



# Grace Lutheran Church

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Likely none of us has lived through a period of change, uncertainty and confusion such as has gripped the world during this time. One may wonder, "**Where is Jesus when we are afraid?**"

Faith in God's care does not exempt us from the recommendations of health-care practitioners. In fact, in our Lutheran Christian way of looking at such things, both doctors and public-health professionals are agents of God's own ongoing care for the world, doing His work. Therefore, taking their directives seriously is one of the ways that we express and exercise our faith, as well as good citizenship.

### **What happens next?**

We don't know. But what we do know is that God is sovereign, powerful and faithful. His promise to us holds no matter what. So what does it look like to reflect that certainty in a world amped up with fear?

### **How do Christians live like Christians in a pandemic?**

We can be cautious, but not fear-filled. Whatever our response, we know that this is not an unforeseen event – God knows! We can stay informed, but not obsess over the news. We can be a stabilizing influence as we live reasonably, take precautions, but live by faith. Because God is faithful.

### **Our focus can be on the problem or on God who is bigger than the wind and the waves.**

We can be beacons of hope in a tangible way – giving a reason for the hope within us, because we have the only real hope, given in direct connection to peoples' real fears.

### **We are not victims – we are change agents.**

We are sensible – but our hearts are at peace! God be with you; and He is!

*<sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

*Romans 12:1-2*

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