





As we face COVID-19



 **Pray:** Lord God, our Redeemer and Protector, we come to you seeking the help that only you can give. We ask that you spare people in our country and around the world from any harm to body and soul. Grant healing and comfort to those who may be afflicted with this or any other disease. Be with those who care for the sick and keep them from danger. Give wisdom and steadfastness to our nation's leaders and a spirit of courage and cooperation to our communities. Calm our fears of the unknown. Use your Word to work in us a strong faith and trust in your promise to use all things to work for the good of those who love you. We can be confident in you and your promises in this uncertain and difficult time because of the love and faithfulness you demonstrated in sending your Son to the cross for us and for all people. Help us to keep our eyes fixed on you, our Refuge and Strength. Amen.

 **Continue to Gather:** God's people are strengthened in worship through his Word and Sacrament. As long as gathering for worship is possible, we should continue to seek refuge in his Word and encouragement from fellow believers. Decisions to cancel worship should be made only when necessary or advised by governmental and health authorities. Of course, stay home if you are ill or at increased risk of illness. While we love coming together to worship, it is also wise to exercise best practices to prevent the spread of any illness.


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 **Trust in God; encourage one another:** Our Savior has promised that he will never leave us or forsake us. That is true when times are good and when times are difficult. That promise can give us encouragement for the present and hope for the future. As the Psalm writer said, "My times are in your hands." There is no better place to be. Strengthened by God's promises, we can encourage and comfort one another to remain fearless in the face of danger and joyful no matter what the circumstances.





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