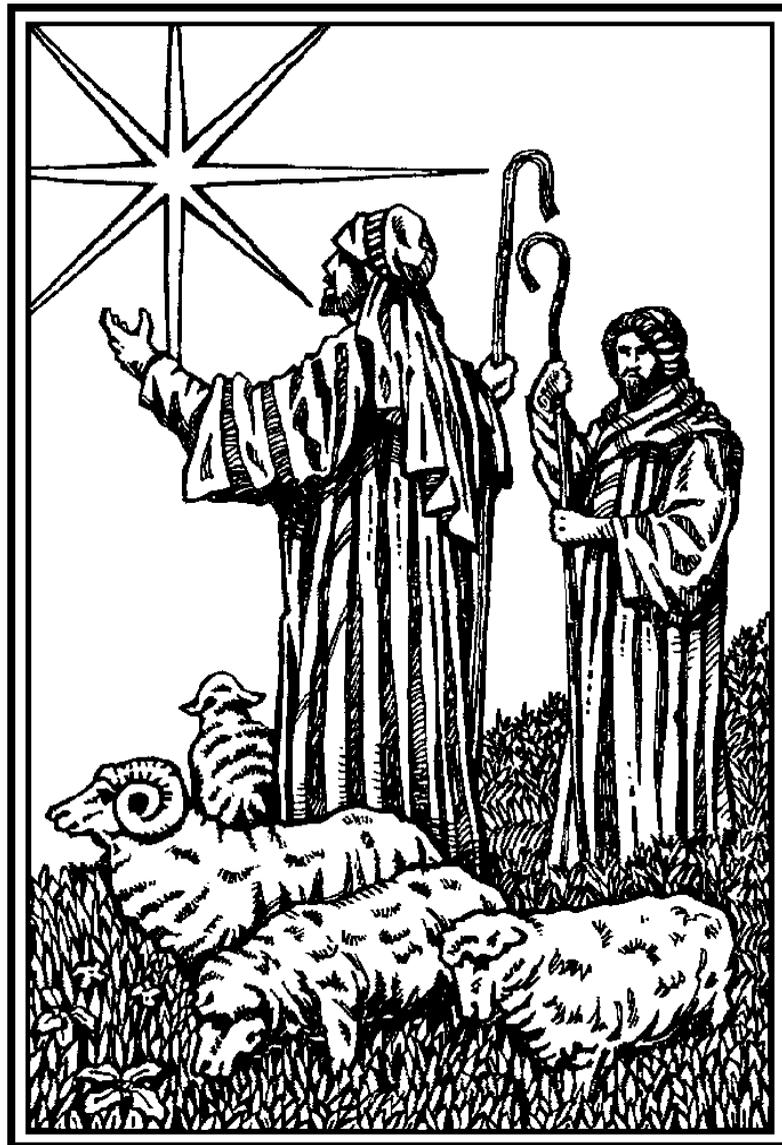


Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio

Christmas Eve — December 24, 2015



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10:30 p.m.

PRE-SERVICE

Who Is This Tiny Child -Choir

Mary, Mary -Choir

Welcome to Our World -Living Spirit

Carol of the Bells -Madison & Morgan Ashbaugh, Alyssa & Ryan Kruse, Seth Tonjes

RINGING OF THE BELL

* **OPENING HYMN # 45** *Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful*

* **PRAYER**

P Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Breath of Heaven* -Bell Choir

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep
darkness—

on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,

and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of
Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
 for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
 with justice and with righteousness

from this time onward and
 forevermore.
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do
 this.

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

PSALM 96 *(parts in bold type will be sung by Peggy Snyder)*

A O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
 C His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.
Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth.
 A The Lord has made known his victory;
 C He has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
Once, you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.
 A He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
 C All the ends of the earth have the victory of our God.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!
 A Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
 C Break forth into joyous song and sing praise.
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.
 A Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
 C With the lyre and the sound of melody.
Sing to him your highest praises, on this wondrous, holy night.
 A With trumpets and the sound of the horn,
 C Make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!
 A Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
 C the world and those who live in it rejoice.
All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son.
 A Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord,
 C For he is coming to judge the earth.
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.
 A He will judge the world with righteousness.
 C And the peoples with equity.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-7 *(part one sung by Marv Mt.Castle)*

Hymn

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?
 This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: Luke 2:8-14 *(part two sung by Peggy Snyder)*

Christmas Angels -Emanubells

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: Luke 2:15-20 *(part three sung by Joleen Brubaker)*

O Holy Night -Bell Choir, Holly Mohring-flute

*** READING: 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.'

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time

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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen -Anthony Godsey, Julie & Marv Mt.Castle

OFFERING *Were You There?* -Bell Choir, Mt.Castles

PRAYERS

A O Wisdom from on High: angels sang their anthems at the midnight hour to awaken a sleeping creation; shepherds came to worship you, and went away rejoicing; wise ones gave their hearts to you, so they could dwell in ours.

C O Emmanuel, we adore you.

A O Beautiful Messenger of Peace: you came to us as a baby to hold us in your grace; you came to us in a stable, so that we would have no trouble finding you;

C O Emmanuel, we adore you.

A O Desire of Nations: you build your home deep within our souls; you walk with us in the winter of life.

C O Emmanuel, we adore you.

p O Branch of Jesse, blest Dayspring: all the faithful lift their songs of joy to you, even as we pray as Jesus has taught us,

*** 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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

All I Want for Christmas Is Peace -Karri Ashbaugh

You're Here -Alison Storch

Christmas Carols -Holly Mohring, flute

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST -Carol Castello

*** LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

*** HYMN # 65** *Silent Night* (w/Anthony Godsey, guitar)

*** BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT** -Karri Ashbaugh, Laura Ellis, Julie Mt.Castle

*** HYMN # 39** *Joy to the World*

Adeste Fidelis -Bell Choir



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Juanita Clausen and Sue Kruse.

Serving Today:

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship Coordinator/Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Assistant - Bill Panning

Acolytes - Alyssa Kruse & Ryan Kruse

Altar Guild - Marilyn Fretz & Joleen Brubaker

