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Dear Family of Faith at Zion Lutheran –

I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.” (Psalm 122, NIV) Because of the very real and continuing threat of COVID-19, the church has moved slowly, cautiously, and carefully in the last few months. I am ever thankful for those who have stepped up in various ways. We could not have offered the type of worship options and improving quality in worship and study if it were not for you. As we have moved forward, we have tried to respect our authorities in government and healthcare sectors. We have sought the advice of those that are in health departments, are physicians, nurses, or those with specialized training and backgrounds. We have prayed and sought the Lord’s advice and will continue to do so.

Based upon all of that, we feel like it is time to re-enter into in-person worship. On **Sunday, June 7**, we will gather for in-person worship at both 8:30am and 11am. Alongside of this option, we will do everything we can to continue to stream through the rest of the year in one manner or another, so that however you and your family feel they need to engage (as risk calculations go) you may do so with joy and safety here at Zion.

As we gather, because of a deep and sincere love for one another, we will observe the enclosed guidelines. Please, if there is hesitation either because of safety concerns or because you believe this is an infringement upon your ability to express autonomous choice in certain ways of engagement or expression, we humbly ask that you refrain from *in-person worship* for now for the good of the whole worshipping body until restrictions can be relaxed. *If in-person is an option for you, we ask that you please join the service you most often attended in the past, so we can be sure of maintaining a safe social distancing occupancy.*

As well, if you have health issues that place you into a high-risk group, please stay home. Please take your temperature and assess symptoms prior to arrival (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html). If you have any doubt about these or they are out of the norm, for the good of the whole, please stay home. You may continue to view our services on the Zion Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranChurchCincinnati/>).

We encourage you to continue to pray for our church, state, and nation in this time. Thank you so much for your help and support – your offerings and encouragement of stewardship – your service in the name of Christ!

In His joyful service,

Dan Mikow (head elder), Dan Hamilton (elder), Robert Ruppel (elder), Don Hoffmann (elder), Paul Tomes (elder), John Berndt (elder), Peg Fenner (President), Dave Schwartz (Vice-President), Chris Graves (DCE), Jason Hoerth (Pastor).