generosity. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Gracious God, we give you thanks for those who have died in faith. Unite us with them forever, and strengthen us through their witness. Lord, in your mercy,

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Other petitions.

P Gracious God, we pray for those in any need. Enfold and heal the fearful and brokenhearted, the wounded and sick. Lord, in your mercy,

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P Hear the hopes and prayers of our hearts, O God, and magnify our joy at the birth of your Light among us, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen

***PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Wonderful Counselor* -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!

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

***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.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

Let All the World Rejoice -Choir

BLESSING

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

C **Amen**

*** POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A We give you thanks, O God, that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life, you give us food for our journey. As you led the magi by a star, as you brought the holy family home again, guide us on the way unfolding before us. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

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- 1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beautiful than the noonday light?
It shines to herald forth the King, glad tidings of our God to bring.
- 2 True spoke the prophet from afar who told the rise of Jacob's star,
And lo! The Eastern sages stand, to read in heav'n the Lord's command.
- 3 The guiding star above is bright; within them shines a clearer light
And leads them on with power benign to seek the giver of the sign.
- 4 O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek your face,
Let not our idle hearts refuse, the guidance of your light to use.

*** DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

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*** HYMN WOV # 646** *We Three Kings*

*** 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 *Offering* -Seth Tonjes

OFFERTORY *(please remain seated)*

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POSTLUDE *The First Noel*

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2015 Church Council Installation

Those being installed this morning: **Ron Wiechers**, President; **David Schwab**, President-Elect; **Laura Yaney**, Secretary; **Julie Kohout**, Treasurer; **Shelly Storch & Peggy Snyder**, Doctrine & Worship; **Carol Castello & Sue Schink**, Congregational Life; **Melinda Dachenhaus & Laura Ellis-Kruse**, Education; **Ted Rohrs & Marv Mt.Castle**, Properties; **Kelli Burkhardt & Betty Mowery**, Finance.

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Julie Delventhal in loving memory of her son, Jim Hustwick.

De-decorate

Your help will be appreciated Saturday morning at 9 a.m. as we take down the Christmas decorations!

Newsletter

Be sure to pick up your copy of the new January newsletter, available at both entrances.

This Week

- Wednesday 3:15 p.m. After School Club
- 3:30 p.m. 6th grade catechism
- 4:30 p.m. 6th grade bells
- 5:00 p.m. Soul Food
- 6:00 p.m. Choir
- 6:30 p.m. 7th grade catechism
- 7:00 p.m. Living Spirit
- 7:30 .m. 7th/8th grade bells
- 8:00 p.m. Emanubells
- 8:00 p.m. 8th grade catechism
- Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday 9:00 a.m. De-decorate church

End-of-the-Year Reports

All boards please note: Your end-of-the-year report are due!!!

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Readers - 8:00 Laura Ellis-Kruse 10:30 Gary & Jamie Bostelman

Sound Board - 8:00 10:30

Acolytes - 8:00 Ryan Kruse & Tyson Reynolds

10:30 Tessa Rhodes & Alicyn Hopkins

Ushers - 8:00 Lori Sharpe, Rupert Schweinhagen, Larry Ashbaugh, Chris Peper

Altar Guild - Laura Ellis-Kruse & Sue Kruse

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

Statistics

12/24 attendance (5:00) 171 (10:30) 150 communed 137 12/25 52 communed 48 Offerings \$5,213.80 (\$1,100 Bldg Fd) 12/28 attendance 78 & 82 (160) Offerings \$7,163 (\$300 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr; \$300 Good Sam Fd) Simply Giving (12/22 - 12/28) \$130 Gen Fd; \$20 Bldg Fd

Offering Envelopes

There are still several 2015 offering envelope boxes left to be picked up. They are located in the hall way by the church offices.

Volunteers needed!

We need a reader for 8:00 service on January 25 and sound board operators for both services this month! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, talk to Shelly Storch or Peggy Snyder, or call the church office if you are willing to assist in either of these areas.

Re-cycle

Early service worshipers: If you will be throwing your bulletin away when you get home, please consider leaving it here for 10:30 worshipers to use.