

Dear congregations of Ascension Lutheran, Northfield Community, and St. James the Less,

As you are aware, covid-19 cases are on the rise in our area and in many places around the country and world. This past week, some of our staff members' immediate families have been touched by this reality. We are also aware that many of our people will be hosting out-of-town loved ones during this current week leading up to and on Christmas Day. Given these factors, we reluctantly announce the cancellation of our "Worship with our Neighbors" service on Sunday, December 26, which was to be hosted by St. James the Less. Later, we three pastors will explore doing some joint worship during Holy Week, God willing. Meanwhile, to keep with the spirit of the Episcopalians hosting the first Sunday of Christmastide, we invite you to watch the [Livestream of the Sunday Worship Service from the Washington National Cathedral](#).

We pray for a most blessed Christmas for you and yours,

United in God's love,

The Rev. Daphne Cody, Interim Rector, St. James the Less

The Rev. Duayne Meyer, Senior Pastor, Northfield Community

The Rev. JoAnn Post, Pastor, Ascension Lutheran