

**St. John's
Lutheran Church**
Engaging God in Our Daily Life

*The 7th Sunday after Pentecost
Online-Traditional Service— 11am*

July 19, 2020

Welcome!



Our Mission...

As people of God, called by our baptism in Christ, forgiven by God's grace, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and sent to minister with love to the world, we, the members of St. John's Lutheran Church, commit ourselves with the help of God:

- **to worship** through the Word and Sacraments,
- **to share** the Good News of Christ
- **to respond** to the needs of others, and,
- **to serve** all creation with our God-given gifts.

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

PREACHER & LITURGIST: Pastor Erin Morris
 MUSICIANS: Frankie Wolfe Deal & Martin Aigner
 DIGITAL SACRISTAN: Ben Bernstein

+ ORDER OF WORSHIP +

Welcome to the online worship of St. John's Lutheran Church in Spartanburg, SC. We are glad that you are joining us from wherever you are and whenever it is. Please follow the guide below for worship. The Congregation's parts are printed in ***Bold***.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Solid Rock

*William Bradbury
 Arr. Tom Birchwood*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
 whose steadfast love is everlasting,
 whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,
we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God,
 by the radical abundance of divine mercy
 we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
 Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

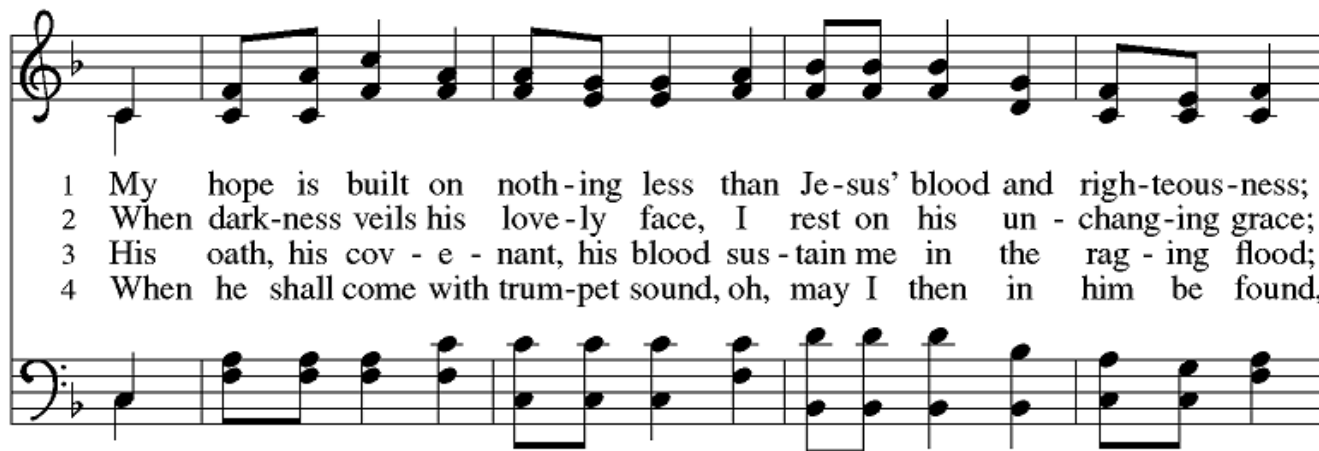
For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

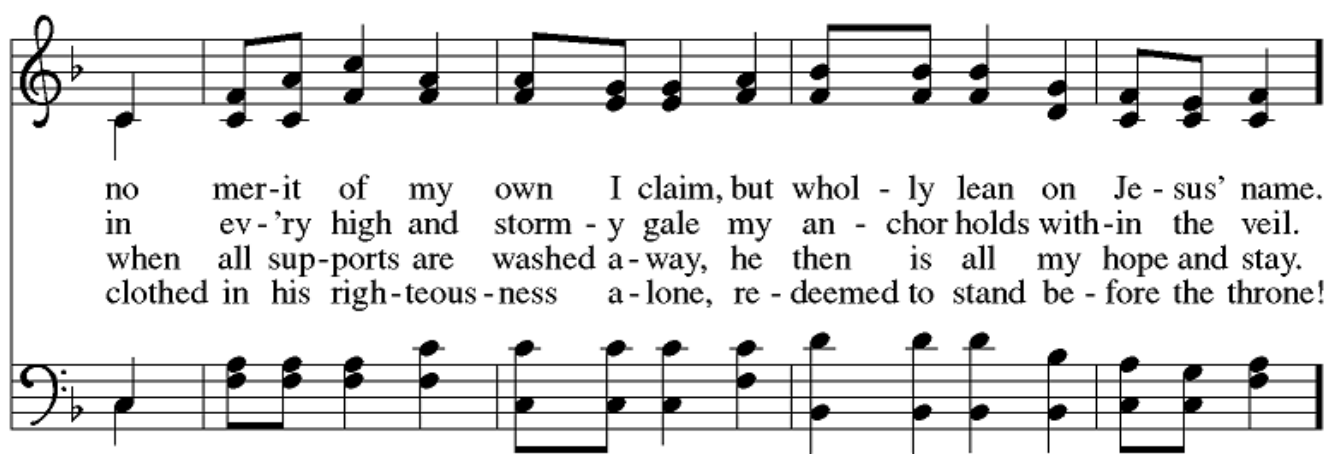
The Peace of the Lord be with you always,
And also with you

HYMN:

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

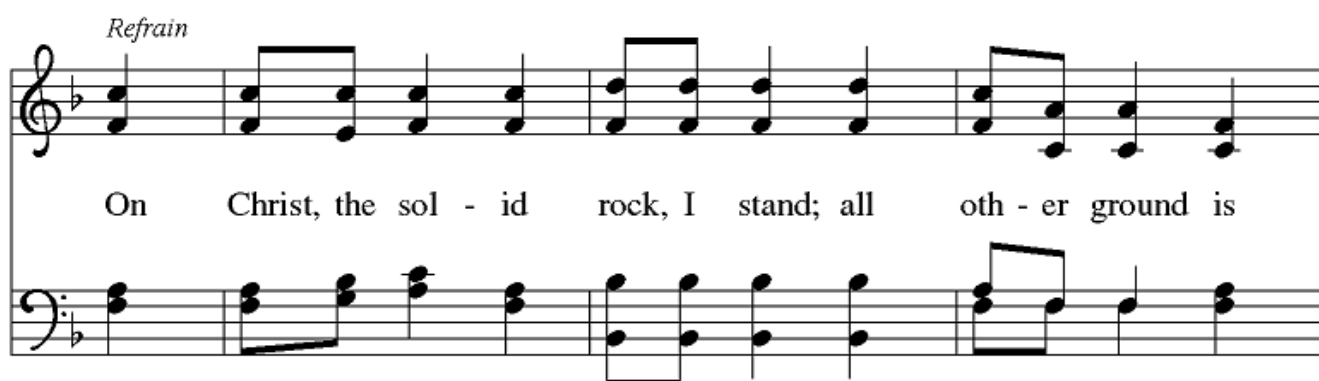
Green Hymnal) # 293


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

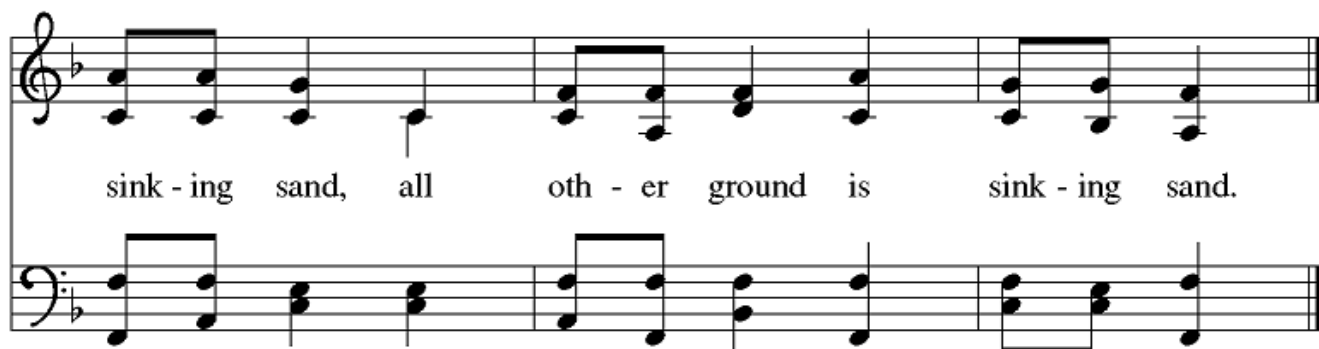


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

THE KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us Pray...

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. As we worship today, let us receive the water and light that it may grow in us. Help us to know the freedom that you have given us through your word and the loving actions of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord..

Amen.

+ ENGAGING GOD IN THE WORD +

We are empowered by the Holy Spirit.

READING: ROMAN 8:12-25

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God



PSALM 86:11-17

¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk | in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.

¹²I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,
and glorify your name for- | evermore.

¹³For great is your | love toward me;
you have delivered me from the | pit of death.

¹⁴The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people | seeks my life;
they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

¹⁶Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child | of your handmaid.

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be | put to shame;
because you, LORD, have helped me and com- | forted me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ben Bernstein

SERMON:

Pastor Erin Morris

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Amen

PRAYERS

We are called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world. Responding to each petition with the words "hear our prayer"

Lord, in your mercy...*hear our prayer.*

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

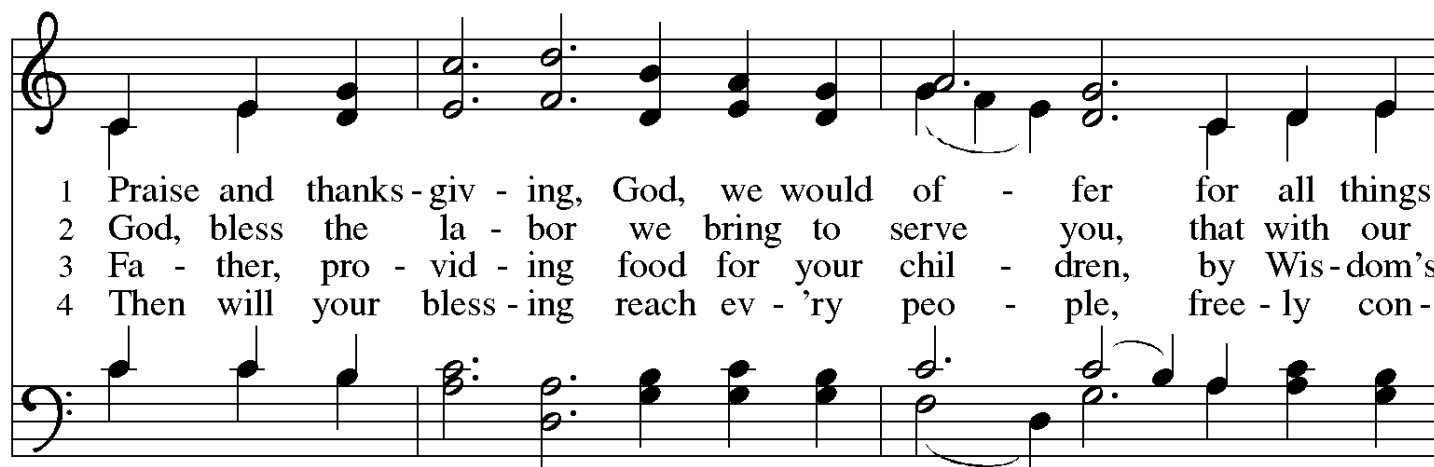
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen

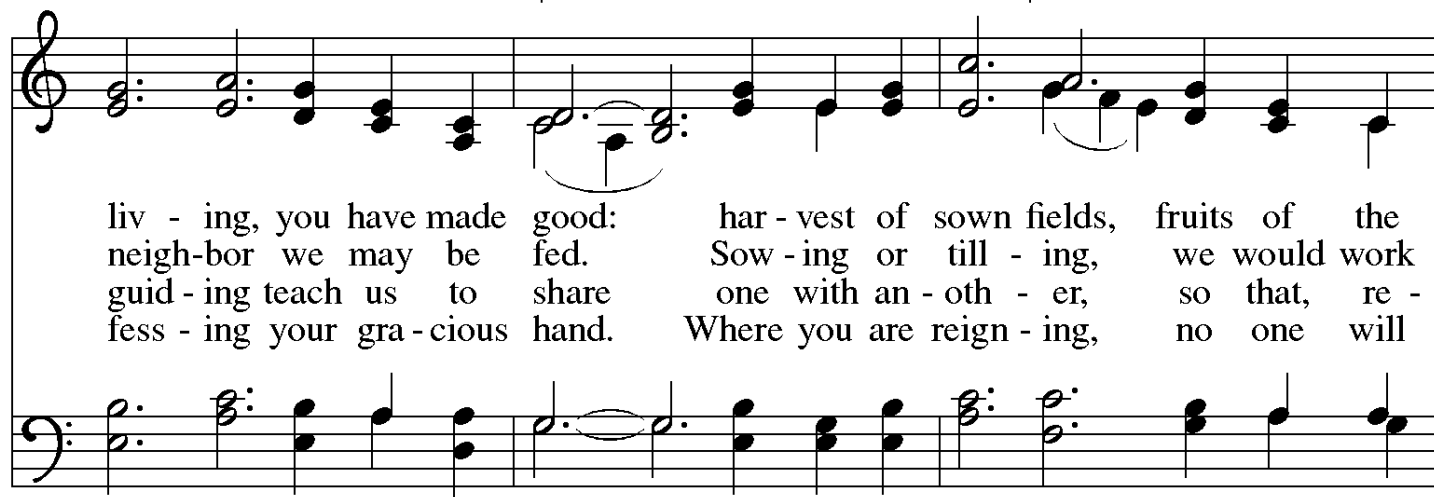
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

HYMN

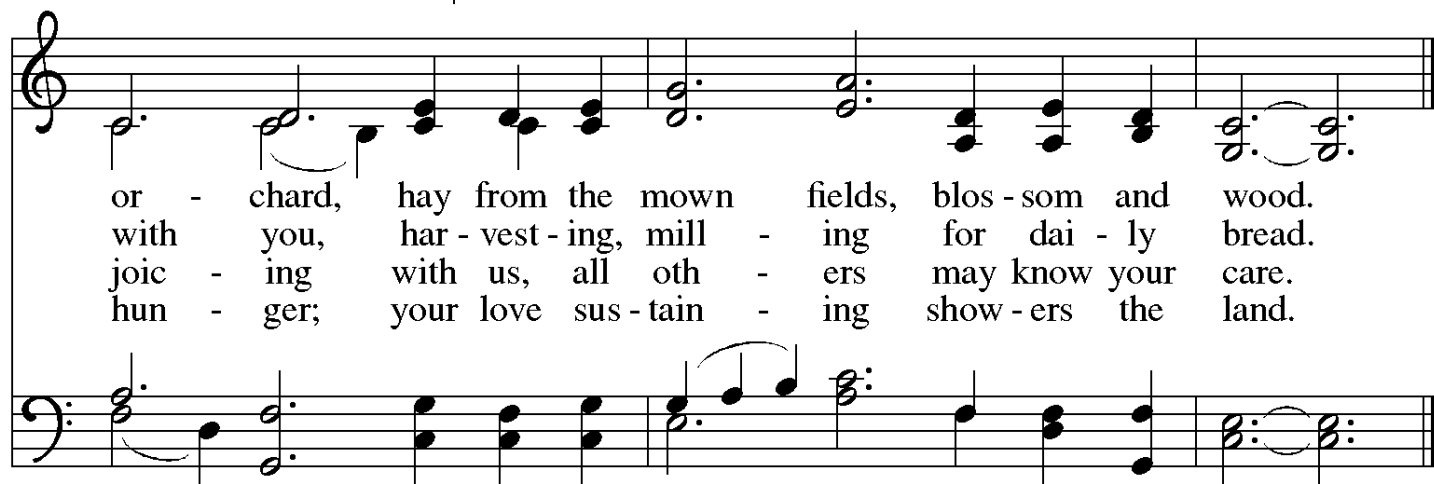
PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

(Green Hymnal) #409


1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
 nor things present, nor things to come,
 nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
 nor anything else in all creation,
 will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ,
 and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
 bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

Thanks Be To God!

THOUGHT ON OUR STEWARDSHIP DURING THIS UNIQUE TIME...

As we end our time together knowing Christ cannot be contained, you might wonder what you can do to serve the lord when you are confined or struggling in your own worlds. Please consider giving your regular tithes and offerings..

When you give your tithe and offerings, we are able to do the ministry that God is calling us into. Things, such as these online worship services, reaching out to our community, paying the electric bill, as well as helping our neighbors. On our website you should see our mailing address and ways to give online.

We also encourage, for those who are healthy, to give the gift of life to others through blood donations. Many corporate blood drives have been canceled, but the need is still important. People are having surgeries, getting in accidents and needing lifesaving blood, plasma and platelets. Please make an appointment and give.

There are many other ways to serve the Lord through checking on your neighbors , calling those who might be lonely and prayer. We worship a living God who is not able to be contained or confined and neither can our love and service.