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Dear Family of Faith at Zion Lutheran –

O LORD, listen to my cry; give me the discerning mind you promised. Listen to my prayer; rescue me as you promised. (Psalm 119:169-170, NLT) Because of the very real and continuing threat of COVID-19, the church will continue to seek the advice of those in healthcare and government-related sectors. We continue to pray and seek the Lord's advice and ask that you do the same. Pray for safety. Pray for a vaccine. Pray for places where an outbreak has happened. Pray that we may stay vigilant and safeguard our communities as we resume the movement back into societal engagements. Pray for justice, peace, and reconciliation.

We entered into in-person, in-building worship on **Sunday, June 7**. It has been exciting to see people back in worship and incredibly humbling. There is just something about being here as safely as possible. It's not exactly the same, but what is these days. Alongside of this option, we will continue to do everything we can 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 you may do so in joy and safety at Zion.

As we gather, we will observe the attached and *modified 6.21 guidelines* (found on this email and at zionlc.org). Please wear a mask (*required*). Yes, we know it is something to get used to. If all the research is right and it is for the benefit of another, then we can't think of a better place to model a "for one-another" attitude than in the church. The services have been 45 minutes on average. We will make sure the climate is comfortable and our time as safe as possible.

Please notice clarifications on the guidelines with regard to a "wobble area", seating procedures, sign-ups, and offering the Lord's Supper. We will continue to evaluate in the days ahead.

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/>).

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).