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Dear Sisters and Brothers at Christ Lutheran;

Happy Spring!

The days are getting longer, the worst of the cold weather is over, and vaccinations are underway. We are almost through Lent, soon we will welcome Jesus with palms, walk with him to the cross, and celebrate his resurrection.

We are thankful and we are hopeful.

A big thank you to all those who faithfully put together our weekly on-line services, and a big thank you to all of you who have been watching. In house worship is on the horizon, but once there, we will continue to provide recorded services on line.

May you and your circle remain safe, steadfast in faith, and may we find encouragement in the words of the prophet Isaiah, written in equally turbulent times:

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God. (*Isaiah 35:1-4*)

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