



WELCOME BACK TO OUR FATHER'S HOUSE

WE'RE OPEN AGAIN

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Some Thoughts from Pastor for June, 2020

On Sunday, June 7, at 10:00 am, we will once again gather as God's people in God's House to receive God's gifts.

This comes on the heels of Governor Pritzker removing all mandatory restrictions and requirements on churches. At the same time, he issued guidance and recommendations. Having considered that guidance and those recommendations, the elders and I met on Monday, June 1, and decided that we should start worshipping together – with some necessary precautions.

We will resume our normal service time of 10:00 am on Sunday. We will not resume Sunday School and Bible Class at this time. The service will be a full Divine Service, with Confession and Absolution, readings and sermon, singing hymns, and the Sacrament of the Altar.

The new guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health permit up to 25% of capacity if six feet of spacing between households is maintained. Our nave will hold at least 75 people while providing such spacing (and possibly more if we utilize the transepts and balcony). We will ask that you sit only in designated pews and move in a foot or two from the end so that people passing can still maintain adequate spacing.

Communion distribution will be done in a continuous manner. I will stand at the chancel steps with the host. An elder will stand at least six feet away from me holding the tray of individual cups (there will be no chalice (common cup) at this time). There will be marks on the floor to indicate proper spacing as you wait to commune. Come forward, receive the Body of our Lord, then proceed to the elder to get a cup containing Christ's blood. You'll then proceed back to your seat, placing the cup in the receptacle. We will serve one side of the church and then the other. When all have communed, I will dismiss everyone at one time.

We will continue to live stream the service on our Facebook page only through the prayers. We thank Karen for her willing service.

Hand sanitizer will be provided for use by attendees upon entering and exiting the church.

While not required, worshipers are welcome to wear masks when entering and exiting the church and any other time when proper distancing cannot be maintained. During the service, you

are welcome either to keep your mask on or remove it. Of course, you will need to remove it to receive the Lord's Supper.

The offering will be gathered at a stationary, "no-touch," collection point as you enter the church.

PLEASE NOTE: As always, if you are feeling sick and could be at risk of infecting others (whether it is COVID-19, the flu, or a simple cold), to help and support our neighbor in every physical need, you should remain at home until you are no longer contagious.

While many of our members are able to return to a more normal schedule of activities, quite a few of our members are in health and age categories for whom this and other diseases pose a much higher risk. As we always have, we recognize those members for whom travel outside of the home is risky or prohibitively encumbered. These members participate in the life of the church in many and various ways – including watching the live-stream on Facebook, reading the sermon once it's posted on our Facebook page and group, and on our website (I also email or mail my sermon if requested), having Pastor visit to bring the Lord's Supper, or just chatting on the phone or in person with other brothers and sisters of the Body of Christ. While the current wave of infection has expanded the list of those who fall into that category, it has not changed the fact that these are our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, co-heirs with us of God's Kingdom.

If you are hesitant or reluctant to return to in-person worship, I encourage you to use your God-given wisdom in this matter. As God's baptized child, you are free to come to church. You are free to stay home. Make the best decision for you knowing that Christ was born, lived, died, rose, and ascended for you to save you and because of His work, you are saved.

God continue to bless each and every one of you as He strengthens you during this time when our thoughts and concerns are turned so much more keenly towards our own health and the health of our neighbor.

God grant you every blessing in Christ,
Pastor

To help you prepare for worship, here are the readings for the Sundays in June:

June 7 - The Holy Trinity

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Matthew 28:16-20

June 21 - The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

June 14 - The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8

Romans 5:6-15

Matthew 9:35–10:8 (9-20)

June 28 - The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Romans 7:1-13

Matthew 10:34-42

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	4	5	6
7 10:00 am Worship	8	9	10 4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	11	12	13
14 10:00 am Worship	15	16	17 4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	18	19	20
21 10:00 am Worship	22	23	24 4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	25 7:00 pm Elders Meeting	26	27
28 10:00 am Worship	29	30				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 (A) Art & Kay Schukar 57 (B) Tammy Sasse	2	3 (B) Tyler Kruenegel	4	5 (B) Travis Torbeck	6 (A) David & Lisa Wasmuth 87 (A) Dennis & Nita Schukar 59 (B) Lisa Lange
7 (A) Aldin & Janet Schukar 58	8 (A) Randy & Melissa Sasse 91 (B) Camdyn Meadows	9 (B) Chris Bauer	10 (A) Keith & Fran Cole 77	11 (B) Mona Beckman	12 (B) Sandy Ehrat	13
14	15 (B) Loretta Harrison	16 (A) Jacob & Ashley Smith 12 (B) Austin Schukar (B) Brenden Wasmuth (B) Lexie Schukar	17	18 (B) Jordan Walk	19 (B) Owen Roberts	20 (B) Bill Wasmuth (B) Phil Richards
21	22	23 (B) Eugene Schaal (B) Kim Kloss (B) Tim Schaal	24 (A) Alan & Loretta Harrison 62	25 (B) Kevin Gramlick (B) Lauren Wasmuth	26	27 (A) Chad & Mandi Austin 98 (B) Janet Williams (B) Spencer Summann (B) Tucker Meseke
28 (B) Chad Austin	29 (B) Pam Stein	30				