



# Welcome to Lutheran Church of God's Love

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**Sunday, November 15, 2020**  
**24th Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:45am Worship with Holy Communion**

*We are glad to have this opportunity to gather in person. Everyone must wear a face covering and practice social distancing while in the building. Worshipers will have their temperature taken, register their attendance with an usher, and utilize the hand sanitizer prior to entering the sanctuary. An usher will direct you to a seat at least 6 feet away from others. All information for the worship service is included in this bulletin or on the projection screen at the front of the sanctuary. An offering plate is available at the entrance.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** Adagio—Mozart

Cheri Tigh

## WELCOME AND WORSHIP INFORMATION

### *Gathering*

## CARILLON

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.  
*[Silence for reflection]*

**All: We confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.**

Pastor: Beloved, we are God's children. Through ✠ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, and in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

**All: Amen.**

## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

## **GLORIA**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Cantor: Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## *W o r d*

### **1ST READING** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Reader: The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Cantor: Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

### **GOSPEL** Matthew 25:14-30

*Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to...* **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord* **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** "God Invests in Us"

Vicar Brandi Hebert

**HYMN OF THE DAY** What a Friend We Have in Jesus—ELW 742

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition ends: "Hear us, O God"* **All: Your mercy is great.**

## PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

## *M e a l*

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

*Thank you for joyfully supporting the ministries of God's Love! You may place your gift in the offering plate at the entrance to the worship area, give online at [www.godslovenewtown.org](http://www.godslovenewtown.org) or scan this code with your phone. Gifts may be directed to regular offering, specific ministries, memorial gifts or special appeals.*



## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION

*We believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. All baptized Christians are invited to the Lord's Table. Holy Communion will be distributed in a continuous line down the center aisle with at least 6 feet of distance between persons in line. Please extend your open palm when you arrive at the communion table. The pastor, wearing gloves, will dip a wafer into a chalice of wine and place it into your hand without touching your hand. For those who choose, it is also appropriate to receive only the wafer. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please keep your mask on as you receive the elements, then step aside to the floor marker before removing your mask to place the host in your mouth. Replace your mask and return to your seat along the side aisle.*

## COMMUNION SONG

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us...  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

O God, Our Help in Ages Past—ELW 632

## *Sending*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE** The Fifers—Dandrieu

Cheri Tigh

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Today's 8:45am service will be **recorded and posted online**  
so that our entire faith community can connect through worship.



**Altar flowers** are given by Ruth Anne and David Woolsey  
in celebration of their wedding anniversary.



**Serving Today:** Presiding Minister *Pastor Dan Whitener*; Assisting Minister *Vicar Brandi Hebert*;  
Organist and Director of Choirs *Cheri Tigh*; Cantors *Denice Barnes, John Connors*; Altar Guild  
*Donna Picciano*