



# Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Advent 3C, December 12, 2021, 10:00a

Lessons: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Canticle 9; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

## From Linnea+

### Laude Abbey on St. Lucy's Day\*

Malcolm Guite

St. Lucy's day is brief and bright with frost,  
In round cupped dew ponds shallow waters freeze,  
Delicate fronds and rushes are held fast,  
The low sun brings a contrast to the trees  
Whose naked branches, dark against the skies  
And fringed with glory by the light behind,  
In patterns too severe for tired eyes,  
Burn their bright beauty on the weary mind.

Saint Lucy's sun still bathes these abbey walls  
And in her garden rose stalks stark and bare  
Shine in a frosty light that yet recalls  
The glory of the summer roses there.  
Though winter night will soon surround us here,  
Another Advent comes, Dayspring is near.

## Prayers this week:

Prayers for healing: Kelli, James, Jason, Jodie, Skip, Teri, Rob, Philip, Eric, Amy, Kathie, Jesse, Rita, Caitlin, Steve, Jeanne, Martha, Betsy, Ruthie, Rachael, Christina, Tina, Justin, Robin, Joyce, Karen, Vivian, Kelli, and Mark P; prayers for the healing of the earth, that countries and individuals will follow through with their commitments to reducing emissions that cause climate change.

Prayers for the departed: Lynne H, Marty P, Fr. Bill Lewis, William (Bill) and Walker (Sonny) McCulloch, and for all who have died from Covid-19 around the world this week

Prayers for comfort and courage: for the Homeyer, Popiesch and Lewis-Stackhouse families, for those facing hard decisions and all who have experienced loss

## This Week

**Today, Sunday,** December 12

Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist live streamed at **10:00a**,

[www.hastingsemmanuel.org](http://www.hastingsemmanuel.org) or later at <https://www.facebook.com/hastingsemmanuel/> **This is the LAST DAY to schedule your Home Energy Audit and bring a reward to Emmanuel.** Also, please mask during coffee hour to reduce Covid transmission

\* **Monday,** December 13

*Lucy of Syracuse, Martyr, 304*

*St. Lucy or Santa Lucia, is celebrated in Sweden and in Swedish-American homes as the bringer of provision and light, in mid-winter darkness and famine. (You know, the woman with a crown of candles on her head?) To try Lucia buns and help me celebrate Santa Lucia, stop by church between 3:00 and 4:30p today. Could someone help me make coffee?*

**Pray for our region and for the world in the midst of pandemic**

**Tuesday, December 14**      *John of the Cross, Mystic and Monastic Reformer, 1591*      Centering Prayer, 6:30p,  
in the Parish House alcove      **Pray for your own family**

**Wednesday, December 15**      *Nino of Georgia (Eastern Europe, Caucasus Mountains), Missionary, 332*  
**Pray for the Diocese, our own parish and breakfast guests**

**Thursday, December 16**      Vestry, 6:15p, in the undercroft  
**Pray for the Church around the world**

**Friday, December 17**      *Dorothy L. Sayers, Spiritual Writer, 1957*      **Breakfast prep, 3:00p. in the kitchen**  
**Pray for our country, for Racial Justice and Reconciliation**

**Saturday, December 18**      **EMMANUEL COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** The  
breakfast is **Emmanuel's central ministry in the community**, our way to lovingly connect and love our Lord in the  
persons of those we sit and eat with, listen to, and serve. Masking and social distancing are being stressed to reduce  
Covid transmission.      **Pray for Episcopal Relief and Development**

**LESSONS next Sunday, Advent 4C:** Micah 5:2-5a; Canticle 15; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55 Will

**SERVERS next Sunday:** Lay Eucharistic Minister: Shannon T-N; Lector/Intercessor: Rich F; Acolyte: Zara F; Ushers:  
Brian and Michelle A; Altar Guild: Georgette S; Videographers: John H, Matt P, Doug A; Tellers: Doug A, Judy S

**Looking ahead:**

- Twelfth Night Party, the last night of the Twelve Days of Christmas and the Eve of the Epiphany, Wednesday, January 5. Let's make it a parish potluck and game night, 5:00p to 8:00p in the Parish House. Twelfth Night Celebrations are somewhat unique to the Church of England tradition. A bean and a pea in the King Cake will determine the King and Queen of Twelfth Night. Invite friends!
- Some educational opportunities will be coming your way in January. More info to follow.
- **The fact that nothing else is listed here does not mean that God doesn't have a significant blessing or learning opportunity for us—just that we don't know what it is yet! 😊**

**Stewardship of Relationship and Community:** Please sign up for **Rides Ministry** and **Coffee Hour** on the sign up sheets posted on the bulletin board outside Linnea's office.

**Stewardship of Finance:** Thank you for prayerfully, thoughtfully, and generously considering and making your commitment to God for God's work through Emmanuel Church. **If you haven't brought or mailed in your pledge cards (white and pink), please do so as soon as possible so that the budget can be finalized and ready for approval this week.**

**Stewardship of Place, Environment, and Creation Care:** As of the completion of this newsletter, we have eked over the 75 person number of Home Energy Audits scheduled, which will earn Emmanuel and Grace \$1000 to split. Thank you. I hope everyone will benefit from this effort.

**Stewardship of Body and Spirit:** **COVID IS FLARING AGAIN in Michigan and particularly Barry County where numbers are among the highest in the state.** Pennock is overwhelmed and we are on the brink of Fall and Winter holidays. Continuing to mask regardless of vaccination status is our gift of love to one another. If you are not yet vaccinated, **please seek to do so and encourage as many others as you can!**  
**COVID ACTION PLAN** cards are in a basket on the Welcome Table. You can complete your own doctor's office info. Places and phone numbers for rapid testing and monoclonal antibody treatment are also on the card. Take one or many to share with friends and neighbors. **Vaccination + rapid testing and treatment** can make Covid a manageable illness, not a cause of unnecessary hospitalization and potential death.