



May 27, 2020

Our Savior Lutheran Church Family,

*“As you come to Him, a Living Stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 2:4-5)*

Welcome home – what a joy to write those words! We know that the Church isn't a building. As I mentioned recently in a sermon, we are God's own house of living stones with Christ as the Cornerstone (see Bible verse above). But we also know that God has chosen to meet with us in a very special way when we gather as a congregation in the church building. He grants us meaningful fellowship, an opportunity to confess our sins and receive his forgiveness as community, and to praise His name together. We have been missing this special time since the beginning of March, and we believe it is now time to return to corporate worship.

On May 31, we will have our regular 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00 worship services in the building at Our Savior Lutheran Church. For a more detailed description of our plan for reconvening, including meetings and Bible studies, please refer to the elders' letter from May 21. For the time being, we are separating the Lord's Supper from our corporate worship. We will be offering the Lord's Supper on May 31, June 7, and June 21 from 2-4 in the afternoon. With the Lord's Supper, as well as corporate worship, individuals who are at-risk, beginning to feel unwell, or who are not well are strongly encouraged to worship using the online options available to you.

Plans are currently underway for a meaningful Ordination and Installation service for (future) Pastor Brian Doel on June 14. Please stay tuned for further details. We are looking forward to this time together on May 31 and following, and we are here to answer any questions you may have along the way. Please know that you have been in our prayers these many weeks, and we continue to pray that restrictions would be further lifted so that we might return to the worship life we enjoyed prior to COVID-19. God bless you!

In Christ,

Pastor Trampe