



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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Dear people of Trinity,

Grace and peace to you this day. I very much miss seeing each one of you, and look forward to our time together. As you have likely already heard, Trinity has suspended our in-person activities – including gathering for worship, committee meetings, and other activities – until further notice. It is a difficult thing to do, yet necessary for us to live out our calling as Christians – to love our neighbor as ourselves.

I must say, I have been impressed and inspired by the understanding, selflessness, and caring you have shown one another and our whole community. I know that each of us are going through times of stress, anxiety, fear, and doubt in these days. Even so, I have heard you offer to care for one another, call on one another, pick up groceries for, and sing for, and pray for one another. I am so very touched by your graciousness. You are a congregation I am proud to be a part of.

With this change in our regular patterns, I wanted to provide you with worship opportunities nonetheless. Included with this letter are at-home worship liturgies for Palm Sunday (April 5<sup>th</sup>), Maundy Thursday (April 9<sup>th</sup>), Good Friday (April 10<sup>th</sup>), Easter Sunday (April 12<sup>th</sup>) and the remainder of April. Please use these as you see fit, and know that throughout these days you are being held in prayer.

In addition to these materials, there are many materials available online. You can find weekly sermons and daily video devotionals by visiting our website: [trinityarendtsville.org](http://trinityarendtsville.org), and clicking on the “News & Online Content Tab.” Weekly emails are also sent out with updated content and other reminders. If you would like to receive these emails and have not yet been receiving them, simply contact the office (717-677-8921 or [office@trinityarendtsville.org](mailto:office@trinityarendtsville.org)) and let us know.

Finally, there is a simple truth that our bills as a congregation continue throughout this time. If you are able, please send in your regular offerings and gifts by check through the mail. I would be remiss if I did not point out that we are all in various places when it comes to finances these days. If you are still receiving regular income, please consider this gift. If you are experiencing a decrease of income or loss of a job, know that we are understanding, and have great love and respect for you no matter what!

Should anyone need help, you or our neighbor, please let the church office or myself (419-953-8158 or [pastorbensiebert@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbensiebert@gmail.com)) know. We will help as best we can, and do our best to point you in the right direction if we are unable.

Peace,

Pastor Ben Siebert