



# *GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH*

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Dear Members of Grace,

As you are well aware, the coronavirus crisis has caused many churches to cancel Sunday worship, which includes Grace. Although we will not gather for worship on Sunday, at least until April 5th, that does not mean that you cannot worship. Enclosed with this letter is the bulletin for March 22 the fourth Sunday in Lent, Sola Lectionary Text Study and the Taking Faith Home page.

This is a time for you to be creative in your family worship on Sundays. It is an opportunity to have family devotions and share special days together to keep your spiritual life healthy and uplifted. Nothing replaces corporate worship on Sundays, but in this time of crisis, we should avail ourselves of any and all resources to keep our Bible study and worship from suffering. The Holy Spirit will enlighten us through the Word, and Jesus Christ will bless us in our study and worship.

Remember that God is with us and will never leave us. We are told in the scriptures 365 times "Do not fear"- one for each day of the year. Fear can grasp us and turn us in the wrong direction. We will get past this- **stay positive**. This is a time for prayer and an opportunity to spend time together and communicate with one another.

Our prayer is that each member of Grace keep healthy both physically and spiritually. This crisis will pass by the grace of God. Please remember St. Paul's words in Ephesians 6:10,

***"Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might."***

Blessings to all,

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