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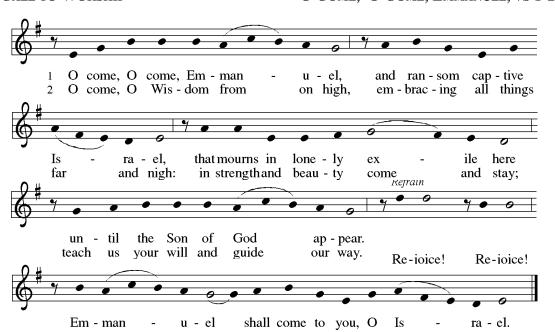
PRELUDE CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

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GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL, VS 1-2



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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free. Amen.

Let us come before the living God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

O God,

As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation, we open our hearts to you.

Search us and know us.

Reveal what we keep hidden.

To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace.

Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Beloved children of the Most High, our God is a righteous judge who has mercy on all.

Swim confidently in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life.

Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation.

Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, +Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL



- 1 Blessed be the God of Is ra el who comes to set us free
- 2 With prom-ised mer cy will God still the cov e nant re call,
- 3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,



and rais - es up new the oath once sworn to to tell God's peo - ple hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree. A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all; they are saved from sin's e - ter-nal sway.



So have the prophets that we might wor - ship Then shall God's mer - cy long de-clared that with a might-y with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise, from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our in ho - li - ness and to drive a - way the

en - e - mies and all who wish us righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days. gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

O Come, Emmanuel

Bring your light into the world

Today is ... Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

The Light of Hope lifts our eyes and calls us forward through Advent. To a world in darkness, it proclaims hope for tomorrow, hope for the future when God's promises will be fulfilled. The candle of hope reminds us that there is something to cling to.

These lights point us to Christ, the light of the world

Show us the way, O God, so we may walk in your light.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray. O God,

We wait for your salvation. Bless us this season, as we watch for Messiah. May the light of your Son banish the darkness of the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. God of the promised Messiah,

As we wait for the fulfilment of your promise, we watch, we listen and we open our hearts for your Word. Show us signs of your presence: a light in the darkness, a voice in the silence, and a stirring deep within us. In the name of Jesus Christ, the one coming into the world. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

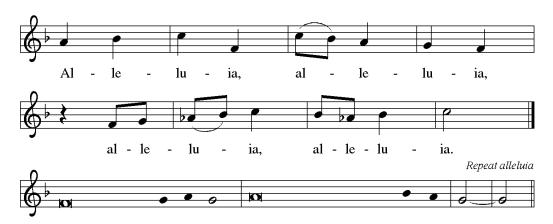
JEREMIAH 33:14-18

after the reading:
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL MARK 8:27-30

before the reading

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the Eighth chapter:

Glory to you, O Lord.

after the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Following the sermon, we pause for a few moments of silence, expecting that God's Holy Spirit will continue to speak to us

HYMN OF THE DAY

ALL EARTH IS HOPEFUL



APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS

We seek the mighty God in the most unlikely places as a child in a stable, and in an empty tomb. May God hear these prayers, which come from the unlikely corners of our lives.

after each petition:

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our Prayer.

the prayers conclude:

Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch, that we may know your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

we greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying "Peace be with you" or similar words.

SHARING OF LIFE AND MINISTRY

MEAL

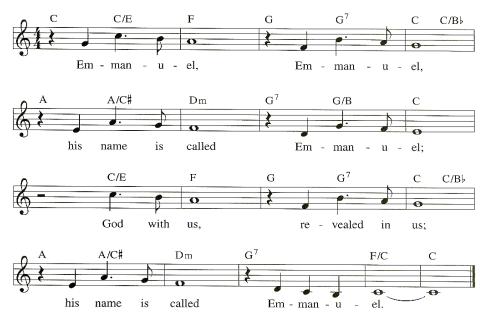
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COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

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OFFERTORY RESPONSE

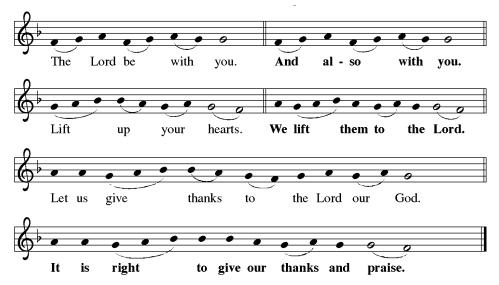
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

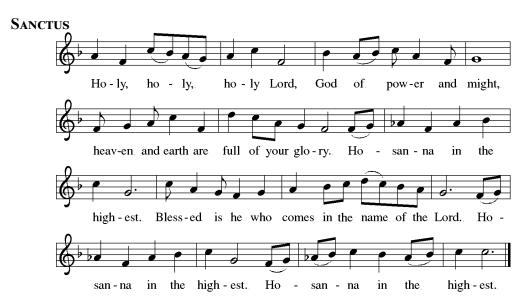
Let us pray. Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast which you prepare for all who hunger. In the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PROPER PREFACE

It is our duty and delight ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord our God ...

In sharing this meal, we proclaim the mystery of our faith

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

Holy God ... until Christ comes again and we feast at his table. *Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your mercy, and teach us to 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

Invitation to the Table

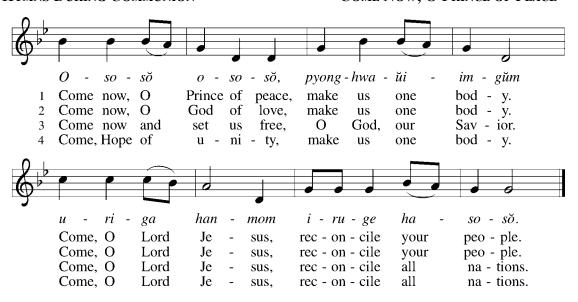
Behold who you are, become what you receive *Thanks be to God.*

Communion

Christ is the Host at this feast; All are welcome at the table of God's grace. The Chalice contains wine; red wine and white grape juice are provided in the trays. After you receive the bread, you may either dip (intinct) the bread in the chalice and receive the bread and wine together; or, you may eat the bread, and drink either from the chalice or from a small glass in the tray. Please let the server know if you require a gluten-free wafer.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

COME NOW, O PRINCE OF PEACE



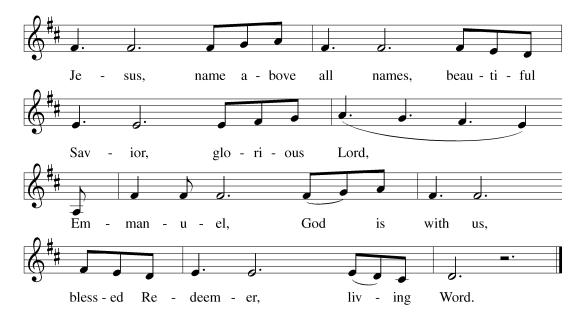
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I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT



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JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES



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BLESSING

after all have returned to their places

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of His body and blood strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever. *Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God of abundance,
we give you thanks that in this holy meal
you have invited us to feast with you and one another.
May the taste of your love remain with us,
and may our words and our work in your name
invite others into your bountiful grace.
Send us from your table to proclaim your presence,
even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.
Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

May God, who gathers us in love,

lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice.

May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves,

lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom.

May God, who fills us with good things,

lead you in pathways of equity and abundance.

The blessing of the holy Trinity, \Box one God,

be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

OPEN YOUR EARS, O FAITHFUL PEOPLE



O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you, they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.









DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

JESUS THE SAVIOR DRAWETH NEAR

STAIRS

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Music: YISRAEL VORAITA, Hasidic tune
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Our thoughts and prayers are with:

The family and friends of Audrey Hallett, Lynda White (daughter of Jim & Colleen Wood), John Harman, Aubrey Hall, Family and friends of Helene Schmuck (Alan Schmuck's mother), Cal Hosman, Bill Stephenson (Mary Stephenson's husband) Rita Hinze (Dorothea Madry's mother), Jean Roenfeldt, Jim Cobb (friend of Vicki & Cal Hosman), Ron Sadecky (Cindy Hermanson's step father), Rodney Loken (Lori Rieger's Uncle), Dale Puckett (future son-in-law of Phyllis Runia), Tony Ester (friend of Karen Then), Joe

Fjell (Beth Whitney's brother), Christa Stone (Katherine Allen's mother), Ryan Rickard (Laverne Rickard's son), Dale Fjell (cousin of Beth Whitney), Maggie Condie, Brittney (Steve Knuth's niece), Milly (Terri Altman's mother), Johnna Tavera (Shane Allen's sister), Sue Last, Gary Mindt (Lori Rieger's uncle), Paulette Traver (Hal & Sherry Traver's sister-in-law), Vicki Hosman, Miguel Martinez, Rick Thorstad, Agnes Spino, Liam Sinclair, Butch Abbott, Jon Zimmer, Phyllis Mueller, Shirley Kutowy, Julie Christianson, Brenda Allen, Jenny L. Staggs, Dewy Hertz

Pray for our Military:

Jason Voss (Lorie Eby's nephew), Ryan Winter, (Eric & Cindy Hermanson's Son in-Law), Joshua Specht & Jeremiah Specht (Steve & Leanne Alfrey's Sons), Shayne Braunlich (former student of Beth Whitney), Aaron Clabaugh (Diana Stigleman's nephew), Stephen Terrell, Heath Terrell, Trevor Toft, Jason Anderson, Chase Pofahl, Tyler Pofahl, Lara Pitt, Alicia Phelps, Trevor Koch, Josh Moyer, Jesse Newell, Shirley Kidoroy



If you are a guest this morning, WELCOME!

Please sign the "Friendship Pad" as it is passed to you. As you join us in worship, our hope is that you will find renewed strength in God. If you would like to be added to the weekly e-mail list to find out what's going on at Holy Love, e-mail the office at: office@holylovelutheran.org

Holy Love Calendar							
			This Week at Holy Love Lutheran Church				
Today at <u>Holy Love Lutheran Church</u> 8:30 am Worship Service			Mon, Dec. 2	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Praze Song NA		
9:30 am		Fellowship Worship Service	Tues, Dec. 3		Christian Ed Property Committee		
A Full Calendar can be viewed on our website at www.holylovelutheran.org/happenings			Wed, Dec. 4	6 pm 7 pm	Women's Bible Study Mid-Week Advent Service NA Meeting & Support Chancel Choir		
			Thurs, Dec. 5		Holy Knit Wits NMRA		
Today's Worship Assistants	Organist	Pam Engel	Fri, Dec. 6		Men's Breakfast @ Village Inn NA Meeting		
	Music		- 17		50//		
	Assisting Minister	Beth Newsom	Prayer Request				
	Acolyte						
	Lector	Sabrina Jones	If you would like to add someone on to the				
	Greeters		Prayer List, please complete a prayer request card found in the pew or email Lori at				
	Ushers	Steve Knuth Rich Newman Bruce Smith	office@holylovelutheran.org. The deadline for items to appear in the bulletin and the E-News is Tuesday morning. The deadline for the Prayer Chain is Thursday morning. Thank you.				
	Communion Assistant		THANKSGIVING BASKETS Thank you to all who prepared a basket and/or donated gift cards to purchase groceries. 18 baskets and an additional \$100 in gift cards were delivered to Average interfeith Community.				
	Altar Guild	Debbie Anderson					
	Fellowship Hosts	Social Ministry	delivered to Aurora interfaith Community Services. All of our efforts helped families enjoy holiday meals together!				



Holy Love December Worship Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	
December 4	6 pm	Mid-Week Advent Service
December 8	8:30 & 11 am	Worship Service
	10 am	Casa De Paz Card Party
December 11	6 pm	Mid-Week Advent Service
December 15	9:30 am	One service only - Children's Program
December 18	6 pm	Mid- Week Advent Service
December 22	9:30 am	One service only - Choir Lessons & Carols
December 24	3:30pm 5:30 pm 7:30 pm 10:00 pm	Christmas Eve Services
December 29	9:30 am	One service only



Advent Midweek Services

December 4, 11 & 18 @ 6 pm

We are in need of cookies for fellowship after Midweek Advent services. If you are able to provide a dozen cookies, please sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex.



Childcare provided!

What: Congregational Information Meeting

When: Sunday, December 15th, after the Children's Christmas Program

Topics for discussion:

Proposed budget for the 2020 church

Status of the Y3 coordinator position

Worship Assistants for Christmas Eve Service (as well as other services) are needed. 🔏

Please sign up on our website at www.holylovelutheran.org/ volunteer



The 13th NOEL

Holy Love will present an intergenerational Christmas play titled "The 13th Noel" as our Children's Program this year. Set in the year 12 AD, Mary is hosting a birthday party for Jesus. Please join us December 15th at

9:30 am for this celebration of the season.

Rehearsals: There is no rehearsal today. A mandatory rehearsal will be held December 8th. Email Laura Flynn with questions at lflynn1029@gmail.com or 970-231-2293 (text or call).



This year, the Chancel Choir will present the traditional service of Lessons & Carols as part of the Sunday morning Service at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, December 22.

Please come and share in this festive service



It's time to order Poinsettia's to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. Please fill out the order form inserted in today's

bulletin and return to Jean Roenfeldt or drop off in the office no later than *December 15th*.

Additional forms are available on our website at www.holylovelutheran.org/services. Thank you.



Please remember to return your pledge cards and time and talent sheets to Jean Roenfeldt.

You may drop them off in the church office or mail in the provided envelope. Thank you.



Holy Love is hosting a Christmas card making party for Casa de Paz at 10 am on December 8th. Casa de Paz will be delivering the cards and a candy bar to the detainees at the GEO ICE Aurora facility.

- All card making materials will be supplied, but feel free to bring your favorite art supplies, if you would like.
- We would love to accompany each card with a candy bar. As the candy can only be purchased at the detention facility, Casa de Paz will purchase the actual candy. If you would like to support this effort, donations to Casa de Paz for the purchase of the candy bars, as well as all of our work, may be made here: https://www.casadepazcolorado.org/donate



Women of Holy Love are invited to join our bible study and enjoy fellowship, treats and lessons from the We will meet in the youth room from 9:15 11:00 am. Studies are

found in the ELCA Gather Magazine. Extra copies will be provided.

Our next study date is: **Dec. 4 at 9:15 am.**

Please note that 2020 study dates have been added to the Holy Love calendar at www.holylovelutheran.org

If you have questions, please contact Peggy Apmann at 303-693-1802 or rgamma@vahoo.com

REMINDER:

All gifts need to be returned by Sunday, Dec. 8th.

If any questions/problems/issues, please contact
Marie Christianson
at 303-699-4890 or email at
mxchri3@hotmail.com.
Thank you!

Skyline Chorus presents "Sounds of the Season". Today @ 3 pm, at Heritage Todd Creek in Thornton and Dec. 2 @ 7 pm at Augustana Lutheran Church.

To purchase tickets, go to:
www.SoundsofSeason2.Eventbrite.com
(use 1 for the Thornton concert.)
Ticket prices are \$18/15 in advance or
\$20/15 at the door.
See Pam Engel if you have questions.



The Holy Love church office is open Mon - Fri: 9am - 1pm

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Pr. Matthew

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Interim Faith Formation Director: Amy Schmuck

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Worship **Assistants** Sign up Online

You can sign up on our website under the "Worship" or "Youth and Family" tabs. If you have questions, or need help, please see Debbie Anderson.

Social Media Disclaimer

As our world is constantly changing, so too does the way we communicate with one another. Many people rely on social and electronic mediums for information and to stay connected. We want to see what's going on, not just hear or read. With that said, please know that pictures of Holy Love's functions may be posted on social media or on our website. Should you wish not to be shown in these posts, please provide a signed and dated letter to be kept on file in the office, stating your desire not to be shown in our publications. Thank you.

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Holy Love Evangelical Lutheran Church is committed to proclaiming and living the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ as we gather for worship and study, and scatter for witness and service to our neighbors.



Hearing Loop installed. Switch hearing aid to T-coil.



Sunday **Flowers**

The flower charts for 2019 are posted in the Narthex.

Please consider providing 1 or 2 bouquets for a Sunday morning. Add your name and possibly a short note about why you are providing flowers, place a check made out to Holy Love Lutheran Church for \$35 per bouquet and "flowers for (date)" on the memo line, in the offering plate or on the desk in the office. Bring the bouquet(s) home after church that Sunday or deliver to a shut-in, etc.

Do You Get Holy Love's Weekly Email?

If not, you can easily sign up right now!

Text

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to 22828 to get started.

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JEREMIAH 33:14-18

The time is coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill my gracious promise with the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time, I will raise up a righteous branch from David's line, who will do what is just and right in the land. In those days, Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is what he will be called: The LORD Is Our Righteousness. The LORD proclaims: David will always have one of his descendants sit on the throne of the house of Israel. And the levitical priests will always have someone in my presence to make entirely burned offerings and grain offerings, and to present sacrifices.

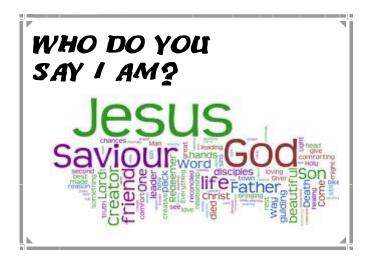
MARK 8:27-30

Jesus and his disciples went into the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

They told him, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others one of the prophets."

He asked them, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Christ." Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone about him.



Next Weeks Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 Mark 1:1-4