

Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio

419-592-2616 emanuel@bright.net www.emanuelnapoleon.org

Pastor James L. Castello

419-592-0847 jameslcastello@yahoo.com cell phone 419-966-2601

Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 18, 2016

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

*** Please stand as you are able**

8:00 a.m. Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ringing of the Bell

PRELUDE

Mary Did You Know?

Ryan Kruse, vocal; Marv Mt.Castle, percussion; Anthony Godsey, guitar

Advent Candle Lighting

Ronnie & Kathy Rohrs trumpeters: Dave Schwab & 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 *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

God rest ye merry gentlemen; let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. *Refrain:*

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas, all other doth deface. *Refrain:*

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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too

little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time

he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and | come to help us.**

³Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD | God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray?**

⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,
the one you have made so strong | for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 1:1-7

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power

according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷To

all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION  *Advent Alleluia*

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25** *(please stand as you are able)*

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a

dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which

means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music: *Borning Cry* -Living Spirit

BAPTISM OF CHELSEY MARIE SANEHOLTZ

P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P: **Chelsey Marie Saneholtz**, do you desire to be baptized?

Chelsey: I do.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth.

By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of

cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that she who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of her who is cleansed by this water and bring her forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen**

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Chelsey: I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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**

P **Chelsey Marie Saneholtz**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon **Chelsey:** the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C Amen

P Chelsey, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

A Through Baptism God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

HYMN WOV # 644 *Away in a Manger*

SERMON

HYMN LBW # 54 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* (you may remain seated)

TITHES & OFFERINGS *Do You Hear What I Hear* -Karri Ashbaugh, solo

OFFERTORY 🎵 (you may remain seated) (tune: The First Noel)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

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 universal and all servants of the gospel, for poets and artists, for musicians and preachers, and for theologians and teachers; that all proclaim that God is with us in Christ, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For all plants and animals, seas and skies, snow and rain, and all of God's marvels; that all of creation grow and thrive as we bless, protect, and use with care what God has made, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the nations and those in authority, for peace and justice throughout the whole world, and for those who advocate on behalf of others; that all in positions of leadership choose what is good for the community, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For those who travel near and far, for those who prepare our congregation for worship and celebration, and for those who gather around word and sacrament; that all experience welcome and refreshment, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A In thanksgiving for the saints who have died and are now at rest; that the witness of their faith point us to the promises of grace and resurrection in Christ, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P For the thirsty and hungry, the weak and fearful, those in childbirth, those who mourn, and the sick (*especially*); that they know Christ the Anointed One who dries up every tear and comforts those who suffer, 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

*** 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

* BENECTION

HYMN *Immanuel, Immanuel* (tune: O Christmas Tree)

Immanuel, Immanuel, Almighty God is with us!
Immanuel, Immanuel, Almighty God is with us!
The Lord of heaven high above, has come to us in tender love.
Immanuel, Immanuel, Almighty God is with us!

POSTLUDE *Rise Up, Shepherds and Follow*

Reprinted from *Words for Worship*, copyright 2016 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission. Scripture quotations (except psalms) from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989 Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Shirlee Mires-Fejes in loving memory of Phil, Nelson, and Lisa.

Baptism

God's blessings to Chelsey Marie Sanholtz who is being baptized this morning!

Congratulations!

Congratulations and God's blessings to Matt & Katie Diem on the birth of a son, Ford Ronson, on November 23 in Findlay. Proud grandparents are Roger & Elaine Borstelman.

Christmas Worship Schedule

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

2017 Offering Envelopes

The new offering envelopes are available in the hallway outside the church offices. Please be sure the number on your envelope is the same as that listed on the label.

Flower Chart

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

Project

After School Club children will be working on a craft project and we need BURNED OUT Christmas tree lights. As you are putting away your decorations this year, please consider donating your used up lights (any colors!), and we will turn them into something beautiful. Just put them in a bag or box (tangled up is just fine!), and put them in Angela's office.

Statistics

Tithes and Offerings 12/04 \$9,883.15 (\$980 Bldg Fd; \$10 Wrld Hngr; \$20 After Sch Cl; \$17.50 Sun Sch; \$200 Good Sam Fd; \$1,000 Angel Tree)

12/11 ?? Tithes and Offerings \$4,053 (\$180 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr; \$50 Good Sam Fd; \$100 music) Simply Giving 12/05-12/11 \$45 Gen Fd; \$45 Bldg Fd; \$25 Wrld Hngr; \$25 Good Sam Fd

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Reader - Alexandra Reynolds

Sound Board - Ed Biederstedt

Acolytes - Jessica Yunker & Alyssa Kruse

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

Altar Guild - Joleen Brubaker & Lauren Helberg

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

This Week

Today 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas program

Monday 7:00 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday 3:15 p.m. After School Club

5:00 p.m. Soul Food

Thursday NO Bible Study

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion – ONE service

Devotionals

New *Christ in Our Home* and *Portals of Prayer* devotionals are available at both entrances. They are available in both regular and LARGE print.

Annual Reports

Boards are reminded to have their end-of-the-year reports in to the church office by December 31.

Soliciting all extra love (and Christmas Cards)!

As most of you know, my cousin Marcus joined the Peace Corps last year and is spending two years in Thailand. This is his first Christmas so far away from home which is not so easy for him or for his family. As such, I am soliciting any extra Christmas wishes from his church family in the form of Christmas cards (or notes!). There is a container at each door for cards to be put in to (or they can be dropped at the church office!). I will gather them all together and send them as one Christmas package. We'll be collecting through the holiday season, so he may not get them until after Christmas, but he will get them with all the love they are sent with. So as you write your Christmas cards up this year (if you feel so moved), please include one for Marcus and bring it to the church. The love of Christ can be spread an extra 8,500 miles this season! Thank you!! -Holly Mohring



By the.”

Did you know...
Luther ulthood.