

## A New Beginning-Regathering for Worship

### Hallelujah! Praise be to God!

Jeremiah 29:11

<sup>11</sup> For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Isaiah 41:10

<sup>10</sup> do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

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We will once again join for in-person worship on July 18, 2021 at St. John Lutheran Church! Praise God that we have this opportunity of a new space where we can all gather. In addition, we will still offer worship through Facebook Live. Yes, transition and change can be challenging; it can also be a blessed opportunity. Let's all work together to see it and use it as an opportunity to flourish in our new setting with old friends.

In order to regather safely, we will move slowly, one step at a time and add new practices as they can be made safe. We will be observing safe practices that are inline with the synod and CDC guidelines. We will use them for as long as necessary to reduce risk for our children, those unable to receive the vaccine and those with a compromised immune system. We want to protect the vulnerable among us and ask for your cooperation with these procedures.

We will:

- wear masks and observe social distancing during the time we are in the building for worship.
- sing a gathering and sending hymn
- deposit our offerings in a container at the entrance
- receive the body of Christ at communion
- share the peace with an elbow tap, high five, peace sign, etc.
- sign in for worship to have a record of attendance

We will not have a fellowship hour for a while, but we do encourage you to visit with one another following worship.

While we are excited for the opportunity of in-person worship, we have chosen to continue worship on Facebook Live.

**Challenge or opportunity? How will you choose to see this new beginning?**

**The Worship Team**

