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To all God's beloved in Kelowna and beyond, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

Firstly, we thank you all again, so much, for your support of our congregation – in offerings, yes, but more in faithfulness – watching our on-line services, and contributing to them as readers, filmers, and editors, phoning each other in support, and keeping one another in prayer, friendship and love.

There is no doubt, Covid-19 is here for a very good while yet, and the challenge continues with regards to what is possible, permissible, and responsible. And so, for the time being, we continue to keep the church building closed to all except for the essential. We are experimenting with a few outdoor services to allow for face-to-face interaction, and bread-only communion, but singing and socializing are still not permitted.

Please let us know if you would like to attend an outdoor service, and if there are any other ways we can be of assistance. Also, if you would like some technical assistance such as with a tablet, or in going on-line, we will do what we can to help. Going on-line will not only make worship accessible to you, but will help you to connect better with family and friends, who live further away. There are some basic pointers on the other side of this page.

As we heard in our worship a few Sundays ago:

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we* have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access* to this grace in which we stand; and we* boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we* also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. (Romans 5:1-5)

God be with you in resilience, endurance and hope,

Blessings always,

Rev. Patricia Giannelia, Pastor Gary Gustafson, Chairperson

Some Basic Tech Info to get you started:

One thing that has helped me in my computer learning is to treat learning "computer" like learning a new language – sometimes confusing and frustrating, but getting easier with practice.

Also, there is very little that you can do wrong that will "break" your equipment or your programs. Think of small children who keep touching links until something works out ©

If you are not already "computerized", the easiest way to get connected is with a tablet, of any brand. Also, you do not need to purchase the most expensive one, as even a basic model will allow you to access the internet, the church's YouTube videos, email, and connecting via Zoom or Skype.

If you are already "on-line" here is how to connect to our Sunday services:

Make sure your computer has a speaker, and make sure the volume is at a level that is comfortable for you.

Go to our website - <u>www.christevangelicallutheran.com</u>, and you will see a line that begins <u>"This Sunday's worship..."</u> Click on the line, and it will take you to a page with a picture for each Sunday's service. Click on the picture, and it will take you to the same picture with a white triangle on it; click on the triangle and the service will begin.

You can sit and watch the service as is, or a nicer way to watch the service is on your TV. If you have a newer TV, you will have on it Applications or "Apps". Included in them will be the YouTube App. Click on that and go to the Search function (top left). There will be a keyboard there. Spell out "Christ Lutheran Kelowna", and click on it. A number of images will come up on the screen, including a round one on the bottom left. Click on that, and you will be in our own YouTube channel. You will see all the services listed, and you can click through to whichever one you want to watch, including ones you have missed.

If you would like to connect into a church meeting such as Bible Study or Coffee Hour, you can do that using Zoom, which can be accessed by computer or telephone..

You do not need a Zoom account to use Zoom, but you will want to install the Zoom app on your tablet or computer.

You will be sent an email with the Zoom connecting codes. You put them into the app, and then will be given a prompt to "connect with audio". Click on that. Then, you will see your face on the screen, and another prompt, "connect with computer video", click on that, and you will be in the Zoom meeting. The host will guide you through the next steps.

All the best with it, and don't be afraid to ask for more help if you need it!