

Dear members and friends of Town and Country Lutheran,

In this time of national emergency and global pandemic the question/struggle before us as people of God is how are we to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a “wilderness” such as this.

First and foremost we need to hear again and trust that word of God in Scripture, **“FEAR NOT FOR I AM WITH YOU”**. It is hard to keep that fear away, He is with us to help us no matter what comes.

With recommendations happening rapidly at the national, state, and local level(sometimes confusing, or even conflicting), and now stating to avoid gathering of no more than 10 people your leadership has decided **to call off public worship at church through April 1**. This includes the rest of our midweek Lenten worship and Sundays, March 22 & 29. Depending on governmental guidelines, we will reassess April worship schedule. We will be approaching the holiest week of the church year

April 5-12, with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, culminating in Easter.

We will still be worshipping Sunday, assisting you to do so **in your home**. You have heard the call to “shelter in place” well, we will call this **“worship in place”**. Using modern technology at the office Matt Kretzmann and I will send to you a form of worship. This will include lessons, prayers, message and if we can recorded hymns. We will try to have this out Friday or Saturday of this week.

Since we will not be together, we still need to continue our Lord’s work through our offerings. Either set them aside, or mail them into the church office.

Know this that as your pastor, even though interim, I am available for conversation, counsel and encouragement. Our gracious God will not fail us, but will walk with us as only He can do.

God’s blessings to you all,

In Christ’s love and care,

Pastor Fickenscher