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First Sunday in Advent — December 3, 2017

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

* Please stand as you are able

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

8:00 a.m. Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ringing of the Bell

PRELUDE Toccata on *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Advent Candle Lighting -Jack Robbins

♪ Light a candle bright and tall

For the hope within our world.
Jesus, light of all our lives,
We will walk with you, our Lord.
Shine within our hearts today!
Come, O Hope, to us we pray.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 # 26 *Prepare the Royal Highway*

GREETING

P Grace and peace from our God and Father, hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, and the consolation 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. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

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so that the mountains would quake at
your presence—

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and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your
adversaries,

so that the nations might tremble at
your presence!

³When you did awesome deeds that we did
not expect,

you came down, the mountains quaked
at your presence.

⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your
ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;

because you hid yourself we
transgressed.

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unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a
filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take
us away.

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for you have hidden your face from us,
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we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

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and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1–7, 17–19

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

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SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the

revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ♪

Glory be unto the Lord, as we listen to his word.

In that word we see our King, it is to him that we sing: “Gloria in excelsis Deo.”

*** GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37**

[Jesus said:] ²⁴In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.

³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my

words will not pass away. ³²But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 36 *On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry*

SERMON

HYMN LBW # 34 *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel* (you may remain seated)

*** 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(You may remain seated)*

A Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God's people.

A brief silence.

A Give light to your people, Lord. As the darkness grows and we await the return of daylight, give new life to your church. Shape our communities to be faithful vessels of the gospel for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Restore your creation, Lord. You give the earth opportunities for both sleep and awakening. Thank you for the gift of restful seasons so new life may grow according to your appointed time. Lord, in your mercy,

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P We raise our prayers to you, O God, in the name of the one who is, who was, and who is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

*** PEACE** *(please stand as you are able)*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES & OFFERINGS *Come, Emmanuel* – Choir

OFFERTORY *♪ (you may remain seated)*

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 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 ...

(please turn the page....)

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

Is Your Heart Prepared? -Choir

BLESSING

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

C Amen

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

POSTLUDE *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

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10:30 a.m. Service

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Ringling of the Bell

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Advent Candle Lighting -Mitch Delaney family

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 # 35 *Hark, the Glad Sound!*

DISMISSAL

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

C Amen

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Special Music: *Gloria* -Emanubells

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HYMN LBW # 34 *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel* (you may remain seated)

* **APOSTLES' CREED** (please stand as you are able)

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 & OFFERINGS

Not That Far From Bethlehem -Julie Mt.Castle & Bonnie Palamara

OFFERTORY 🎵 *(you may remain seated)*

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THE PRAYERS *(you may remain seated)*

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HYMN LBW # 35 *Hark, the Glad Sound!*

POSTLUDE *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Maggi & John Mohler in loving memory of Marcella and Daris Mohler; Marie & Florian Sauer; and Suzanne Shumaker Lange.

Presentation of Bibles

Second graders who are receiving Bibles this morning: Grayson Castello Dunn, Alivia

Good, Jacob Plummer, Aubrey Reynolds, and Carmen Rupp and Alexander Vajen.

Church Decorating

Thank you to all who helped with the church decorating yesterday! You did a great job!

Need help with Christmas Cheer!!!

We need a volunteer to deliver our Christmas Cheer donations to the Filling Home on Tuesday. Please call Carol Castello if you can help in this way!!!

Caring Corner — Angel Tree

Once again, we are adopting 50 kids from Project: We Care. Our “angel tree” is located in the overflow area. Decorated with paper angel “ornaments” which are numbered to help with the sorting of gifts, each “angel” lists a boy or a girl with the age or a family with the number of family members and a gift suggestion taken from the family’s application form. Choose a gift to buy, wrap, and “label” with that paper angel (LIGHTLY), and return it underneath the tree **no later than Wednesday, December 13**. Any gift cards do not need to be wrapped; simply enclose in an envelope and “label” it with angel. These can then be given to Carol Castello or to Pat at the church office. **PLEASE have the Angel Tree gifts to the church by DECEMBER 13!!**

Filling Guild

The Filling Guild membership drive is in full swing. Envelopes are available at both entrances that you can use for your donation of \$1 (or more!). Be sure to include your name and address on the envelope.

Youth fundraiser

Sweet stocking stuffers are available for a freewill donation. They also make a great hostess gift, a reminder that “HE is the gift.” Proceeds benefit the teenagers attending the National Youth Gathering next summer.

Bell Sunday — December 31, ONE service 9:00 a.m.

The music on this Sunday will be all about the bells, and the bell choir will be providing the special music. Bring your jingle bells from home to ring in the new year!

Flower chart

The 2018 flower chart is hanging in the narthex. **There are openings for January 7th,**

21st, and 28th. If you would like to have flowers on any of these days, please sign up now.

Downtown Church Tour — Saturday, December 9, 5 to 8 p.m.

Emanuel is one stop on the historical society’s downtown church tour on Saturday, December 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. Hosts are needed to be here to greet and welcome our visitors as they stop to admire the beauty of our church building, especially when it is decorated for Christmas. If you are willing to serve in this way, please contact Carol Castello to volunteer.

Volunteers needed

Readers are needed for December 24 at the 5 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. services. Sound board operators are needed for the 10:30 a.m. service on December 10 and 17; and for the 8:00 a.m. service on December 17, the 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. services on December 24. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, talk to Betty Mowery or Holly Mohring, or call the office.

Bloodmobile

A Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the Ridgeville Legion on tomorrow, December 4, 12 - 6 p.m. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767.

Christmas cookies

The youth going to Houston next summer will be making iced sugar cookies for Christmas. Pre-order forms are available at both entrances. **COOKIES NEED TO BE ORDERED BY DECEMBER 10!!** Cookies will be ready for pickup on Sunday, December 17, before and after both worship services. A freewill offering will be accepted. A limited number of extra cookies will be available for anyone who did not pre-order.

Calendars

2018 calendars are available at both entrances. Take several!

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

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

Sound Board - 8:00 Ed Biederstedt 10:30

Acolytes - 8:00 Rudi Dachenhaus & Alyssa Kruse
 10:30 Preston Speaks & Cameron Burken
 Ushers - 8:00 Tom & Barb Hoffman, Alan & Shelly Storch
 10:30 Bob Ivancso, Bill Panning, Denny Ehlers, Ken Lange
 Altar Guild - Lauren Helberg & Maxine Eickhoff
 Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

This Week

Today	4:00 p.m.	Napoleon Community Band Rehearsal
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Napoleon Community Band Concert
Tuesday		Dartball at Wesley Bryan
	7:00 p.m.	WELCA General Meeting
Wednesday	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	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.	Catechism bells
	8:00 p.m.	8 th grade catechism
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Naomi Circle at Touches
Saturday	5-8 p.m.	Downtown Churches Historical Walk

Statistics

11/22 Thanksgiving attendance (98) Offerings \$427.00
11/26 Attendance 82+83 (165) Tithes and Offerings \$4,630.70 (\$50 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr; \$500 Angel Tree; \$18 Sun Sch; \$500 Good Sam Fd)
 Simply Giving 11/20-11/26: \$105 Gen Fd; \$20 Bldg Fd

Newsletter deadline - Monday, December 11!!!!

WELCA General Meeting

Come One, Come All!

Join us for an evening of fellowship, Christmas readings, caroling, and yummy desserts in observance of the season. Our December WELCA meeting will be held on Tuesday,

December 5, at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a “gift” of a “Christmas-y” kitchen towel to be included with our Angel Tree family gifts. Also, installation of our WELCA officers for 2018 will be held.

Concert

Siberian Solstice (A Trans-Siberian Orchestra Tribute Band) and One Spirit Gospel Quartet present “The Angel’s Gift on Saturday, December 9, at Life Revitalization Center, 1501 Monroe Street, Toledo. Host is Denny Schaffer of Q105FM. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 7 p.m. Donation \$25; 100% to benefit Cherry Street Mission Ministries. See Marv Mt.Castle for tickets.

Activity Bags

Activity/Busy/Church bags are available on the coat trees at each entryway and in the balcony. Please feel free to take one for your child to enjoy during the worship service, and then return it to the tree afterward. All are welcome to our service, as “it is better to have a child wiggle in church than to wiggle out of it.”

Toledo Symphony Concert

The Toledo Symphony will present a Christmas concert in the sanctuary of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township, 16976 Co Rd Q1, on Wednesday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$20 for adults; \$10 for students; ages 5 and under are free. Call their church office at 419-758-3522 to reserve tickets.

Downtown Church Tour

Emanuel is one of the stops on the Historical Society’s Annual Downtown Church Tour on Saturday, December 9, 5 to 8 p.m. Hosts are needed to be here to greet and welcome our visitors as they stop to admire the beauty of our church building, especially when it is decorated for Christmas. If you are willing to serve in this way, please contact Carol Castello to volunteer.

