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Fourth Sunday in Advent — December 24, 2017

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

*** Please stand as you are able**

9:00 a.m. Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *English Carol* -Bell Choir

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING -Matt Schwab family

♪ Light a candle bright and tall
For a Love which knows no end.
Love that comes to one and all,
Fear and hatred to upend.
Shine within our hearts today,
Come, O Love, to us we pray.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Emanuel, God, you are with us.

C We have learned of the promise of the prophets;

P We have heard the notes of an angel's song;

C We have seen a star in the heavens, and we have believed.

P Now may we love each other, now may we worship you.

C We cry aloud with the heavenly host, "Glory to God in the highest! Peace on earth and goodwill among all people."

OFFERING *Go Tell It on the Mountain* -Rainbow Ringers

OFFERTORY ♪

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!

PRAYERS

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 Your eternal reign has come into the world. Give us ears to hear your call to serve your kingdom, and send us out to those who are hurting and in need of good news. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You created the mystery and beauty of the earth. Replenish rivers, lakes, seas, and all bodies of water, so that plants, animals, and humans can have life and be refreshed. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You bring down the powerful and raise up the lowly. Where war rages, shatter hatred with forgiveness and peace. Where fear rules, make your all-powerful and eternal presence known. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You called Mary to bear your Son. We pray for pregnant women, for mothers and fathers of infants and small children, and especially for couples who bear the pain of infertility, miscarriage, or stillbirth. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Your kingdom has no end. With your servants throughout time, women and men, old and young, unite us forever in your reign of peace and joy. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P You remember us with mercy, Lord, as you have done for all generations. Fill us, comfort us, strengthen us, and enlighten us. Make your will known to all in need. Today

we pray especially for Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER 

Our Father, Lord on heav'ns high throne,
Most holy be your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done.
On earth, in heav'n the same.
Give us this day the food we need;
Forgiven may we be;
Into temptation do not lead;
From evil set us free.

Yours is the kingdom, unto you
In grateful love we bow;
And yours the pow'r; Lord, let us view,
Your mighty presence now.
The glory yours; your praise be sung
By angel hosts and all
In ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue
Forevermore! Amen.

Readers: Derek and Kristie Miller

Lesson 1

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel with *Come, Messiah King* -Living Spirit

Lesson 2

Prepare Ye -Choir

Lesson 3

Emmanuel, God With Us -Choir

Mary's Story -Tom Jenny, flugelhorn; Karri Ashbaugh; reader

Lesson 4

Breath of Heaven -Choir

Lesson 5

Mary, Did You Know? -Choir

Lesson 6

Christmastime -Choir and After School Club

Lesson 7

Emmanuel -Choir

Lesson 8

One Small Child -Madison Ashbaugh

Lesson 9

O Holy Child of Bethlehem -the Choir will lead the congregation in singing)

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin mother and child; holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Adeste Fidelis -Bell Choir

Refreshments will be served in the overflow.

Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Shirlee Mires Fejes in loving memory of Phil, Lisa, and Nelson. There is a poinsettia given in loving memory of Frank & Lois Gerken by their family.

Offering Envelopes

The 2018 offering envelopes are available in the hallway outside the church offices.

Christmas Cantata

The musicians of Emanuel are presenting their annual Christmas Cantata this morning. 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. Refreshments will be served after worship.

Worship Schedule — mark your calendars!!!

Today, 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 next 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!

Devotionals

Portals of Prayer Christ In Our Home are available at both entrances. There are both regular and large print editions.

Volunteers needed

Readers, sound board operators, and ushers are needed! PLEASE sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex as soon as possible!

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Acolytes - Rudi Dachenhaus & Laci Dachenhaus

Altar Guild - Lauren Helberg & Maxine Eickhoff

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

This Week

Monday 9:00 a.m. Christmas Worship with Holy Communion

12 noon Community Christmas dinner here

Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Soul Food

Statistics

12/17 Attendance 63+225 (288) Tithes and Offerings \$4,518 (\$70 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr; \$31 Sun Sch; mem-B.Agler \$25 Bldg Fd, \$180 memorial)

Simply Giving 12/11-12/17: \$490 Gen Fd; \$120 Bldg Fd

Activity Bags

Activity/**B**usy/**C**hurch 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.”

End-of-year Reports — DUE DECEMBER 31! Thank you!

Christmas Dinner

There will again be a free community Christmas dinner here at Emanuel at 12 noon tomorrow. 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!

