## Lutheran Church of Our Savior



## **Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Before noon today, an "...<u>order imposing a mandatory countywide moratorium on gatherings of more than 100 persons</u>" was received from the Santa Clara County Public Health Department. The order is effective at 12:00 am on Saturday.

To comply with this order, <u>Divine Services this Sunday at 10:00 am are cancelled</u>, as are Sunday Adult and Youth classes and Sunday School. We do; however, urge all families and members to participate in the Service of the Word which will be available on the Lutheran Church of Our Savior website podcast on Sunday morning at <a href="www.lcos.org">www.lcos.org</a>. The Order of Service, all hymns and the announcements will also be available at the web-site.

Because Wednesday Lenten Service attendance has not exceeded 100 at either the 10:30 am or the 7:30 pm services, we will have those services on the Wednesdays of Lent, unless County orders require us to cancel them. Should that be the case, you will be notified. With less than 100 at services, there is plenty of room in the sanctuary to accommodate 'social distancing" of 3-6 feet between family units.

Because of the fluidity of the Coronavirus pandemic, directives will likely change from week to week, so contact is extremely important. Please; therefore, regularly check your emails and <a href="www.lcos.org">www.lcos.org</a> for updates and notices from Lutheran Church of Our Savior. If friends, relatives, or others you know are in need of the above information but may not have received this notice, please share it with them.

Until this pandemic has passed ---and it will--- the County Health Department orders all gatherings of 35-100 people to "Stop anyone who is sick with fever or respiratory symptoms from attending;" and "Ensure that those who are at higher risk for serious illness do not attend." Please, if you consider yourself to be in either of the above categories, do not attend any worship services until these county orders are lifted. Use the services on the LCOS web-site. And, make arrangements with the pastoral staff to receive the Sacrament at the church during the week or at your home.

All of the above, having been said as required, does not and cannot minimize our individual need for the Word and Sacraments through which our Lord provides His Church with the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith which is so much needed in times as these. Our Lord has seen His Church through pandemic pestilences far greater than this one. He will do so again.

The Pastors of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior