

To: Zion Lutheran Church
Douglas, Wyoming
From: Vacancy Pastor Pflughoeft
Regarding: Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday In-Person Divine Services are
Cancelled
Date: Wednesday, April 8

Dear Members of Zion Lutheran Church,

As you know, the number of cases of coronavirus in Wyoming continues to rise, and there are confirmed cases in Converse County. While it is important that, out of our love for the Lord our God (Matthew 22:37), we desire to be served by Him through His Means of Grace in our Divine Services (Psalm 82), it is also important, at all times and at this time especially, that we love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:39), that is, that we are careful not to hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but to help and support him in every bodily need (Luther's Small Catechism, The Fifth Commandment).

Therefore, after prayerful consideration, and in consultation with our congregation President and Board of Elders, I'm announcing that our previously-scheduled Holy Thursday (or Good Friday, observed) and Easter Sunday in-person Divine Services are cancelled. Instead, Lord willing, we'll be posting a video of each service on Zion's website (zion-lcms.org).

I apologize for any confusion or frustration I might be causing with this announcement. If you have any questions or concerns about it, please don't hesitate to contact me. And together, may we pray the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ upon this change in our schedule and upon this unique celebration of His Passion and resurrection.

Thank you, and in Christ Jesus,
Vacancy Pastor Pflughoeft

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:4-7)