



Good Morning,

We had a busy Sunday on Zoom with extra guests from *King of Life Lutheran Church*, Coquitlam and **Bishop Greg**. It was the largest group to date (109). That is a lot of people trying to move in cooperation with each other in order to have meaningful worship. After the service, Bishop Greg told me, *“What a beautiful service this morning... it was a blessing to join you today!”*

No one ever imagined that we would be worshipping like this for such a long stretch of time. But when you love one another, you do what you have to do to support each other as well. People use the Home Worship Service in many other ways as well and I am glad for that.

I thought I would provide you with a reminder about the **Hope Lutheran Church** **website**: hopelutherannanaimo.com The Zoom invitation for the coming Sunday is on the opening page of the website, and as you explore it, you will find a lot of other information including **Lutherans Connect (LC+) devotions** that will appear during certain times as they did this last Thanksgiving Weekend. These are quite well done with text and video and I expect we will see a series once again as Advent begins at the end of November... or maybe even on occasion before then. They are well worth taking a look at.

The **Worship Committee** is busy looking ahead: *Reformation Sunday* (Oct 25), *Advent* (begins Nov 29), and *Christmas Eve*. Even though life has changed, worship and the celebration of God’s love continues. Thank you to the Worship Committee members for keeping us engaged. Please consider wearing **RED** for Reformation Sunday.

Intern Nic and I have done a few socially distanced or patio visits as a way of getting to know people. He has also done a few of those on his own. If you haven’t met Nic yet, why not give him a call or drop by sometime at the church during office hours and say hello. He is easily fitting in to our congregation and is in regular contact with the *Internship Lay Committee* — a group of folks who journey with him during his time at Hope.

In rotation with other Nanaimo churches, Hope has regularly hosted a *Prayer in the style of Taize* service. These have begun again on *Zoom* and there will be an opportunity for participating on October 25 and November 29 (and possibly December). I will have more information for you next week.

Enjoy the fresh air and the sun.
The Lord is with you.

Pastor Terry