



September 2, 2020,

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Gloria Dei,

The Lord be with you. As you know, the levels of positive tests for Covid 19 have dropped in San Diego County, and the State of California has lowered the level of precautions that need to be taken in our area. We thank God for blessing our community. We continue to pray for all who are sick, all who care for the sick, and for all who are impacted by this time of illness by loss of work, loneliness or anxiety and other challenges. Lord, have mercy!

The lowered level of precautions means we will be worshipping inside again starting on Sunday, September 6! Worship will start at the usual time of 9:00 a.m. After the Divine Service, the children will gather in Boettcher Hall for a Bible Story on the felt board. Then we will start Adult Bible Class at around 10:45. You are welcome to stay in person for Adult Bible Class or you may participate online through Zoom. We will be observing the same social distancing, mask usage, and handwashing guidelines that we were following before we went outside.

The past seven weeks we gathered for worship outdoors on Saturday evening. The services were a joy and a delight! There was plenty of shade, the breeze was cool, the traffic noise was no problem, and everyone could hear well. Bonnie played beautiful music on the piano. The Altar Guild set up everything so we could have Communion each week. The Elders helped set everything up and serve Communion. The Ushers helped guide people through the different ways the services needed to be done. Both children and adults enjoyed the change of pace. People came and heard the Word and sang with joy and encouraged each other in Christ Jesus.

I am so proud of our congregation for the strength, flexibility, and vitality we have shown together in Christ! God has watched over us, provided for our daily bread, and raised up folks to help in so many ways. I thank Him for you all! I am excited to be worshipping back inside with you all now. I encourage you to come to worship. The Word and Sacrament will be given to you in a beautiful and healthy setting. If you do not feel like you can attend at this time due to health or other concerns, please let me know. I want to make sure that you get the care you need in Christ. There are many ways we can make that happen for you. God bless you and keep you!

With love in Christ our Lord,

Pastor Horn

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