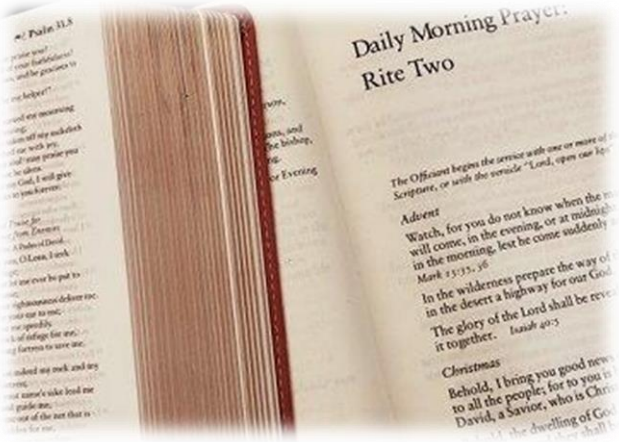


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Morning Prayer Rite 2

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OPENING SENTENCE:

Officiant: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

CONFESSION OF SIN:

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. *(all kneel as able)*

Officiant: Most merciful God,

All: **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.

Officiant: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life. All: **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

All: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

VENITE PSALM 95:1-7

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: **Come let us adore him.**

PSALM APPOINTED FOR THE DAY

Nov. 8 – Proper 27

Psalm 78:1-7

Reader: Let us pray, responsively, Psalm 78

1 Hear my teaching, O my people;
* incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; * I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the

praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, * and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, * which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; * that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, * and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

After the Psalm is prayed, say

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Officiant: Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Reader: A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you,

after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

After the reading, pray

9 The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus* *Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; * I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, * and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing * from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, * Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; * see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, * for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Reader: A reading from the first book of Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet

the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

After the reading, pray

19 The Song of the Redeemed *Magna et mirabilia Revelation 15:3-4*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, * surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, * O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? * for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, * because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Third Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13

Reader: A reading from the book of Matthew.

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE REFLECTION (OPTIONAL)

(please pause for a moment of reflection)



Officiant: Together we now stand and say the Apostle's Creed.

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 to the dead.
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.

THE PRAYERS

The People stand or kneel as able

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
Officiant: Let us pray.

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.

THE SUFFRAGES

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord,

have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECTS

The Collect of the Day (said by the Officiant)

Nov. 8: O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Dec. 13 (Advent): Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.****Amen.***

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Officiant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader: *In the silence after each bidding, please feel free to offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

We ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops, Sean and Paula; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

We ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

We ask your prayers for those who are poor, those who are sick, those who are hungry, those who are oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

We ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.
Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

We ask your prayers for the departed, especially those whom we remember today.
Pray for those who have died. Please name those dear to you, aloud or in silence.

Silence

All: **Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.**

Silence may be kept.

All: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Officiant: We lift up these prayers on our lips and in our hearts, to you, O Christ. Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially the founders of our church, St. John the Evangelist, and all who have worshiped in this church in generations passed, who have given us a rich history of celebration, prayer, and community, whom we remember today and always. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All: **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.**

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant: Almighty God,

All: **you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.** ***Amen.***

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
All: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

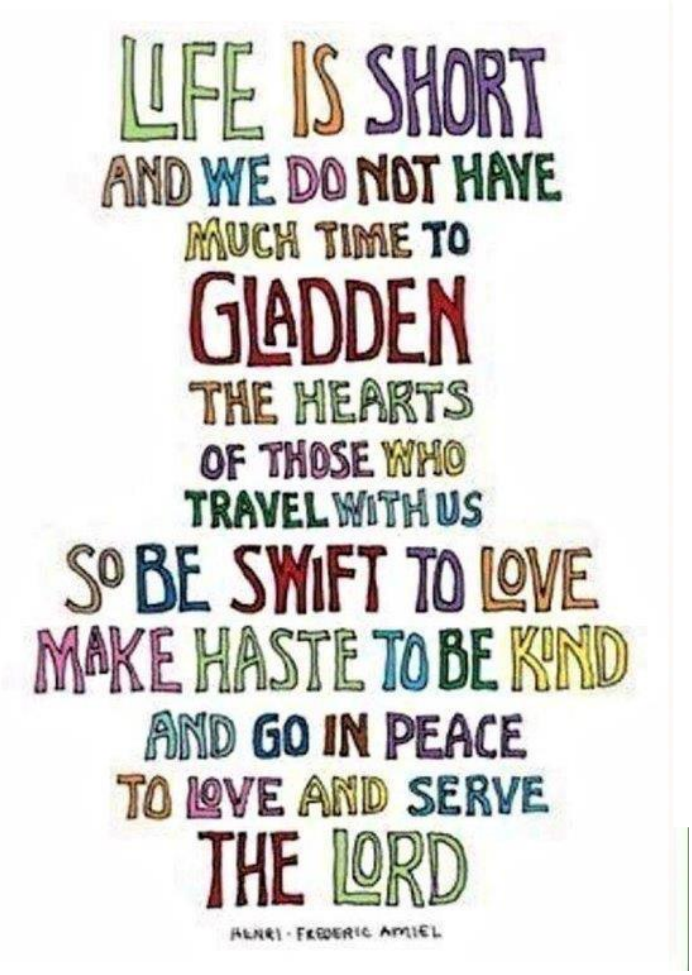
Officiant: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All: **Amen.**

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.*** *Romans 15:13*

Officiant: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: **Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



Dec. 13 – Third Sunday of Advent

Canticle 15 *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55

Reader: Let us pray, responsively, Canticle 15

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: * the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, * for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and his children for ever.

After the Canticle is prayed, say

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Officiant: Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

After the reading, pray

11 The Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare* *Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, * and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; * deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, * and his glory will appear upon you. Nations will stream to your light, * and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; * by day or night they will never be shut. They will call you, The City of the Lord, * The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, * ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, * and all your portals, Praise. The sun will no more be your light by day; * by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, * and your God will be your glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Reader: A reading from the first book of Thessalonians.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

18 A Song to the Lamb *Dignus es* *Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13*

Splendor and honor and kingly power * are yours by right, O Lord our God, for you created everything that is, * and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, * for with your blood you have redeemed for God,

From every family, language, people, and nation, * a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, * and to Christ the Lamb, be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, * forever and for evermore.

(please pause for a moment of reflection)

Third Lesson: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Reader: A reading from the book of John.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE REFLECTION (OPTIONAL) **Please return to page 6 for the remainder of the service.**

THE Episcopal CHURCH

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Regular Sunday Schedule

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Morning Prayer 2nd & 5th Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

(check the church website for schedule changes)

Regular Weekday Schedule

Daughters of the King

Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. – 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month

Bishop's Committee

Third Sunday of each month after the 10:30 a.m. service (noon at the Vicarage)

Prayer Shawl Group

Wednesdays at 11 a.m. – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month to knit & crochet

HA Support Group (Open Meeting)

Thursdays at 7 p.m. – Church Hall

Office Hours

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesdays & Wednesdays; 9 – noon Thursdays

(Please call to make sure we're in the office!)

Collect of St. John the Evangelist

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, that we, being illumined by the teaching of our apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fulness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

About St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

WELCOME TO THE OLDEST CHURCH IN LOCKPORT, ILLINOIS! We're glad you're here. We've been in Lockport over 190 years, and we are very proud of our service to the community. We are an open and affirming place – come as you are: *Beloved Children of God*.

The first religious ceremony to be held in the Lockport region was on December 27, 1834 by the founding members of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, along with early local pioneers. That date happens to be the feast day of St. John the Evangelist. The church was admitted to the diocese on June 7, 1841. The first oak-framed church structure was built in 1844 on land granted by the Illinois & Michigan Canal Commissioners.



That building was later sold in 1870. The cornerstone for the congregation's new and permanent structure was laid on September 20, 1870. Designed by local architect P.N. Hartwell and built by Julius Scheibe, the building was built using locally quarried dolomite limestone. After a devastating fire in 1909, the church was re-dedicated in 1910. The simple, handsome church has been described as one of the Midwest's finest examples of English Gothic architecture.



The church and grounds have been featured in several television and movie productions.

Aside from our "fame" as a production location, we are honored to be of service in the Lockport area through our various outreach programs, including a Micro-pantry, Little Free Library, our rummage sales, ministry with local schools, and partnerships with various other community organizations such as LHAMA (Lockport-Homer Area Ministerial Association), Lockport Resource Center, and Homer Glen PFLAG. We have helped several local scouts earn their Eagle Scout badges. We are sponsors of the Mary Magdalene Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King, and host support groups such as HA and others.

For information on hall rental or pastoral needs, please contact the office.

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