The First Sunday of Advent

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II



Sunday, December 1st, 2024 10:00 am



Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We are glad you joined us today!

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you here. We welcome everyone to join and participate fully in worship. The bulletin should contain all you need to participate in worship. Text the congregation reads aloud is **printed in bold**. This symbol \(\mathbf{\Psi}\) denotes the appropriate time to make the sign of the cross upon yourself, if it is your custom.

Mask-wearing is optional. The rear pews are designated for socially-distanced seating for those who wish.

Please sanitize your hands as you enter and immediately before Communion.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

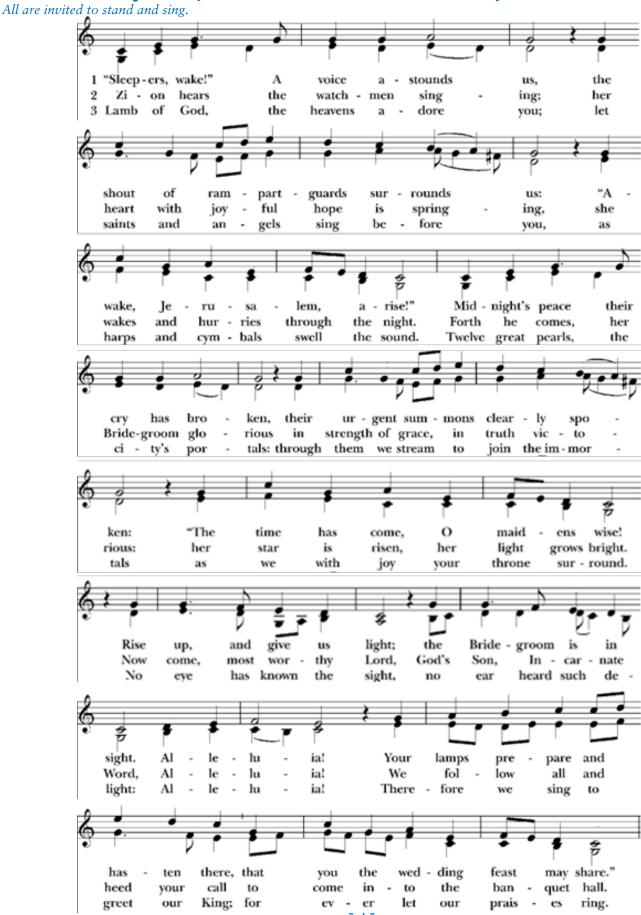
"Advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming." It is the first season of the new church year and is a time for us to get ready both for the great Christmas feast as well as the final coming of Christ.

Major themes of the season are waiting, expectation, and preparation. Major symbols revolve around light and dark, to include the popular Advent wreath. Emmanuel actually utilizes two: one containing oil candles which is lit at the beginning of the service, and another with battery-powered candles in the antique holder suspended from the ceiling.

Advent is rather unusual as a church season in that there are actually two different colors which can be used: purple or blue. Purple is perhaps the more common choice, and represents penitence and sacrifice, as well as being the color of royalty. Blue, however, goes back at least to the medieval church in England and symbolizes hope. It is also the color long associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary, who of course features so prominently in the Christmas story. On the third Sunday of Advent, we switch our color to rose to symbolize joy. That day is often called "Gaudete Sunday," after the first word in the traditional Latin chant which means "rejoice."



Please note that this 10am service is livestreamed and recorded. Videos may be found on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website.



Celebrant

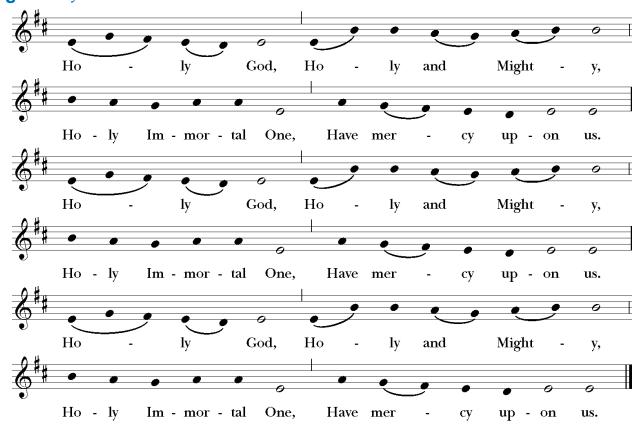
People

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit; that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trisagion • Hymnal '82 #S-99



The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson • A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

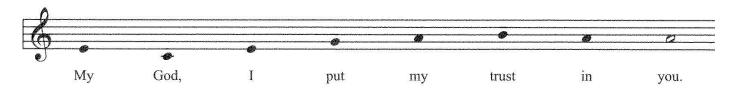
Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Psalm 25:1-9



- To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. *Refrain by all*
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. *Refrain by all*
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.
- Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD. *Refrain by all*
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. *Refrain by all*

The Second Lesson • A reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

All are invited to stand and sing.

Alleluia
Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

First Time Choir Alone/Second Time Assembly





Choir verse

Show us Lord your love; and grant us your salvation. Refrain by all

The Gospel Luke 21:25-36

Deacon
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. David Jackson

After the sermon there is a brief time of silence for reflection.

The Nicene Creed

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All are invited to stand and recite together.

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 the People

Intercessor Kindred in Christ, may God strengthen our hearts in holiness. Trusting in God, let us pray, "O come, o come, Emmanuel; be our hope and our salvation."

God our hope, increase in us love for one another that we may abound in your love. Keep your Church on the path of love and faithfulness. O come, o come, Emmanuel;

People Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness. May all the world know your peace and safety. O come, o come, Emmanuel;

People Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, you place signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. Give us the eyes to see you, the wisdom to prepare for you, and the faith to trust in you. O come, o come, Emmanuel;

People Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity restored: bring the people of this region—from city, village and town—together in a spirit of love and respect. O come, o come, Emmanuel;

People Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and the suffering, the anxious and the grieving. O come, o come, Emmanuel;

People Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy.

May we, and all who have died, rise to life immortal with all your saints. O come, o come, Emmanuel;

People Be our hope and our salvation.

Here, additional intercessions are offered, and then the Deacon adds a concluding Collect:

Deacon Loving God, we offer you our prayers, some in words, others written in our hearts. Read our hearts; hear our prayers; and continue to shed on us your light, Christ Jesus, who is Lord, this day and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession & Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, *forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant People The peace of the Lord be always with you.

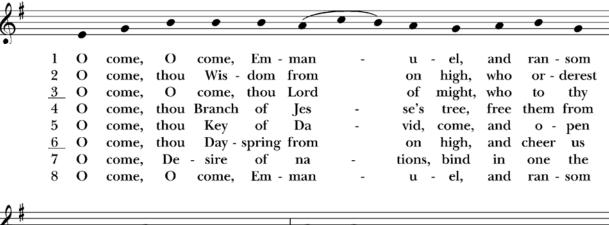
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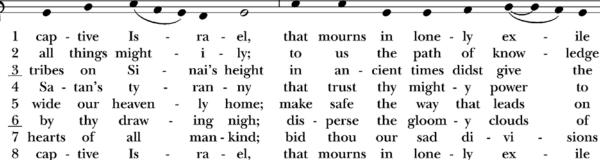
Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem • Hymnal '82 #56

O Come O Come Emmanuel







- here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. 2 show, and teach in her ways us to go. <u>3</u> law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe. 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! 5 high, and close the path to mis er - y. 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow to flight. put 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace. 8 here un - til the Son God of ap - pear.
- Em man u el shall come to thee, O Is ra el!

The Doxology • Hymnal '82 #380 (verse 3 only)

All are invited to stand and sing as the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p.361

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

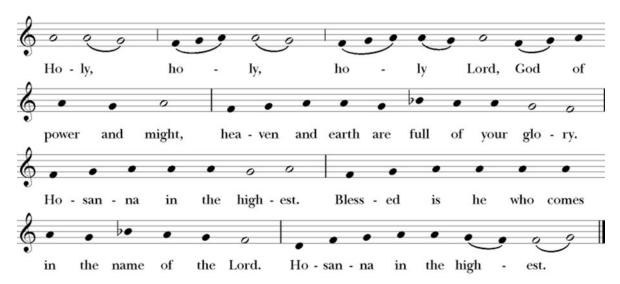
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus • Hymnal '82 #S-122



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. *Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer

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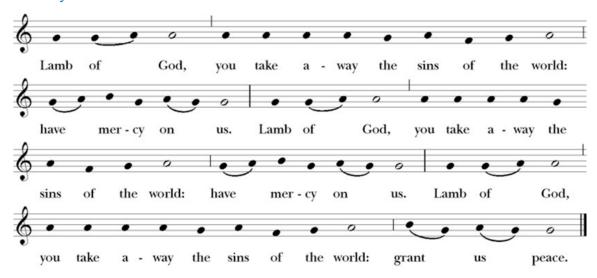
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Celebrant and People

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Then is sung

Agnus Dei • Hymnal '82 #S-160



The Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

This is God's Table and not our own. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. We are receiving both bread and wine at Communion. Please sanitize your hands prior to coming forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. There are two options for receiving the consecrated wine. If you wish to drink from the chalice, please go the left side of the altar rail. If you prefer to receive it in a single-use compostable cup (to drink or intinct), please pick one up from the table and go to the right side of the rail. The cup can be discarded on the table in the sacristy to be reverently rinsed out. If you are sick, we ask that you please refrain from using the chalice and either get a single-use cup instead or rest assured that the fullness of Communion is received in either just bread alone or wine alone. If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing, which will be delivered without touch.

Communion Music

Rorate Caeli – Choral orne Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)





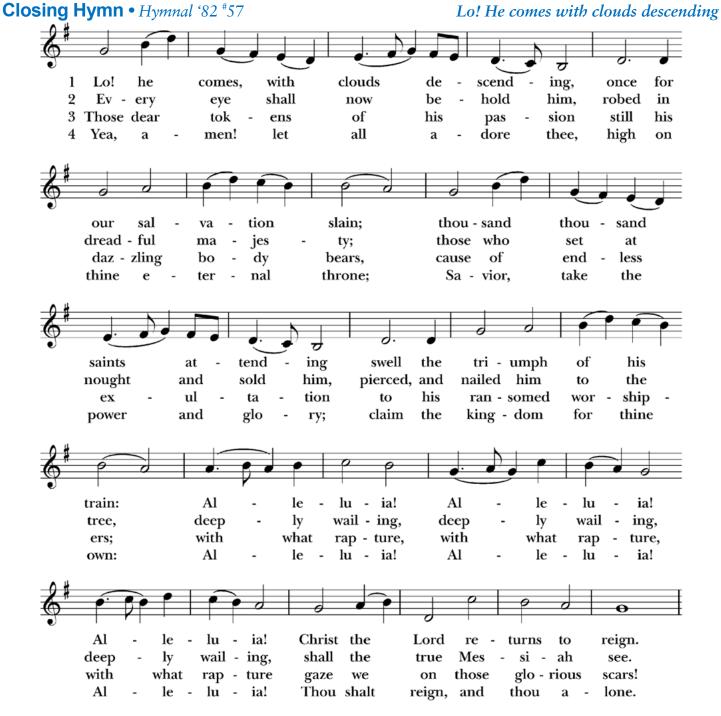
Post-Communion Prayer

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Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing **₹**



The Dismissal BCP p.366

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sonata in Sol Giovanni Battista Martini (1706-1784)

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The pencil sketch below is another in the collection of sketches by our unknown artist along with the advent drawing on page 19. If you look closely in the top left-hand corner, it looks like a signature of some sort, but sadly it says "before alphabetical listing"- curious!



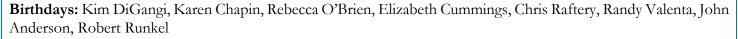
THE SUNDAY TIMES

Today, Sunday December 1st, The First Sunday of Advent with Seek & Find

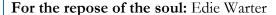
- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite I (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music) with Children's Church
- 11:30am, Special Anniversary Coffee Hour
- * The open offering today will be given to the Rector's Discretionary Fund, which is used to help members of the community.

Sunday, December 8th The Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite I (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)
- 11:30am, Illuminating Advent



In our prayers: Glen, Pat, Mike, Micki, Drew, Rose, Anthony, Jeannine, Debi, Nikki and Bob, Debbie, Darnell, Sheila, Nicholas, Sandee, Mary, Loretta, Jimmy, Natalie, Kathryn, Jim, Colleen, Jeff, Kurt, Mike & Renee, Molly & Jim.



Formation: Illuminating Advent

Join us in formation to journey together through Advent! Every other Sunday in Advent (12/8 and 12/22), we'll gather around the Advent wreath for reflection and discussion on God's gifts to us this season. Each week, we'll also have a special reflection to read, which are available in the back of the church or linked in the E-news, from the Thoughtful Christian. Whether you attend formation or not, please enjoy these brief articles as a way to deepen your faith this Advent as we prepare to receive the greatest gift of all, the Christ child. Sessions on 12/8 and 12/22 will be offered live on Zoom and recorded if you wish to partake but cannot attend in person.

Lawrence Hall Christmas Gifts

It's that time of year for Emmanuel to collect gifts for Lawrence Hall Youth Services students ages 13 to 21. Trees are up in the church with tags including gift ideas. If you can't pick up a tag, you can still drop off a gift at the church any time, or I will be glad to pick up your donation from your home. UNWRAPPED gifts are due by Sunday, December 8th, and you can include wrapping supplies if you like. Your gifts are very much appreciated. Thank you so much to everyone for your continued support of this worthwhile Episcopal charity. Please call with any questions, Ellen Busch 708/354-5847.

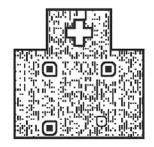
We have much to celebrate at Emmanuel!

This December, Emmanuel Episcopal Church of LaGrange turns 150 years old! To mark this significant anniversary, we will have a celebration in the sanctuary on the evening of **Saturday January 11th, 2025 6:00-9:00pm.** We will enjoy fellowship, heavy appetizers, sweets, and drinks. Fun facts about our rich history will be available to enjoy. Please save the date and join us to celebrate the legacy of Emmanuel!

Please join us for a special coffee hour **today**, to mark Emmanuel's actual 150th Anniversary. The Sesquicentennial Committee would love us all to celebrate together. Then, although we are sorry to see our Music and Choir Director retire, we have much to thank George for -- and so we will be holding another special coffee hour celebration party on **Sunday**, **December 15th**. Both events will be after the 10am service and there will be no adult formation on those days.

Stewardship Season

Our Stewardship concludes today. However, it is not too late; if you did not receive anything and would like to or be added to our mailing list and receive a stewardship packet, please contact Judy in the office, or fill in a visitor card in the pews or online using the Church Shaped QR code. Spare pledge cards can also be found at the entrance and in the church hallway. Thank you.



If you can find the item pictured on the right, find the priest after the service, who will reward your find! Kids you can get help from the adults....

Good Luck! Rev. David+ and Rev. Kate+







Come and Support our Choir for Santa's arrival! HO HO HO!

Emmanuel, through our outreach programs and involvement, have made a significant impact within the Community this year and our choir was duly invited to sing on the steps of the La Grange Village Hall for Santa's arrival during the Hometown Holidays event. Please attend, support the community, enjoy the day's events, and show our support for them as they sing Christmas songs to Santa's arrival. Thank you to all who made this possible.





SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 4-9PM

11am-4pm FREE Shopping Trolley available
The trolley will travel between the Central
Business District and the West End

4-8pm Kiddie Train, Petting Zoo & Pony Rides in the
Central Business District

4-8:45pm FREE Trolley Rides, Merchant Open Houses,

Ice Sculptures in the Central Business District

5:30pm Santa's Arrival by Fire Truck at Village Hall

6-8pm Visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus

6-8pm Princess Meet & Greet at La Grange Rd.
Train Station

6-8pm Letters to Santa at Stone Ave. Train Station

You will find plenty of FREE parking in the West End! Look for a Trolley Stop Sign and hop aboard to take a FREE ride to all the fun.





Weekly Worship Schedule

Tuesdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)	
Thursdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)	
	at 8:00pm	Compline (online)	
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Holy Eucharist, Rite I (during Advent) (without music) Sundays at 8:00am

at 10:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)

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