



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Beginning this Sunday, November 29, First Lutheran Church will be suspending in-person worship until further notice. A liturgy of Holy Communion for the First Sunday in Advent will be live-streamed on our Youtube and Facebook pages at 8:30 AM and then available to watch throughout the day. Distribution of Holy Communion will occur outdoors on our courtyard from 9:30 to 11:00 AM.

We will also plan to have our Budgetary Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 6 as planned, but to meet via Zoom and telephone in one session at 11:00 AM.

Though we are fairly confident in the safety of our current arrangements for worship, our staff in particular have had increasing concerns about exposure to the virus. As I write, my family and I are in quarantine because of direct exposure we know we have had. Others on the staff have had family members or friends affected as well. We do not yet know what effect Thanksgiving gatherings could have on increasing community spread, which is already occurring at very concerning levels and may still increase in the coming days.

We hope that mitigation efforts will be effective enough that rates of infection will begin to drop in the coming weeks and we will be able to return to in-person worship soon.

We have all sacrificed a great deal over the past year. We have longed for spiritual food that has not always been there in the ways we used to know. Take heart; it seems safe to say we are almost to the end. God will continue to provide.

With you in Christ,

The Rev. Brian A. Evans  
*Senior Pastor*

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SENIOR PASTOR



**The Rev. Jennifer Peters McCurry**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR