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LBW-Lutheran Book of Worship WOV-With One Voice

* Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *Angels We Have Heard on High*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

A Hey! Sing to God something brand new!

C For God has done wonderful things! Hey!

A God has not forgotten to love us all!

C Even the ends of the earth have heard!

A Make a joyful noise!

C Hey! Hey! HEY!

A With choir and bells and children and instruments!

C All the music turned up loud!

A With the roaring sea and everything in it!

C With all the land and everything in it!

A The floods clap their hands!

C The hills sing for joy!

A Thank God! God is coming to set everything right:

C Justice for everyone, everything fair!

A Hey! Sing to God something brand new!

C For God has done wonderful things! HEY!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

"Light One Candle" -Living Spirit & Bells

PRAYER

A God, our Creator, we offer this humble prayer to you today. We come to worship with a song of thanks in our hearts, a song of redemption, a song of hope and renewal. We pray for joy in our hearts, hope in our God, courage to forgive, and peace upon the earth. We pray your blessings on all people. We pray for the forgiveness of sins and abundant life in Christ. Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your love and power. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

C Amen.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" -Living Spirit

OFFERTORY

(you may remain seated)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in ev'ry generation.

Praise God, all creatures here below, who gives to us salvation.

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Let all creation praise the Lord with love and adoration.

PRAYER

A Circle us, Lord. Circle us with the light of your presence, bright within this dark world. Enable us to be overcomers of fear and temptation. Enable us to be victors over sin and despair. Enable us to become that which you would desire.

Lord of creation, Lord of salvation:

C Circle us with the light of your presence.

A Circle us, Lord. Circle our family within the shelter of your outstretched arms. Protect them in each moment of their daily lives. Protect them in the decisions that they face. Protect their homes and relationships. Lord of creation, Lord of salvation:

C Circle our families with the light of your presence.

A Circle us, Lord. Circle this nation with love and hope. Create a desire to listen to the Gospel message of good news. Create a willingness to understand and respond. Lord of creation, Lord of salvation:

C Circle our nation with the light of your presence.

A Circle us, Lord. Circle this world with the joy of your salvation. Where there is sickness and disease, bring healing. Where there is hunger and despair, bring hope. Where there is torture and oppression, bring release. Lord of creation, Lord of salvation:

C Circle this world with the light of your presence. In Jesus' name we ask for these blessings. Amen.

* **LORD'S PRAYER** (*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*) (*please stand as you are able*)

**God our Father, God of fame, hallow'd be your saving name;
Ev'rywhere your kingdom come, far away and here at home;
May we to your will comply as the angels do on high;
Grant each day our daily bread, thankful that by you we're fed,
Thankful that our care you've planned; all we have is from your hand.**

**Grant that we, our sins forgiv'n, follow in the way of heav'n:
May we, even at our worst, show forgiveness shown us first.
Guard us from the tempting devil, and deliver us from evil.
Yours the kingdom, so sing we, pow'r and glory ever be
Unto you while ages run, yea, amen! So be it done!**

Cantata: Rise Up! New Light A-Comin'

Rise Up, Go Tell It (processional)

Music "O Come, Little Children"

Narration #1 John the Baptist Sent to Prepare the Way

Music "Advent Carol of Hope"

Narration #2 The Angel Sent to Mary

Music "Mary's Story" -Karri Ashbaugh, Tom Jenny

Narration #3 Mary and Joseph Sent to Bethlehem

Music "Baby Born in Bethlehem"

Narration #4 The Angels Sent to the Shepherds;
the Shepherds Sent to the Manger

Music "Amen! Tell It on the Mountain"

Narration #5 The Magi Sent to Bethlehem

Music "We Three Kings" -Ryan Kruse, Seth Tonjes

Narration #6 The Community of Believers Sent into the World

Music "Children, Go Where I Send Thee" -choir and children

Adeste Fidelis -Bell Choir



Altar Flowers

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

Funeral

Please remember in your prayers the family of Ed Peper whose funeral was held here at the church yesterday.

We pray for people having birthdays this week ... Thomas Manahan, Kyle Miller, Betty Panning, Andrew Schwab, Sheila Sosebee, Alexander Vajen, Melissa Wiechers, Joleen Brubaker, Gregory Hall, Macy Nutter, Meghan Skeens, Victoria Peper. **and wedding anniversaries ...** Dennis & Deborah Clausen, Terry & Diana Lacy. **and for all the military...**

Baptism and Holy Communion

The Bishop has informed us that Jeannine Grimm is approved to serve as a Synodically Authorized Minister for Emanuel Lutheran Church in Napoleon on a provisional basis. She is approved to administer the Sacraments (Baptism and Holy Communion) while the congregation is currently without ordained pastoral leadership.

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!

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has no new developments to report at this time. Our last interview with a candidate was in late August, and we have had no other candidates referred to us by the Synod since that time. We are thankful that it appears Emanuel will have an interim Pastor toward the end of January. A verse from one of our recent Gospel readings very much applies to the situation we are experiencing during this Advent season. Romans 15:13 reads: "May 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." The Call Committee is confident that in due time the Holy Spirit will provide the spiritual leader who is right for Emanuel. We thank the congregation for their patience during this process.

Offering Envelopes

The offering envelopes for 2020 are available in the hallway outside the church offices.

Devotionals

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

Statistics

12/15 (220)

Simply Giving 12/16 : \$450 Gen Fd; \$120 Bldg Fd

This Week

Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:30 p.m.	Community Christmas Day dinner here
Thursday	NO	Bible Study
Saturday	9 - 11 a.m.	Placke Baptism Sanctuary
	10 - 5 p.m.	Private Party

Sunday, December 29, 2019

NO Sunday School

January 5, 2020

First day of Sunday School in the new year for all grades.

We are truly blessed to have an amazing group of teachers that volunteer their time to teach the Youth of Emanuel. Following are the teachers for 2020:
Preschool & Kindergarten: Kim Dickmann, Maxine Eickhoff, Jo Brubaker
1st & 2nd: Denise Etzler
3rd, 4th, & 5th: Kara Behnfeldt, Laura Yaney Klein
6th & 7th: Jamie Bostelman

Larr Etzler's work schedule is changing in 2020, and he will no longer be able to teach the 6th-7th grades on Sundays. Thank you, Larr, for all you have done for Emanuel's youth! Jamie Bostelman has graciously agreed to fill this role. Thank you, Jamie!

Serving Today

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning
Lay Assistant/Cantata Reader - Jamie Bostelman
Sound Board -
Acolytes - Ava Good & Taryn Kolodziejczyk
Ushers - Norm Bostelman, Paul Mowery, Lenny & Lana Sonnenberg
Altar Guild - Phyllis Kloos & Laura Ellis-Kruse
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Phyllis Kloos (419-260-6582) or
phyllis_kloos@yahoo.com

Volunteers needed

Please consider volunteering as lay assistant, sound board operator, or usher for our worship services. You can sign up for one week or for a month. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Ronnie Rohrs or Melinda Dachenhaus to volunteer. WE NEED YOU!!!

Need Bread or Buns

Help yourself to some of the bread or buns in the basement.

Relay For Life of Henry County

Important 2020 Event Information - Let's Give Cancer The Boot! SAVE THE DATE! Come to the 2020 Kick Off Party to learn about our event! Join your community in the fight against cancer and have some fun doing it!

DATE: Monday, January 6, 2020

TIME: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Napoleon Moose Lodge
1381 Oakwood Ave.

EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND FAMILY FRIENDLY!

FOOD, GAMES, DOOR PRIZES, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Questions? Contact Heidi Bell at 419-308-3567 or Sue Gerken at 419-966-8154

Sign up today! www.relayforlife.org/henrycounty

Christmas Dinner

There will again be a free community Christmas Day dinner here at Emanuel at 12:30 p.m. on Christmas Day. Everyone is welcome to come and eat, and anyone is welcome to come and help!

Poinsettias

Thanks to all who purchased the beautiful poinsettias this year! Please take your plant home after worship on Christmas Day. ***PLEASE be sure to take the correct plant — labels with names are attached to each plant.***

Worship Schedule

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 25

9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 29

9:00 a.m. Worship

