



June 26, 2020

Our Savior Lutheran Church Family,

*“But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)*

Have we been rejoicing in our sufferings? Perhaps not *every* moment, but our congregation *has* weathered this Coronavirus pandemic admirably. Now that our community is beginning to further lift restrictions, we also desire to resume activities at OSLC that have been suspended since March.

You have likely noticed the pews being taped off when you enter the sanctuary for Sunday morning worship. This has been a helpful measure to ensure that everyone has their own space when we gather together. However, we have observed some special occasions – namely funerals and Pastor Brian Doel’s Ordination/Installation – where attendees were encouraged to self-distance. And, in these instances, folks did a great job of keeping a safe and respectful distance from one another.

Because of this, and in light of lifting restrictions, the pastors and elders have decided to forgo the taping of the sanctuary, beginning on July 5. And, although we will still observe Communion in the afternoon on July 5, we will be resuming Communion during the 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00 worship services beginning July 19. This will be in the “continuous line style” for the initial phase of resuming pre-Coronavirus practices. Moving forward, Communion will be offered at all three services on the first and third Sundays of each month.

Concerning meetings and Bible studies, these are already moving back to a physical or “hybrid” model. Many meetings are already taking place, in person, at the church. Bible studies are on a case by case basis – weighing multiple factors for each – and that information is shared each week. Starting in July, we will also begin phasing in coffee on Sunday mornings, meals following funerals and other events, and other various offerings that have been suspended since March.

We your pastors pray that you will be able to join us in person for worship very soon, and we pray that North Dakota continues to see restrictions lift as the effects of Coronavirus decline in this area of the country. God bless you!

In Christ’s love,

Pastors Heath Trampe and Brian Doel