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**Second Sunday of Advent — December 6, 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 as you are able**

**PRELUDE**    *O Holy Night*

(10:30) *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* -Emanubells

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING** – *The Gift of Peace*

*Light of Hope* (8:00) -Choir (10:30) -Seth Tonjes

(8:00) Reynolds family (10:30) Plummer family

L On this Advent journey, we are mindful of the brokenness of the world that surrounds us.

**C We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.**

L As we look around us, we see the hostility that exists between neighbor and nation.

**C We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.**

L As we look beside us, we see fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.

**C We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.**

L As we look within ourselves, we confess the reconciling words we have yet to speak and restoring deeds we have yet to do.

**C We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.**

*Candle lighting and reading*

*Light of Hope* (8:00) -Choir (10:30) -Seth Tonjes

**\* 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 # 643**    *Once in Royal David’s City*

**\* GREETING**

P From the one who was, who is, and who is to come: Grace and peace be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE** (*Angels from the Realms of Glory*)

Glory be to God, the Father! Glory be to God the Son!

Glory be to God, the Spirit! Great Jehovah, Three in One:

Glory, glory, glory, glory, while eternal ages run.

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

(10:30) **Special Music:** *Ave Maria* -Emanubells

**FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>But 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; <sup>3</sup>he 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. <sup>4</sup>Then 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**

<sup>68</sup>Blessed are you, Lord, the <sup>1</sup> God of Israel, you have come to your people and <sup>1</sup> set them free.

<sup>69</sup>**You have raised up for us a <sup>1</sup> mighty Savior, born of the house of your <sup>1</sup> servant David.**

<sup>70</sup>Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us <sup>1</sup> from our enemies,

<sup>71</sup>from the hands of <sup>1</sup> all who hate us,

<sup>72</sup>**to show mercy <sup>1</sup> to our forebears, and to remember your <sup>1</sup> holy covenant.**

<sup>73</sup>This was the oath you swore to our <sup>1</sup> father Abraham:

<sup>74</sup>to set us free from the hands of our <sup>1</sup> enemies, **free to worship you <sup>1</sup> without fear,**

<sup>75</sup>**holy and righteous before you, all the days <sup>1</sup> of our life.**

<sup>76</sup>And you, child, shall be called the prophet of <sup>1</sup> the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to pre- <sup>1</sup> pare the way,

<sup>77</sup>**to give God's people knowledge <sup>1</sup> of salvation by the forgiveness <sup>1</sup> of their sins.**

<sup>78</sup>In the tender compassion <sup>1</sup> of our God the dawn from on high shall <sup>1</sup> break upon us,

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

**SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11**

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I 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. <sup>7</sup>It 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. <sup>8</sup>For God is my

witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having 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** (*What Child Is This*)

What feast of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?

What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?

This, this is God's good news, the word come down from heaven.

Oh, listen, hear and sing! Glad tidings now are given!

**\* GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as 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.'

<sup>5</sup>Every 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;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

P **The Gospel of our Lord**

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 56 *The First Noel*

## SERMON

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

### \* NICENE CREED

**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**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please be seated)*

A Emmanuel has come, is here, and is coming soon. Let us join in prayer for the church, the earth, and those who are in need, that all receive what God promises to give.

*A brief silence.*

A O God, our hope of unity, come to your church around the world. Purify your people and give to all the wisdom and courage to proclaim your word of forgiveness and renewal. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A O God our Savior, come to the earth that you made. Nurture the health of lands and

seas. Give to plants and animals favorable weather. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A O God of peace, come to all the nations. Inspire heads of state and regional leaders with a passion for justice. Bring peace throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A O God of compassion, come to our congregation and our community. This Advent, help us to prepare for your coming. Make us gifts to one another, that no one remains destitute or despairing. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A O Lord of hosts, we praise you for the lives of all the faithful. Bring us with them to your feast of eternal compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P O God of love, come to everyone in need. Heal the sick. Answer the cries of those who are poor, those without housing, and those who have fled from violence or famine. We pray especially for... Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Receive our prayers, merciful God, and make us ready to receive you when you come through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

### \* PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

**TITHES & OFFERINGS** (8:00) *When Will We See the Little One?* -choir  
(10:30) *Still, Still, Still*

### \* OFFERTORY *(Infant Holy, Infant Lowly)*

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son.

Glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-in-One.

Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart.

As we glory in your presence, giving from a grateful heart.

### \* 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.**

**Holy Communion** (*Away in a Manger*)

P It is indeed right and salutary ...

**\* Words of Institution...**

**\* LORD'S PRAYER**

**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) *Alleluia, Rejoice!* -Choir

*What We All Want for Christmas Is Peace* -Karri Ashbaugh

**\* BLESSING**

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

**C Amen**

**\* POST COMMUNION** (*Away in a Manger*)

Lord, now in your mercy your servants release.

As your word has promised, oh, grant us your peace.

Our eyes your salvation and mercy behold,

Prepared for the nations, as prophets foretold.

**\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

**\* DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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**Altar flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Ben & Judy Michaelis in loving memory of Leon Pauley.

**Cantata**

The musicians of Emanuel will be presenting the annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 13 during the special **9:00 a.m.** service. Entitled "The Bells of Glocken," it tells the tale of a kingdom whose ruler gives a gift of four bells to his people, one each for hope, peace, love and joy. When the king dies, the bells fall silent and the people become frightened and angry. They long for a new king who will bring them salvation.

The music and songs are sure to put the spirit of Christmas in your hearts. Invite some friends, refreshments will be served!

**Caring Corner for December** — Project We Care: Angel Tree

Please choose an angel(s) from the tree and, buy, wrap and label the gift with that paper angel and return it underneath the tree no later than **Monday, December 14**. Please also attach any gift receipts you have. Any Gift Cards do not need to be wrapped; simply enclose them in an envelope and label them with the angel. Gifts will be delivered on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Statistics**

Sun. 11/29 114+96 (210) Offerings \$4,552.75 (\$110 Bldg Fd; \$14 Wrld Hngr; \$39.75 Sun Sch; \$20 Angel Tree; \$275 poinsettias; \$88 mem-N.Strayer) Simply Giving 11/23 - 11/29 \$105 Gen Fd; \$20 Bldg Fd

**Nativities needed!** (and maybe this will make it easier for your to bring them!)

Due to a conflict of busy-ness for setting up, we would like to have your nativity sets here by Thursday morning, the 10<sup>th</sup>, so that we can set up the displays shortly after Bible Study. Can we count on YOU to bring yours Wednesday to "Soul Food"/bells/choir OR Thursday morning to Bible Study? The historical walk to the downtown churches will be Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 8 p.m.

**Attention Sunday School parents!**

We will have the “dress rehearsal” for the Sunday School Christmas program next Sunday, December 13, following the Cantata. We will begin after the 9:00 service and hope to end by 11:30'ish. After the practice, we'll have a hot dog lunch for the kids, and a few helping hands are welcome for that! Please let Carol Castello know that you will help with the simple lunch (food will be provided; you just have to help get it ready!). On Sunday, December 20, we will present the program, “My Dear Lord Gave to Me”, at the 10:30 service, with cookies and drinks afterward.

**Serving Today**

Pastor James L. Castello  
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes  
Worship Assistants - 8:00 Alexandra Reynolds 10:30 Bill Panning  
Sound Board - 8:00 Ryan Hoffman 10:30  
Acolytes - 8:00 Tyson Reynolds & Laci Dachenhaus  
10:30 Zachary Skeens & Haydon Speakes  
Ushers - 8:00 Mike Yaney, Barb Hoffman, Tom Hoffman, Doug Elling  
10:30 Larry Ashbaugh, Rupert Schweinhagen, Chris Peper  
Altar Guild - Marilyn Fretz & Joleen Brubaker  
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

**This Week**

Monday 7:00 p.m. Napoleon Community Band Concert here  
Wednesday 3:15 p.m. After School Club  
3:30 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> grade catechism  
5:00 p.m. Soul Food  
5:30 p.m. Emanubells  
6:30 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> grade catechism  
6:30 p.m. Choir  
7:30 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> grade catechism  
7:30 p.m. Living Spirit  
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
Saturday 5-8 p.m. Historical Society Downtown Church Tour  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. ONE service - Cantata

**Your help is needed!!**

Sound board operators are needed for: Dec. 6 10:30 a.m.; Dec. 20 10:30 a.m.; Dec. 24 10:30 p.m.; Dec. 27 8:00 a.m. Please sign up today on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Shelly Storch or Peggy Snyder! There are also sign up sheets on the bulletin board for January -February - March!!!!

**Christmas Concert**

The Napoleon Community Band will present a concert here tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.

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**December Worship Schedule**

Please take note of these special services!

December 6

Worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion will be offered at **BOTH** services.

December 13

**ONE service** at 9:00 a.m.  
Cantata

December 20

8:00 a.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Children’s Christmas Program

December 24

5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
10:30 p.m. Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

December 25

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

December 27

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship