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Second Sunday in Advent — December 10, 2017

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

* Please stand as you are able

(Please turn to page 6 for the 10:30 service.)

8:00 a.m. Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ringing of the Bell

PRELUDE *In Dulci Jubilo*

Advent Candle Lighting -Terry Hershberger

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(you may remain seated)*

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Special Music: *Not That Far From Bethlehem* -Julie Mt.Castle & Bonnie Palamara

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HYMN WOV # 643 *Once in Royal David's City*

SERMON

HYMN LBW # 62 *The Bells of Christmas* *(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

Silent Night -Emanubells

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.

THE PRAYERS *(you may remain seated)*

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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

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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 be seated)*

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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.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING (Cantor - Tom Jenny)

(please turn the page....)

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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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

(please turn the page....)

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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 # 70 *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

DISMISSAL

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *The Gallery Carol* (“Rejoice and Be Merry”)

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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

The funeral of Burnice Agler was held on Tuesday. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Newsletter deadline - noon TOMORROW, Monday, December 11!!!!

Caring Corner — Angel Tree

We are adopting 50 kids from Project: We Care. Decorated with paper angel “ornaments”, 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 THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13!!**

Filling Guild membership drive

Envelopes for Filling Guild membership are available at both entrances 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.

Christmas cookies

TODAY is the LAST DAY to order decorated sugar cookies. Cookies can be picked up next Sunday, December 17, before both services. A limited number of extras will be available that day.

Choir Party

This is a reminder to all choir members: party at the Jenny's this Wednesday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m. Bring a potluck dish and your spouse/friend/children. We will sing for a little while!

Christmas Cantata

The musicians of Emanuel will present their annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 24. There will be ONE service that day at 9:00 a.m. Entitled "Emanuel God With Us!", this cantata tells the Christmas story with music and spoken word. This is our Christmas worship to God and a gift to our Emanuel family. We invite you to join us and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served after worship.

Worship Schedule — mark your calendars!!!

Sunday, December 17

8:00 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Children's Christmas program

Sunday, December 24

9:00 a.m. ONE service – Cantata

5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, December 25

9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 31

9:00 a.m. ONE service BELL Sunday

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! There will be some extra jingle bands at both doors that day.

Flowers

There are openings for flowers on **January 7th** and **28th**. If you would like to have flowers on either of these days, please sign up now!

Calendars

2018 calendars are available at both entrances. Take several!

Volunteers needed

Sound board operators are needed for:

December 17 (8 & 10:30 a.m.)

December 24 (9 a.m.)

December 24 (5 p.m.)

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, talk to Betty Mowery or Holly Mohring, or call the office as soon as possible!

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 12:00 p.m. private party

Monday 9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle

noon Newsletter deadline

5:00 p.m. Miriam Circle at Eddie J's

Wednesday 3:15 p.m. After School Club

5:00 p.m. Soul Food

5:30 p.m. Emanubells

6:30 p.m. 7th grade catechism

6:30 p.m. Choir party at Jenny's

7:30 p.m. Catechism bells

8:00 p.m. 8th grade catechism

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday private party

Statistics

12/03 Attendance 85+96 (181) communed (77) Tithes and Offerings \$6,166 (\$780 Bldg Fd; \$35 Wrlld Hngr; \$28 Sun Sch) Simply Giving 11/27-12/3: \$880 Gen Fd; \$220 Bldg Fd

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.

Annual Reports

All committees and boards are asked to have their annual reports in to the church office by the end of December. Thank you!

Christmas Dinner

There will again be a free community dinner here at Emanuel at 12 noon on Christmas Day. Sponsored and served by Cheryl Kerwin and friends from the church out on Route 110, everyone is welcome to come and eat, and anyone is welcome to come and help!

Henry County Chorale Concert

The Henry County Chorale will present their annual Christmas Choral Concert with the theme of “Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child” on Sunday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1075 Glenwood Ave. 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 centered around the theme of “Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child”, with soloists, Terry Courter, Mark Schwiebert, Diane Harmon, Judy Swerline, Garry Cline, Dan Seedorf, Shellee Murcko, Abbey Johnston, Verlinda Schantz, and Julie Parsell. Instrumentalists include Carol Pelltier, Kaitlyn Schroeder, Judy Swerline, Larry Lyne, and Marv Mt.Castle. The group is under the direction of Janet Lyne, with Ruth Labie as accompanist.