



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Dear people of Trinity,

It has been a long summer, even as we have just crossed the midpoint. While the rains have seemed heavy yet sparse and late, we have nonetheless seen the rains come and nourish the earth, a sign of good things to come. While rain does not promise the absence of drought in the future, nor does rain promise provision forever, we have faith that God's care filled rain will nourish the earth now, and God will continue to care for us and all creation.

It has been a joy to see so many of you in worship over the past few weeks. It has been good and right to share the Word of God together, support each other in our confusion and differences, and pray, even as the blessing is different than the past. We miss one another, and support the absence many of our siblings in Christ find necessary. We pray for Trinity spread over miles and communities just as fervently as we do for one another and the world, trusting that the Spirit that binds us as one is strong enough to cover the distance. While our worship does not promise that worship will never change in setting or in style, we have faith that God's care filled blessing will nourish us now, and God will continue to care for us and all creation.

As God continues to stretch across distance, time, and space to unite the church, we once again provide at-home worship materials for all who have need. Feel free to share these with friends and neighbors should they also need something to help them worship wherever they are.

We also continue to provide in-person worship opportunities. These will continue to be held outdoors throughout August. Masks are still required for all who participate, with the exception of those who cannot wear a mask due to medical necessity or children under two years of age. Social distancing (at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others outside those with whom you reside) is required as well. I would like to thank all those who have been willing to follow through with these requirements. We create a safe space for worship not as individuals, but as one. I am so thankful and appreciative for this unified effort.

As we travel the second half of summer, remember the rain. Each time we are blessed to see it, let us give thanks for the blessings of God. When we wait for it, let us remember that there have been times when the rain has been too much, and too little, and just right. Throughout all those seasons, God has been with us and all God's people. God has been, is, and will be with us each day. May the blessings of God be poured out on us and all people soon. May God come quickly to us. May God bring the rain.

Peace,

Pastor Ben Siebert