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Second Sunday of Advent — December 4, 2016

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

*** Please stand as you are able**

(10:30) *Silver Bells* -Emanubells

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ringin of the Bell

PRELUDE *The Holly and the Ivy*

Advent Candle Lighting

(8:00) Helberg family trumpeters: Tom Jenny & Seth Tonjes

(10:30) Mitch Delaney family trumpeters: Tom Jenny & Seth Tonjes

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(you may remain seated)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

C Amen.

P Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

God of all time,

C we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

P Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

C Amen

HYMN LBW # 50 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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:** *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* -Emanubells

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with

the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;

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

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

⁴**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.**

⁵May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure, from one generation | to another.

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

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

¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the | God of Israel;
you alone do | wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹And blessed be your glorious | name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for

his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ♪ (tune: Once in Royal David's City)

Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy praise is duly shown;
Let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone.
So that all I hear may be, fruitful unto life in thee.

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12** (please stand as you are able)

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of

repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 67 *Away in a Manger*

SERMON

HYMN LBW # 56 *The First Noel* (you may remain seated)

*** NICENE CREED** (please stand as you are able)

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 *(you may remain seated)*

A As we anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A For the church throughout the world, for all inspired and led by the Holy Spirit, and for all who proclaim the wondrous deeds of God; that all divisions and disagreements cease, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the earth and its creatures, for animals of every size, for plants that provide shade and nourishment; that we see God's goodness revealed in every living thing, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the nations and those in authority, for police officers and firefighters, for social workers and attorneys; that God grant them wisdom to work for peace and justice, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For those traveling and those absent from this gathering, for those serving in the military, for those preparing for baptism, and for our congregation; that in all we do we praise and glorify God, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who have died in Christ; that they show us the way of hope through the incarnate Word, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P For the poor, the meek, the unwelcomed, those suffering from malaria and HIV/AIDS, the sick and the bereaved (*especially*); that they experience Christ embodied in healthcare workers and caregivers, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to you, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior.

C Amen

*** PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS (8:00) *Comfort, Comfort, Now My People* -Choir
(10:30) *Cradle Song*

OFFERTORY 🎵 *(you may remain seated)* (tune: 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING Cantor -Tom Jenny

P It is indeed right and salutary.....

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*** LORD'S PRAYER** *(please stand as you are able)*

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

A Little Child Will Come to Lead Us -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 God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

BENEDICTION

HYMN LBW # 69 *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Joy to the World*

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Altar flowers

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

Funeral

Please keep the family of Paul Cousino in your prayers. Paul's funeral was held here last Thursday.

Community Band Concert

The Napoleon Community Band will hold their annual Christmas concert at Emanuel on Monday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the band as they celebrate Christmas through music. The Tuba Fours, a tuba quartet and their guest ensemble, will entertain you with their unique arrangements and sound.

Nativities needed !!

Emanuel is one stop on the historical society's downtown church tour on Saturday, December 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. As we have done in the past, we would like to further "decorate" our church that evening with nativity sets, and ideally, we would love to have one from EACH family in Emanuel! Please bring your set, labeled with your name, to the church by that Saturday morning. And/or you may help the Congregational Life Board set these all out that day – we'll start at 12 noon! You can take your nativity set home after worship on December 11. Let's welcome the community into our church as we welcome Jesus into our lives!

Candlelight Walking Tour

The Henry County Historical Society and the downtown churches (Emanuel Lutheran and St. Paul United Methodist) invite you to their Candlelight Walking Tour, Saturday, December 10, from 5-8 p.m. Follow the luminaries and discover the beauty and wonder of the Christmas season! The Bloomfield House and churches will be beautifully decorated for the occasion. Be sure to include viewing the Civil War era Christmas at the log house at the fairgrounds as part of your visit. The Bloomfield House and log house will also be open Saturday, December 10, 1-8 p.m. and just the Bloomfield house on Sunday, December 11, 1-4 p.m.

Cantata

The musicians of Emanuel will present their annual Christmas Cantata next Sunday, December 11. There will be ONE SERVICE that day at 9:00 a.m.! Entitled "What Sweeter Music," this cantata tells the Christmas story with songs, spoken words, and poems. Please join us for this special service and enjoy our gift to you this holiday season. Refreshments will be served after worship. (Plan to arrive early so you can enjoy 15 minutes of pre-service music.)

Statistics

11/27 96+95 (191) Offerings \$3,994.39 (\$40 Bldg Fd; \$7 Wrld Hngr; \$26 Sun Sch
Simply Giving 11/21-11/27 \$105 Gen Fd; \$20 Bldg Fd

Christmas Worship Schedule

Please mark your calendars so you don't miss any of these opportunities for worship!!

December 11 - ONE service at 9:00 a.m. CANTATA

December 18 - Worship at 8:00 a.m.; Children's Christmas Program at 10:30 a.m.

December 24 - Worship with Holy Communion at 5:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

December 25 - ONE service at 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion

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

We are adopting 50 kids from Project: We Care. Our "decorated" Angel Tree is located in the overflow. Each angel ornament lists a boy or girl with the age or a family with the number of family members and gift suggestion. Please choose a gift to buy, wrap, and label it with that paper angel and return it underneath the tree NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14.

Please wrap your gift and label it by LIGHTLY attaching the angel. Any gift cards do not need to be wrapped; simply enclose in an envelope and label it with the angel. Please give these to Carol Castello or to Pat at the church office.

All Angel Tree gifts need to be brought to the church by WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14. Deliveries to the families will take place on Monday, December 19 (with Tuesday, December 20 as a back-up date), and we will, of course invite them to worship with us here at Emanuel at Christmas and always. If you would like to help with the deliveries, all such Christmas elves are welcome – please see Carol Castello.

Salvation Army Bell-Ringing — Friday, December 16

Check the volunteer list near the church office and sign up now! There are several two-hour shifts still available between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. All the "red kettle" money raised at the Napoleon WalMart stays to fund all the efforts of Salvation Army in our local area. Let's do our part and help from the heart!

Christmas concert

The Toledo Symphony Orchestra will perform a Christmas concert in the sanctuary of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township, on Wednesday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. Please call their church office at 419-758-3522 for ticket information.

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Reader - 8:00 Alexandra Reynolds 10:30 Karri Ashbaugh

Sound Board - 8:00 Ed Biederstedt 10:30 Larry Ashbaugh

Acolytes - 8:00 Jessica Yunker & Alyssa Kruse

10:30 Carter Burken & Morgan Ashbaugh

Ushers - 8:00 Carl Yaney, Barb Hoffman, Tom Hoffman, Doug Elling

10:30 Chris Peper, Paul Mowery, Terry Walther, Bill Panning

Altar Guild - Joleen Brubaker & Lauren Helberg

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

Simon Robson's Benefit

Hog Roast and Gun Raffle, December 11, 2016, 11:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at The Armory Arts & Events Center, 127 East Washington St., Napoleon. In November 2015 Simon was a passenger involved in a serious automobile accident that left him not only in a wheelchair, but starting over in life completely. His family and friends invite you to join them in showing Simon your support as he continues to heal to inspire others along the way. Contact Simon Robson for tickets for the gun raffle, \$20 each (419-377-1880). Hog Roast available for \$8 for adults; \$5 for children. There will also be 50/50 ticket drawings, with various table auctions. All proceeds will go to Simon Robson Charitable Fund.

Christmas Concert

The Henry County Chorale will present a holiday Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 11, at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1075 Glenwood. The public is invited. A free will offering will be accepted for the benefit of the Henry County Chorale and St. Paul Lutheran Church. The group will be performing a variety of the wonderful selections of the season, with soloists Abbey Johnston, Terry Courter, Mark Schwiebert, Pat Maassel, Robin Weirauch, Melissa Rausch, Garry Cline, Dan Seedorf, Shellee Murcko, Marv Mt.Castle, and Julie Parsell. Instrumentalists include Carol Pelltier and Marv Mt.Castle. The group is under the direction of Janet Lyne, with Ruth Labie as accompanist.



“My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary.”
- Martin Luther

Did you know...

Christopher Columbus set sail when Luther was in grammar school. Michelangelo was completing his Sistine Chapel ceiling as Luther began teaching theology.

This Week

Today	9:15 a.m.	Children’s program practice
	2:00 p.m.	Community Band Rehearsal
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Community Band Christmas concert
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Dartball - Bryan here
Wednesday	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	3:30 p.m.	6 th grade catechism
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	5:30 p.m.	Emanubells
	6:30 p.m.	7 th grade catechism
	6:30 p.m.	Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Living Spirit
	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
	7:00 p.m.	WELCA Installation and Christmas Program
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	ONE SERVICE – Cantata
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School Program Dress Rehearsal

We need you!

Readers and sound board operators are needed for January!! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Peggy Snyder or Holly Mohring!

Annual Reports

It’s that time again. All Boards and Committees need to have their annual reports in to the church office by the end of December.

➡Don’t forget
ONE service
9:00 a.m.
Next Sunday - December 11
Cantata “What Sweeter Music”
presented by Emanuel’s
musicians.
Please mark your calendars!!

WELCA – Women of Emanuel

The December General Meeting will be held Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. There will be the installation of officers, and we will enjoy the Christmas presentation from “The Brown PK’s” with Carol Castello and Peg Brown. Please bring wrapping paper and tape for the Project We Care presents. Refreshments will be provided by the Miriam Circle.

Flower Chart

The new flower chart for 2017 is posted on the bulletin in the narthex. Pick your date early and sign up!

