

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ-

The effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continue to impact all aspects of our society. Due to an order last week from the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, this past Sunday was the first time that the members of Lutheran Church of Our Savior were not able to meet as a congregation to hear God's Word and receive his Sacrament. Resources are now available online at lcos.org for edification in the faith during the days of this "Shelter in Place" order. In this ever changing situation, the pastors are continuing to work closely with the Board of Elders and Board of Directors to continue to provide pastoral care in these troubled times.

Especially in times like these, the work of the church continues to need to be supported. The Board of Elders asks you to prayerfully consider either mailing your weekly offerings to the church office, sending your contributions for the month in one mailing at the beginning or the end of the month, or using EasyTithe, an online giving application (<https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/lcoscupertino>). EasyTithe is the application that the congregation used to sign up for the Advent Dinner or to sign up for conference. Several members of the congregation have been using the application to make their weekly offering. I have used the application myself to make a one-time offering and on-going offerings. Your offering can be made via credit card or an eCheck withdrawal from your checking account. The fees associated with using eCheck are lower than using a credit card. The church website now has links available to make an online offering. If you'd like assistance in establishing an EasyTithe account or giving offerings online, please feel free to contact me.

Please continue to check your email and visit the lcos.org website for the latest updates.

May God grant us wisdom and courage for the living of these days, along with the peace and joy that comes from knowing we are citizens of an eternal kingdom with nothing to fear.

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