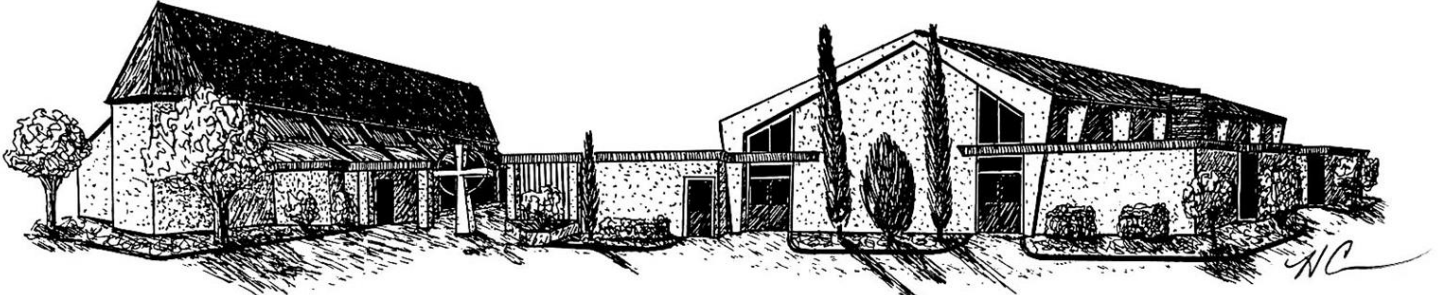


Lutheran Church of Our Savior



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling” (Psalm 46:1, English Standard Version; and hereafter).

These words have been the comfort of God’s people for more than 2,000 years, and they continue to be. The ‘mountains’ in our lives—i.e., those mainstays that simply have been (like so many of those ordinary things of life that today have been suspended)—have been moved, and the ‘waters’ of threat (or even anxiety) roar and foam. But, for the very reason that God Himself is our refuge (shelter) and strength, a present help in trouble, for this reason, “Therefore[!], we will not fear.” In latter verses of Psalm 46, the psalmist declares and assures the reader or hearer that “God is in the midst of her [the city of God, i.e., the community of believers], she shall not be moved” (46:5), and that the “LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress” (46:7, 11). In view of this fact, assured to us through Jesus Christ, we can and should “Be still, and know that [God] is God” (46:10). He will direct; He will supply; He will defend; He will!...He will, according to His wisdom and will.

While in these unique times, due to the “Shelter in Place” order, we can’t assemble to be fed by our Lord’s Word and His Sacrament, we do plan to continue to offer edification in the faith by our Lord’s Word, online. To this end, new features (tabs) have been added to the website of Lutheran Church of Our Savior, lcos.org.

- *“Worship” – Here find the latest online services...*
 - *Online Sunday services*
 - *Online midweek Lenten services (resuming on March 25)*
- *“Devotions” – Here find devotions offered regularly, on a hymn or passage of Scripture*
- *“Pastoral Letters and Notices”*

As you would—under normal circumstances—return regularly to church for edification, so now we urge you to return regularly to lcos.org to be edified in the faith during these days. Let us as His people give ear to His Word, love one another (call to check on each other), and pray for the Church and for all.

*In Christ,
Pastor John Bestul*

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