

To the Family of Christ Lutheran Church,

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The People of God historically faced many wilderness experiences. Most notable in the Exodus and with Jesus facing his own temptations, spending time in the wilderness affirms that God is with us even in the most challenging of circumstances. We at CLC have been in the wilderness facing COVID-19 and all it entails. We have not had regular worship for a year nor have we been able to regularly gather for times of fellowship. We miss the personal connections from handshakes to hugs and just greeting each other.

The good news is that it looks like we are beginning the process of leaving the wilderness in 2021. All plans are "subject to change," but we believe there is a pathway forward for worship at CLC. Starting on Easter Sunday, April 4, we will meet at 10:00am on Sundays for Christ on the Corner #parkinglotworship. It will be great to gather safely in the parking lot, and share worship, word, and Holy Communion together again. On Easter Sunday, a fellowship event is planned for after the service as well as an Easter Egg hunt on our lawn. Then, for the rest of April, we will continue worshipping in the parking lot at 10:00am. All of these services will be live-streamed onto our YouTube Channel, which will be a regular, weekly practice going forward at CLC.

Looking ahead, starting on Sunday, May 2, we plan to open the sanctuary to those who would like to worship indoors. We will need to take precautions as we shared in November. Masks and social distancing will be required. We will abstain from singing and limit social interaction. We will plan to celebrate Holy Communion in a safe manner. This will be hard to do, but it is the best way to support healthy practices. For those who prefer, we will still have our parking lot open for worship and, again, the service will be live streamed on our YouTube channel. While it may feel different, our worship of God will go on just the same: celebrating in the grace and love God gives us and returning our praise to God in new and various ways.

Above all, know that God is more powerful than any virus and God will lead us through this uncertain and threatening time. May we all be aware of how God is active in our lives. May we come out of the wilderness strengthened and closer to God. And may we all reflect God's love, now and always.

To God be the Glory, now and ever more!

Amen!

Yours in Christ,

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