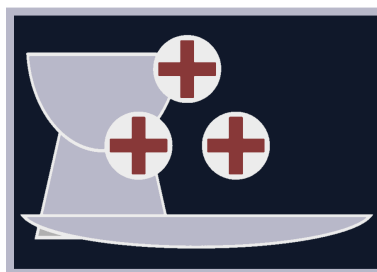


THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

10:30 AM



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE BRONX, NEW YORK

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Together, we seek God's forgiveness, **quietly reflecting** upon those sins of which we are aware and those sins which we committed, yet cannot recall.)*

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: I Lay My Sins on Jesus

--LSB 606



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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Liturgy of the Holy Word

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Kyrie

P: Lord, have mercy! C: Lord, have mercy!

P: Christ, have mercy! C: Christ, have mercy!

ALL: Lord, have mercy!

P: In peace, we pray to the Lord...

P: Lord, have mercy! C: Lord, have mercy!

P: Christ, have mercy! C: Christ, have mercy!

ALL: Lord, have mercy!

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, we pray to the Lord...

P: Lord, have mercy! C: Lord, have mercy!

P: Christ, have mercy! C: Christ, have mercy!

ALL: Lord, have mercy!

*P: For the peace of the world, the well-being of God's Church,
and for our unity, we pray to the Lord...*

P: Lord, have mercy! C: Lord, have mercy!

P: Christ, have mercy! C: Christ, have mercy!

ALL: Lord, have mercy!

*P: For this house of God and all who worship and all who praise, we
pray to the Lord...*

P: Lord, have mercy! C: Lord, have mercy!

P: Christ, have mercy! C: Christ, have mercy!

ALL: Lord, have mercy!

P: Help us, Lord! C: Help us, Lord!

P: Save us, Lord! C: Save us, Lord!

P: Comfort, Lord! C: Comfort, Lord!

P: Defends us, Lord! C: Defend us, Lord!

ALL: Lord, have mercy!

Gloria (Hymn of Praise): This Is The Feast (Divine Service – Setting One)

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalm 103:8-13



The Lord is merciful and | gracious,*

slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

He will not | always chide,*

nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.

He does not deal with us according | to our sins,*

nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.

For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,*

so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;

as far as the east is | from the west,*

so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.

As a father shows compassion to his | children,*

so the Lord shows compassion to those who | fear him.

Glory be to the Father and | to the ☩ Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Epistle (Letter) Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Verse *(Please stand and follow the holy cross.)*

P: Allelu – Allelu – Allelu – Alleluia! C: Praise We The LORD! (2X)

P: Praise We The LORD! C: Alleluia! (4X)

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 *(Please stand.)*

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

(after the reading)

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

P: Allelu – Allelu – Allelu – Alleluia! C: Praise We The LORD! (2X)

P: Praise We The LORD! C: Alleluia! (4X)

Sermon

*Sermon Reflection: What is one thing I've learned from God's Word today
and will TAKE with me into the world?*

Hymn of the Day: In Thee Is Gladness

--LSB 818



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Apostles' Creed

P: Together, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: **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 into hell.

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.

Prayer of the Church (*Closed by The Lord's Prayer*)

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.

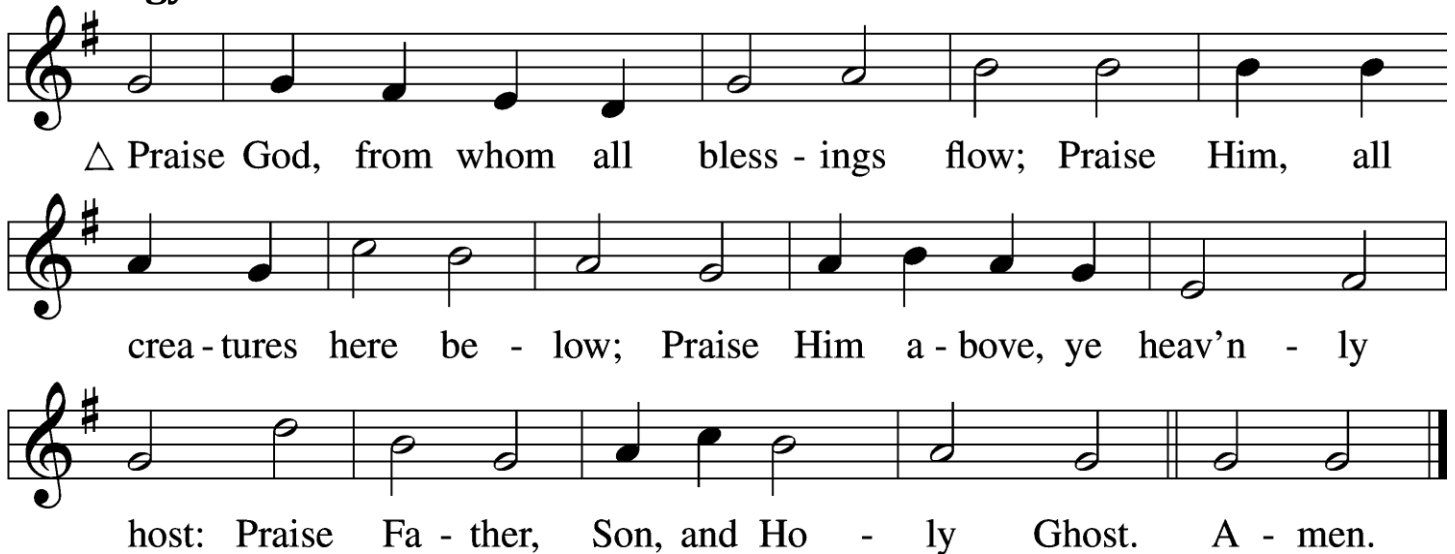
Luther's Morning Prayer

P: Together, let us pray the Morning Prayer.

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Doxology

-- LSB 805



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Benediction

P: Almighty God – the Father, the Son ✠, and the Holy Spirit – bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: The Anthem

--Planetshakers

By His stripes we are healed
By His nail pierced hands we're free
By His blood we're washed clean
Now we have the victory

The pow'r of sin is broken, Jesus overcame it all
He has won our freedom, Jesus has won it all

Hallelujah, You have won the victory
Hallelujah, You have won it all for me
Death could not hold You down, You are the risen King
Seated in majesty, You are the risen King

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By His nail pierced hands we're free
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Our God is risen, He is alive
He won the victory, He reigns on high
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He won the victory, He reigns on high (2X)

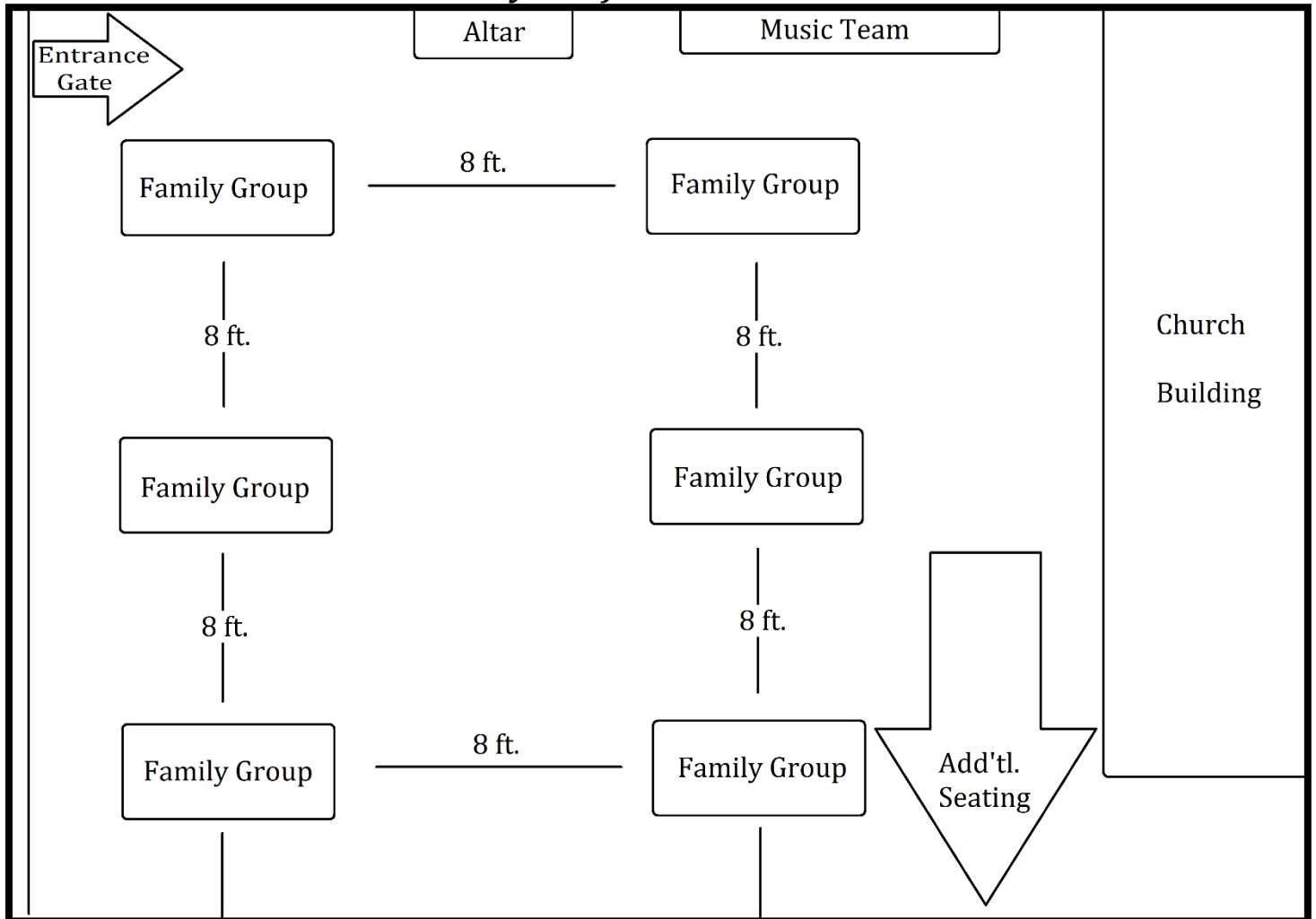
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A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

OUTDOOR, IN-PERSON WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE
EACH SUNDAY (Weather Permitting) AT 10:30AM!

ADJUSTMENTS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP *(OUTDOOR ONLY)*

Layout of Outdoor Area



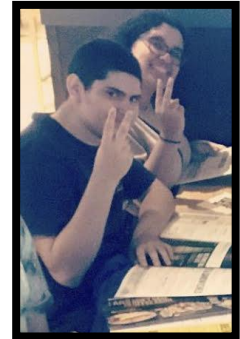
ARRIVAL:

- All attending in-person worship will enter through the outdoor gate. MASKS ARE REQUIRED & must be worn covering your nose and mouth. If you do not have a mask, we will have extras available. Hand sanitizer will also be available.
- Tables with chairs will be available for each “household”/family group to sit together. If you need additional chairs to sit with your family, please grab the appropriate number of chairs from the additional chairs lined against the fence.
- If you have already visited with family and feel comfortable sitting with extended family, this is fine. We simply ask that groups maintain 8ft. of physical distance from one another (*see “layout” above*)

DURING WORSHIP:

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

- All attending in-person worship will be able to share the peace in a usual fashion with their “family group.” To maintain physical distance, we are encouraged to share the peace making the sign of peace (*seen here*) with other Family of Faith members.



HOLY EUCHARIST:

- During the distribution of the Sacrament, Pastor & those assisting with communion will disinfect their hands before distribution.
- After the Order of the Eucharist, Pastor will intinct (“dip”) the bread/Body into the wine/Blood, then place the number of needed hosts for each family on a small plate. The plates will then be carried to each table, where families will be able to receive the Body & Blood of Christ. The plate will then be returned to the altar for proper disposal.

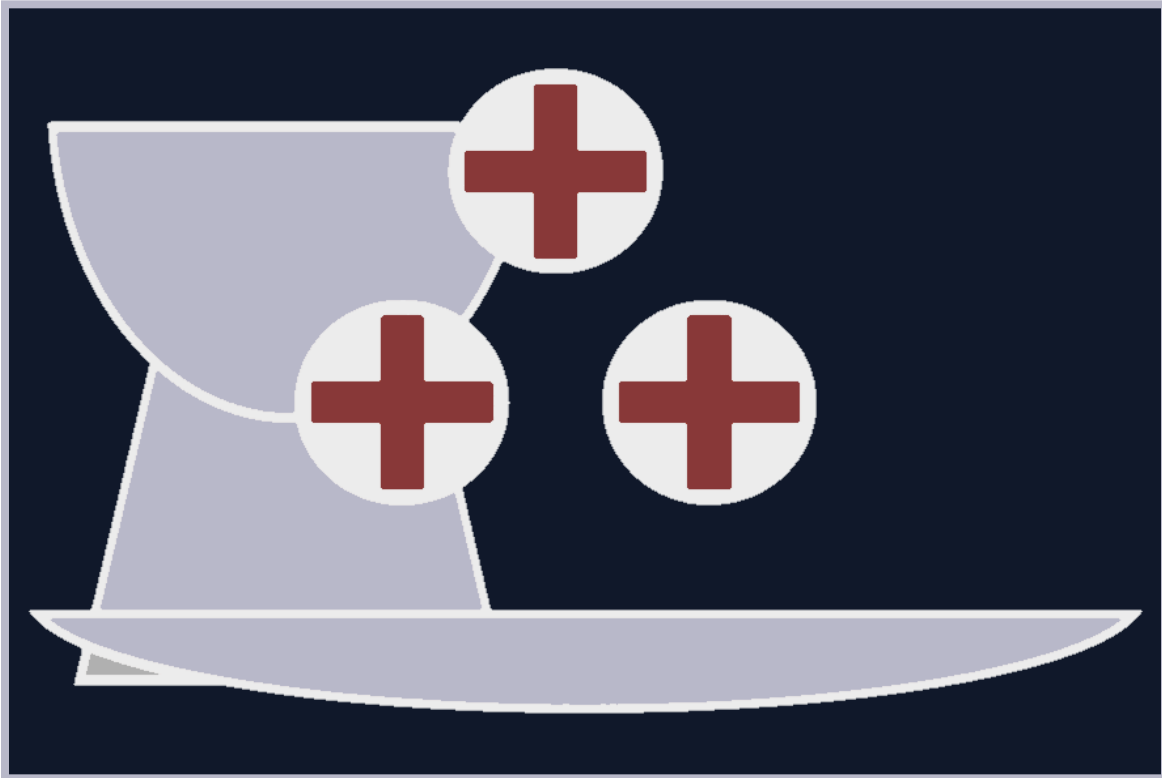
LEAVING (AFTER WORSHIP):

- At the end of worship, there will be a time for anyone who desires to leave immediately following worship to exit first after announcements. Following this time, those who are comfortable gathering are welcome to do so.

FROM PASTOR G.

We will respect, love, and give thanks for all who attend in-person & for all who continue to worship through digital means, no matter their preference. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE OFFENSE at the different ways that people may greet one another in-person. ***If you are concerned that you might be easily offended, please speak with Pastor so that we may consider whether you are comfortable returning to in-person worship.***

ALL OTHER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE! AS WE CONTINUE WORKING THROUGH THE
CHALLENGES OF COVID-19, WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED. THANKS!
PEACE & LOVE IN JESUS!!!



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SIGHT (*ONLINE RELIGIOUS EDU.*): ZOOM BIBLE STUDY AT 9:30AM
CITYKIDS (*ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL*): SUNDAYS AT 11:30AM

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MS. ONI NIKOLLI, LEAD MUSICIAN
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