

Dear Friend, Thanks for visiting our site for responding to COVID19!

There has been a righteous debate brewing among Christians about the proper on-site worship response to COVID's threats. Do we keep our doors open as a sign of fear, love, and trust in God above all! Or do we close doors as a sign of love for our neighbor.

It is right for Christians to faithfully seek to uphold these two great commands of our Lord: *Love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself.*

Pastors and leaders at Trinity engaged in that discussion and emerged with a clear answer: These two commands are not exclusive, they are inclusive. They are a both/and. Whatever steps we take, those must remain our highest effort and goal. But what does that look like?

Trinity Lutheran Church decided on a short-term approach to closing the worship building doors. For the sake of honoring those in authority in the state and demonstrating love by inhibiting a spreading virus, we are refraining for two weeks from on-site worship.

We are fundamentally concerned about our steadfastness to the Lord and our witness to the world. Answering that in today's climate could take numerous avenues. One thing we do say, based on our decision, we are concerned about drought.

By drought I mean letting the spiritual spring run dry by your absence from the Word of the LORD. We seek to provide online and personal opportunities for you to stay connected and drinking from the fountain of Christ. We encourage you to be avid readers of His Word and contact your pastors for any sacramental or devotional needs.

Please look at the next page to see what we are offering. And thank you, for your prayers, patience, and endurance in the faith as fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

May the Lord curb, guide, and direct us in fear, love and trust in Him and love for our neighbor!

Sincerely,

Rev. David Hinz