

HOLY LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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November 3, 2019 All Saints Sunday



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4210 South Chambers Road Aurora, CO 80014 (303) 693-1162 Pastor: Matthew Weber November 3, 2019



PRELUDE

La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin (The Girl with the Flaxen Hair) **DEBUSSYS**

BRUYERES (HEATHER)

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GATHERING

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

FOR ALL THE SAINTS, VS 1-5



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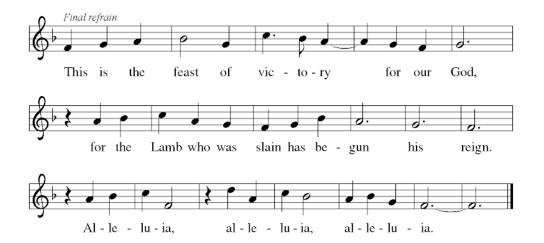
GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Let us pray. Almighty God,

You have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

TEMPLE TALK BRIAN LAST

WORD

FIRST READING

DANIEL 7:1-3; 15-18

after the reading:
Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING EPHESIANS 1:11-23

after the reading:
Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

LUKE 6:20-31 GOSPEL

before the reading:

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the Tenth chapter: Glory to you, O Lord.

after the reading:
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR MATTHEW WEBER

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

RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am bi tions turn:
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De spair en gulfs earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king-dom's task em brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre a tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um-phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn. as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the re - dress sin's cru - el con - se-quence; give jus - tice larg - er place. stretch forth your hand of heal-ing now, with love the weak sus - tain. and, quick-ened by the Spir-it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893 Text © Norman O. Forness, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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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

God of mercy and healing, you who hear the cries of those in need, receive these petitions of your people that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage.

after each petition:

Amen.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Life-giving God, heal our lives, that we may acknowledge your wonderful deeds and offer you thanks from generation to generation through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

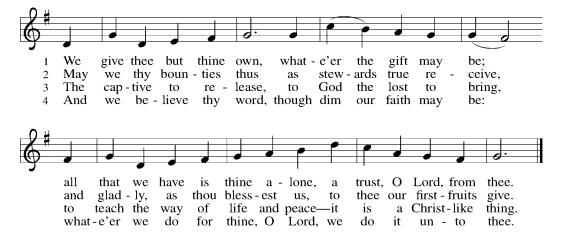
OFFERING

BE STILL AND KNOW W/BE STILL, MY SOUL

ARR HAYES

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN



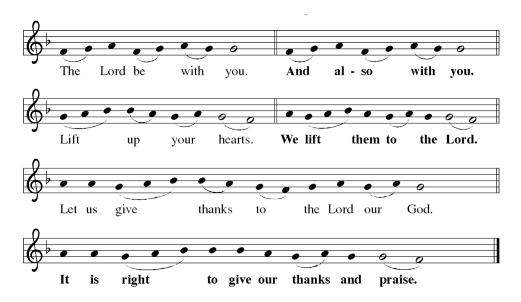
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Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda, 1850

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God our creator,
You give us all we are, all we have,
all we bring, and all we need.
Draw us together around your table with all your saints
on earth and in your eternal home.
Let us eat and drink your promise of new life,
that we might be your promise to the world,
spoken in Jesus' name. Amen.

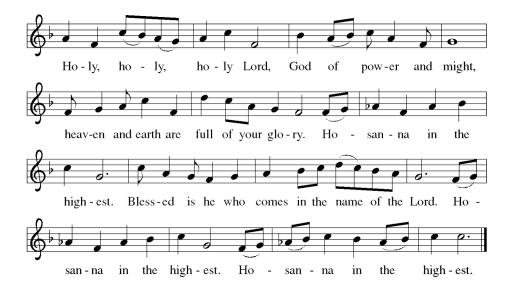
GREAT THANKSGIVING



PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God ... for as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Remembering therefore ... to you O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church now and forever.

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

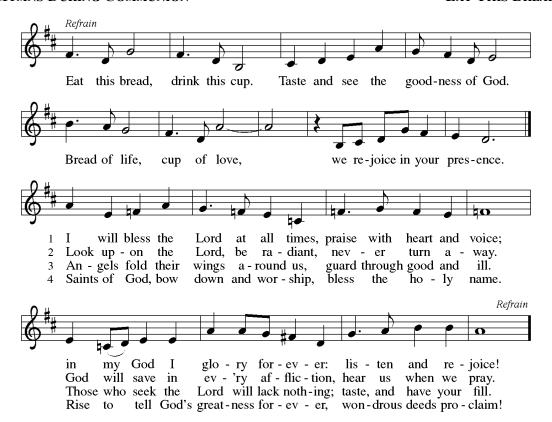
The Body and Blood of Christ For you, and for all the saints. *Thanks be to God.*

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

EAT THIS BREAD



Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; With One Voice, stanzas, based on Ps. 34 Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young Text and music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

BLEST ARE THEY



SHALL WE GATHER



- 1 Shall we gath er at the riv er, where bright an gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv er, lay we ev 'ry bur den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God? we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day. grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown. soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

THE BLESSING

after all have returned to their places:

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. *Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We thank you, God our host,
For inviting us here to taste the future
when you will feed all the hungry at your table.
Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities,
so that we might bring hope to a suffering world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

SENDING

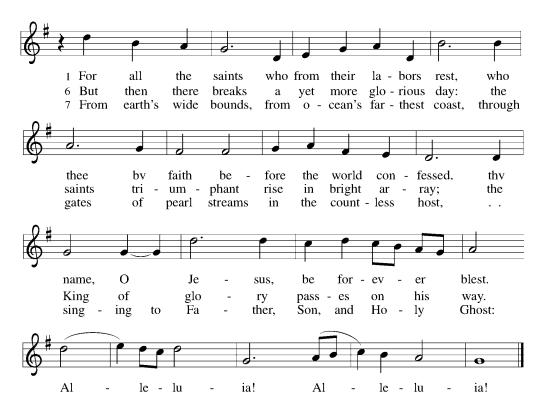
BENEDICTION

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

FOR ALL THE SAINTS, VS 1,6-7



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

INTERMEZZO IN A MAJOR OP 118 No. 2

BRAHMS

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Prayer Requests

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Pastor Matthew and his family & doctors, family & friends of Dave Jensen (Marcia Monson's brother), family & friends of Jon Whan (Jennifer Wolfe's brother), Cal Hosman, Bob Apmann, Pastor Jim Engel, Helene Schmuck (Alan Schmuck's mother), Dee Howery, Bill Stephenson (Mary Stephenson's husband) Rita Hinze (Dorothea Madry's mother), Sharyl Hass (Michelle Kneipper'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), Jim Wood, Milly (Terri Altman's mother), Johnna Tavera (Shane Allen's sister), Sue Last, Audrey Hallett, 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, Zach & Sydney Brinkmann, Dewy Hertz

Pray for our Military:

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				
Today at Holy Love Lutheran Church			This Week at Holy Love Lutheran Church	
8:30 am 9:30 am 10 am		Worship Service Fellowship Sunday School	Mon, Nov 4	5:30 pm Praze Song 6:30 pm NA
10 am 11 am		Adult Education Worship Service	Tues, Nov 5	7 pm Christian Ed 7 pm Property Committee
7 pm		Y3 @ HL	Wed, Nov 6	6 pm NA Meeting & Support 7 pm Chancel Choir
A Full Calendar can be viewed on our website at www.holylovelutheran.org			Thurs, Nov 7	7 pm Holy Knit Wits 7 pm NMRA
			Fri, Nov 8	7 am Men's Breakfast @ Village Inn 6 pm NA Meeting
Today's Vorship Assistants	Organist	Michelle Kneipper	Sat. Nov 9	10 am Young Adults Breakfast
	Music	William David	Drayer Reguest	
	Assisting Minister	Julie Hansen		
	Acolyte			
	Lector	Beth Newsom	Please take a careful look at our prayer list. If there is anyone on the list who should not be there, please let Lori know. If you would like to add someone on to the Prayer List, please complete a prayer request card found in the pew or email Lori at office@holylovelutheran.org. Please make sure to include why you would like them on the list for the prayer chain and also, if they are not a member, how you know them (i.e friend of or family member of). 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.	
	Greeters			
	Ushers	Steve Knuth Rich Newman Bruce Smith Charlie Anderson		
Ä	Communion Assistant	Marsha Abbott		
	Altar Guild	Beth Whitney		
	Fellowship Hosts	Property		



The Altar Floral Arrangement Today is provided by Leigh Brazee in honor of Mark and Tyler s Birthdays. Thank you.



Sunday Morning Adult Study

Sunday Morning Adult Education has resumed at Holy Love. Please join us for casual discussion and instruction.

Nov. 3rd: Theology of the Reformation (cont.)

Nov. 17th: Guest Host from New Beginnings.

New Beginnings provides ministry

to women in prison.

Nov. 24th: Kinesiology of Worship

Dec. 1st: Kinesiology of Worship (cont.)
Dec. 8th Kinesiology of Worship (cont.)



Advent Devotional Writers Wanted

Please mark your calendar for Nov. 10th at 10 am during adult ed for orientation and sign-up to help write this year's Advent Devotionals. This year's theme is Joy!

Your talent and time is greatly appreciated.



Social Networking

When: Nov. 12th from 5-6:30 pm Where: Peak to Peak Taproom

16701 E. Iliff Ave, Aurora, CO 80013 Women of Holy Love are invited to join our bible study and enjoy fellowship, treats and lessons from the Bible. 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: *Nov. 13th at 9:15 am.*

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



The Fall Stewardship emphasis, Bearing Fruit for Jesus, will conclude with Harvest Sunday on November 10th. At that time, we are asked to place upon the altar our commitments of time, talent and money - the fruits of God's love in our lives.

By now, you will have received a packet in the mail containing a financial commitment form, and a time and talent form, along with our new Ministry Booklet to help you select those ministries that fit your interests and talents. Please fill these forms out and bring them to church on November 10th.

In recognition of our theme this year, Fellowship hour will feature fruit pies! Remember that Holly Love exists because of you and can do its ministry in this place and in the world only with your commitment to those ministries.

If you have not received your packet, additional copies of the forms will be available at the church on Harvest Sunday. For more information contact Jean Roenfeld at 303-909-8938.



RTVC Senior High Retreat

Fully Known November 22-24, 2019

Cost for the weekend is \$155 per student. Registration Deadline is Nov 3, 2019.

The year's retreat will feature Keynote Speaker, Pastor Margot Wright.

Carpooling will be arranged. Register and pay with the Lord of the Hills. Follow the QR Code to the registration link. For more information please contact Amy Schmuck at *youth@holylovelutheran.org*





The Y3 meeting that was scheduled for Oct 27th, has been rescheduled for this evening at 7 pm right here at Holy Love.



Save the Date: Holy Love's annual Christmas Program will be held this year on Sunday, December 15th.

Rehearsals begin on November 10th during Sunday School for children and youth in 2nd grade and older. Younger Children will rehearse Christmas music during November (followed by regular Sunday School) and will join the full rehearsal on December 8th.

No rehearsal held Thanksgiving weekend.

If your child would like a speaking role but is unable to attend on November 10th, please contact Laura Flynn at lflynn1029@gmail.com or Amy Schmuck at Youth@holylovelutheran.org. Adult and high school volunteers are also needed!

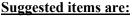
Thanksgiving Baskets for Aurora Interfaith

This year we will once again be donating Thanksgiving baskets to families served by *Aurora Interfaith Community Services, AIC*. AIC has been faithfully serving Aurora residents in need since 1975.

There is no required list of items so please be creative and assemble a basket or box of foods your family typically enjoys at Thanksgiving time. All donations must be nonperishable. We ask that you also donate a \$25 gift card to either Walmart or King Soopers so recipients can purchase a turkey and other fresh food items.

Please consider donating a basket so a family can celebrate Thanksgiving in their home with their loved ones.





Canned vegetables
Chicken/veggie broth
Pie fillings
Cranberry sauce
Cider
Cookies

Canned fruits
Pie crust mix
Stuffing mix
Boxed potatoes
Nuts
Candy



Please deliver completed baskets to the church office no later than Sunday, November 17th.

Contact Peggy Apmann if you have questions at 303-693-1802 or rgammg@yahoo.com



Aurora Interfaith Community Services is celebrating it's 51st Anniversary at The Summit Event Center. This event will honor all who have helped to create and maintain the organization over the past five decades. Please save the date and enjoy heavy appetizers, wine and beer, silent and live auctions, and entertainment.

When: November 15

Where: Summit Event Center Cost: \$30 (includes wine and beer)

Tickets are available at www.aurorainterfaithcommunityservices.org or call Roxanne at 303-360-9938

> Holy Love Members, you may also get tickets by contacting Pat Torness-Smith at 720-261-0637

Other ways to participate:

- 1. Become a sponsor to see your company's name on the screen and in the Gala program
- Provide a donation to defray the catering costs.
- 3. Donate a basket for the silent auction.



Mark Your Calendar for **November 26th** (a) 7 pm for our traditional **Thanksgiving** Eve's Eve service.



Theology Pub meets the third Thursday of each month at LuBo's Pizza in Aurora. Please ioin us.

Next Theology Pub:

When: November 21st from 6pm-7:30 pm

Where: 15352 E. Ida Dr. Unit H

Topic: TBA

Lori Newsom is playing the part of Amy in the classic Little Women, in Parker, Nov 8-10 and Nov 15-17 (Friday and Saturday evenings, and Saturday and Sunday

matinees). Presented by Parker Arts and Sasquatch Productions.

here: https:// tickets.parkerarts.org/event/littlewomen-laurence/

Denver Center for the Performing Arts Theatre & Theology Talkbacks featuring Pastor Dan Bollman

Holy Love Lutheran has been invited to participate in a special arrangement with the Theater Company of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. After viewing the performance we will be able to engage with cast members in a moderated talkback on theological issues in each play. The sessions are led by Pastor Dan Bollman. The first performance that we are planning to attend is the Shakespearean comedy, the Twelfth Night.

If you are interested in attending, please sign up in the Narthex or let Lori know at Office@holylovelutheran.org

When: Dec. 12th at 6:30 pm.

Tickets: \$35/person

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, Nov. 10th.



Angel Tree

During Christmas every year, Lutheran Family Services (LFS) works with local churches and community groups to provide gifts for their clients. Holy Love is participating in the Angel Tree project again this year.

Our focus this year is on older adults and children. The Angel Tree will be set up in the Narthex with 45 ornaments. Each ornament lists the name and gender of the client, the age, and their Christmas wish. If you choose to participate, please purchase the gift, (preferably) put it in a gift bag, return it to the church and put under the tree. All gifts will be picked up after each Sunday service.

All gifts NEED to be returned by Sunday, December 8th. Please note the following guidelines:

- Keep gifts unwrapped gift bags are greatly appreciated.
- Attach the ornament to the gift you purchased

If you have any questions, contact Marie Christianson at 303-699-4890 or email at <u>mxchri3@hotmail.com</u>.

Thank you for your participation and generosity again this year.

Support the Response to Hurricane Dorian

Hurricane Dorian caused devastation in the Bahamas and damage in the southeastern United States. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with its partners to provide immediate relief and long-term recovery. To learn more or to make a donation, go to ELCA.org/disaster



Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains is a faith based, non-profit human services agency providing adoption, foster care, older adult & caregiver, prevention, and refugee services since 1948. We provide help and support to children and families during their most challenging times regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or age. At LFSRM, we believe that all people, from the newborn to the most elderly, are valued members of our community. With offices in Denver, Colorado Springs, Fort Collins, Greeley, and Albuquerque, we partner with communities to meet the

unmet needs affecting their most vulnerable populations. LFSRM strives to recognize areas in need and to find ways to serve those who have seemingly become invisible. Every day, hundreds of people turn to LFSRM for refuge, help and hope.

Ways You Can Help

- Open your heart, open your home considering becoming a Foster Parent! As a foster parent you'll change not only the life of a child but your own.
- Donate help ensure sustainability of LFSRM programs helping our most vulnerable neighbors.
- Volunteer we are always in need of volunteers!

Go to https://www.lfsrm.org for more information



Aurora Warms the Night is seeking volunteers to help on Shower Trailer night including help in providing meals. For involunteer opportunities

formation on volunteer opportunities with Aurora Warms the Night, please go to www.aurorawarmsthenight.org.

They are also seeking donations of personal hygiene products, gently used socks and t-shirts and towels, new underwear and more. For a complete list of needed items please go to:

volunteers@awtnco.org.

AWTN Inaugural Fundraiser

When: Dec. 6 @ 6 pm

Where: Village Exchange Center, 1609 S. Havana St, Aurora, CO 80010

Proceeds from the Inaugural Fundraiser will go to provide shelter to homeless individuals on nights that fall below 20 degrees during the 2019/2020 winter season.

Event includes:

- Appetizers & Meal
- Cash Bar available

RSVP no later than Nov. 22. For more information please contact *info@awtnco.org*



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

Contact Information

Church Office Phone - 303.693.1162 www.holylovelutheran.org www.facebook.com/holylovelutheran

Pr. Matthew

email – <u>pastor@holylovelutheran.org</u> cell phone (call or text) – 720.301.9411 facebook message – facebook.com/hikerrev

Interim Faith Formation Director: Amy Schmuck

Cell phone - 720.682.4768 email - youth@holylovelutheran.org

Worship Assistants

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.

Office Administrator: Lori Rieger email – office@holylovelutheran.org

Preschool & Kindergarten 303.693.8519

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 on the kiosk 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

HOLYLOVE

to 22828 to get started.

Message and data rates may apply.



Daniel 7:1-3; 15-18

In the first year of Babylon's King Belshazzar, Daniel had a dream—a vision in his head as he lay on his bed. He wrote the dream down. Here is the beginning of the account:

I am Daniel. In the vision I had during the night I saw the four winds of heaven churning the great sea. Four giant beasts emerged from the sea, each different from the others.

Now this caused me, Daniel, to worry. My visions disturbed me greatly. So I went to one of the servants who was standing ready nearby. I asked him for the truth about all this.

He spoke to me and explained to me the meaning of these things. "These four giant beasts are four kings that will rise up from the earth, but the holy ones of the Most High will receive the kingship. They will hold the kingship securely forever and always."

Ephesians 1: 11-23

We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is

working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. God's power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

LUKE 6:20-31

prophets.

Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said: "Happy are you who are poor, because God's kingdom is yours. Happy are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied. Happy are you who weep now, because you will laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One. Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

But how terrible for you who are rich, because you have already received your comfort. How terrible for you who have plenty now, because you will be hungry.

How terrible for you who laugh now, because you will mourn and weep.

How terrible for you when all speak well of you.

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"But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don't withhold your shirt either. Give to everyone who asks and don't demand your things back from those who take them. Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you.