

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus, who sustains and strengthens us in the midst of joys and challenges. I hope you are staying well. In a time when social distancing is necessary to decrease the spread of the Coronavirus, it becomes increasingly more important to stay connected in new and creative ways. To that end, my wife, Marjorie, and I are working together to provide a virtual worshipful experience. These services are being recorded at King of Kings and are available via our web page, Facebook page and on YouTube.com/KingofKingsELCA

These videos should be available on Saturday for your use Sunday mornings (or time of your convenience). Marjorie and I are alternating between leading the worship and preaching (One does the liturgy and the other preaches and switching off weekly). We are also surveying other virtual worships for ideas to help this worship become as meaningful as possible.

Since we are unable to celebrate communion at this time, we will adopt Bishop Eaton's recommendation of fasting from Holy Communion during this crisis, and that when we gather once again in person, we will celebrate a second Easter with special music and flowers!

In the meantime, services at King of Kings Lutheran Church are suspended until further notice. I hear a lot of dates being thrown around, but Vinnie, our Council President, and myself are in communication with one another and will reevaluate this situation shortly after Easter.

In regards to your offerings, please do **not** drop them off at church. Either mail them in or put them aside until we come together again in worship. The church office is closed, we are working from home, and are available as always, by telephone and e-mail. If you call the church office and leave a message, it will be transmitted to the appropriate person.

As we move toward Holy Week and Easter, please know that I hold you all in my prayers. I celebrate and give thanks for your generosity in sharing your gifts, both monetary and spiritual. Join me in this prayer: "O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to stay the course with good courage, not knowing where this time may lead, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

May the love of Christ be with you now and always.

Peace,

Pr. Jim