



Mount Olive Lutheran Church

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with a heavy heart I must write to you and share that as of today, we are ceasing live worship in our sanctuary. This is in our best effort to have compassion for, and to cause the least harm to ourselves and our neighbors during this pandemic that is sweeping across the globe. This does not mean that we, the church, do not carry on and even in this we can thrive.

Remember the state of Grace in which we live. This by the love and mercy of God through Christ, and His death on the cross. This is how much He loved us and loves us still.

Remember that we are baptized children of God, and that He has called you by name, you are His, and nothing can take you from Him. Nor will He ever forsake you. Ever! He is with you now.

This same God who created the heavens and the earth, Who led the people out of Egypt, who brought the captives out of Babylon, this is the same God who will see us through this.

Now what can we do and what can we expect? Sunday Services, beginning this Sunday, will be held at 10:00 A.M. and will be recorded, both audio and video. Our intent is that this service will be available electronically by Monday afternoon via email upon request. We hope to have the capacity to host it on our website if we have the capacity to do so. By the 29th, we expect to have the ability to stream worship live in real time, again, at 10:00 a.m.

We can allow for up to 8 or so observers of the taping, if you absolutely must be here for that, as we have the space to maintain proper social distancing for that, but I urge you to remain home, and should you have need, call the church, call me, and we will speak and pray together. I know these are anxious times, but God is an ever present help in trouble.

Your Elders and I will also be posting soon, days and times in which you can drive by the church for prayer and communion, and if conscious calls for it, receive absolution from your sins. In the meantime, you may always call for an individual appointment.

Wednesday soup suppers along with the midweek Lenten services are also cancelled, as is the Wednesday Bible Study. We will address Holy Week as it comes closer.

Please continue to pray to God for our people, our community, our country and the world, that we and all will find peace, and that peace that comes from God that passes all human understanding. Today I recall the words of the angel to the shepherds, behold I bring you great news, for unto you is born this day a savior and He will bring peace.

God bless you and keep you. His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, and the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace, now and forever, Amen.

By the grace of God, Your pastor,

Rev. Bill Baker