

## **COVID-19 Coronavirus UPDATE...**

*“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear!” (Psalm 46)*

### **WORSHIP CHANGES ARE COMING**

Now that Concordia has successfully created and maintained a safe environment for in-person worship, additional changes will be introduced to enhance our worship experience as we move into the Fall season.

Starting on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Walk-Up communion administered by Pastor Gregg and the Elders will be offered as an option. This is the same method used at Christmas and Easter services and will be familiar to most of you attending worship. Individual Fellowship Kits will still be available for those who prefer to remain in their seat during communion.

Starting on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Traditional service will be moving to Sunday morning. Traditional and Contemporary worship services will be offered each Sunday thereafter. No services will be conducted on Saturday.

Additionally, signups will no longer be required prior to attending the service of your choice.

As we implement these changes, please be aware that the safety protocols – wearing of masks, social distancing, positive airflow, hand sanitizer, surface cleaning – that have served us well to date will remain in place. We look forward to taking these next steps and pray your worship experience will be enhanced.

We are coming together for the mutual edification of our brothers and sisters. We are thankful that we have the technology to keep us connected even when we are apart, yet there is a great blessing when believers can come together in person to worship Jesus. We are thankful and excited as we begin to re-open. Please be patient as we seek to navigate through these times and praise the Lord as He continues to work for His glory and for the salvation of all people!

As we reopen, we will continue to record and make weekly sermons and services available online. Pastor Gregg’s sermons will be available online Sunday morning and services will be available online early in the week following weekend worship.

We will also continue to offer our other online opportunities for the foreseeable future. Please continue to check back for updates. Weekly messages will be posted on our YouTube, website, Church Online, Facebook, and Twitter, as well as live Bible studies on Zoom

## **STAFF & ELDERS**

While our staff is here for you should you have any needs, concerns, or prayer request, we also want you to know that you can reach out to any Elder if any needs or concerns arise. Feel free to contact any of us without hesitation.

## **PRAYERS**

We also encourage you to reach out with any prayer requests you may have. In an effort to encourage our connectedness – and the church being the church – unless prayers state that they are ONLY for the prayer chain, we will send them out to the entire congregation for their prayers as well. Please be aware that prayer requests submitted are not edited but sent out exactly as submitted. If you wish requests to be anonymous, please do not include any personal information in the submittal.

Again, please check back regularly for updates. If you would like to receive our emails, contact us at [clcgrace@clcgrace.org](mailto:clcgrace@clcgrace.org).

Remember that our God is sovereign and faithful. There is nothing that is happening or that is going to happen that He is not aware of or in control over. For that we can be grateful, and because of that we don't have to live in fear.

*“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.” (2 Thessalonians 3:16)*