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## *From the Desk of Pastor David Small to the visitors and members of Calvary Lutheran Church :*

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Greetings to you through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

In my last letter I said that just as the COVID-19 pandemic is fast-moving, and as government and society have been moving quickly, our congregation's response must likewise be agile. We saw this need over the last week. When I wrote my previous letter I had intended to hold small and short prayer services without Communion on Sunday mornings; however, Governor Phil Murphy issued an executive order on March 21, 2020 closing all non-essential businesses and asking that all public meetings be cancelled. After discussing our next steps with the congregational leadership, it was decided to suspend even our modified prayer services.

Although our physical meeting have been suspended, I will be communicating with you via phone call, text, or email to check in and see how each of you are doing physically and spiritually. No one is exempt from the spiritual and mental effects that self-isolation can bring, and I want you to know that you are loved and cared for. You are loved and cared for by our God who took on human nature to suffer in our place and who walks your path alongside you today. You are loved and cared for by me, and you are loved and cared for by each other. If you desire to hear the Words of Absolution or to receive the Lord's Supper, please contact me directly or through the church office.

As I had mentioned previously, I encourage you to verify and update your contact information with the church office through voicemail or email. If you have any physical needs of food, medicine, or home goods, please call and let someone know. We are here to help one another. If you are ill, or are in one of the high-risk demographics, please stay home, and allow us to serve you. If you are ill with a respiratory illness, you should also contact your primary care physician.

Please find the enclosed "Spiritual Care Packet" for your benefit. More information about this packet and what is included in that is found on the first inside page of the enclosed material. In addition to the main Spiritual Care Packet there is a devotional booklet for Holy Week. In your home devotionals please continue to pray for our country, our leaders, the staff at our medical facilities, and the ill, among other.

Two pre-addressed and pre-stamped envelopes have been for you to mail your tithe to the church. In all things, and in all ways, God has promised us his care and his comfort, and we entrust our lives and our souls to him. We trust in him for the sake of Jesus Christ. We deserve nothing, but Jesus has given us his life in exchange for our sins, and for his sacrifice on the cross we are declared holy.

God bless you and keep you and your family; may he turn his face towards you and give you peace.

In Christ,

David Small, Pastor