

Greetings Members, Friends, and Guests of Desert Hills Lutheran Church,

Saturday, March 28, 2020

We all are getting used to the new reality. I went to the post office this morning and was the only one there for a while. I was mailing more tax stuff that I had forgotten the first time. Back at the car I pulled the chlorine wipes out. Julie and I then went grocery shopping. I'm so thankful I don't live alone. Otherwise it would be pizza and fried chicken for the duration. Julie has this thing about fresh food and vegetables and fruit. Once home we wiped all the purchases down with chlorine wipes.

It is Saturday and I'm home still unpacking boxes instead of getting ready for the 3 pm worship. I recorded a sermon for it on Thursday, and I hope it is helpful for you. Be sure to watch to the end because our Congregational President John Martin has a short message for us all.

A friend of mine sent me this quote and I'd like to share it with you.

These are Martin Luther's words, almost 500 years ago, when he was confronted by questions as to how to respond to the Black Death Plague. He responded in words that can inform our approach to the pandemic our nation and the world face today. In a letter to the Rev. John Hess, found in Luther's Works V. 43 p. 132 – Luther writes:

“I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order to become contaminated and thus, perchance, inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, He will surely find me! If my neighbor needs me, however, I shall not avoid place or person and will go freely.”

Even now and especially now God walks with us. Be safe and fear not, we are not alone.

Blessings,
Pastor Martin