



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ESCONDIDO

February 9, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ at Gloria Dei,

The Lord be with you.

Over the past months, we have walked together in Christ through the time of COVID-19. We have worshipped online, outdoors, indoors, then outdoors again. We have made all these adjustments so that we can continue to gather in the Gospel of Christ while doing our best to protect the health and safety of our people. It has not been an easy journey, but thankfully we have not had any instance of someone getting COVID-19 at church or passing it onward to anyone. We are grateful to God and pray for His continued blessing and mercy.

Last week the Supreme Court issued a decision that said that the state of California cannot require churches to worship outdoors. State health officials have followed this decision and have said that churches are allowed to worship indoors again at 25% capacity. So, we will be back indoors on Sunday, February 14th. We will observe the Transfiguration of our Lord. Church will start at 9:00 am. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will follow church at about 10:30. (ABC will be available in person or over Zoom.)

The leadership of our congregation has worked hard to make sure that all our worship services are safe for everyone, no matter where we worship. We will continue to have precautions in place when we come back indoors. Seating options will provide for you to have healthy social distance during worship. Doors will be open, and the air will be running. People will wear masks when going to their seats and when moving about. People will avoid being closer than 6 feet to those outside their family for longer than 15 minutes. We have been doing all these things for months and they have helped.

If you have concerns about coming back inside for worship, please reach out to Pastor Horn at revjeffhorn@gmail.com. You can also leave a message at the church office. Pastor will work with you to make sure you can have the Word and Sacrament. You are important to Christ and to everyone at Gloria Dei. We are a family in Christ and we look after each other.

We have walked together through these difficult months, and we will continue to do so. We will walk in the love and peace of Christ, praying for Him to grant healing to all who are sick, protection to all who serve, wisdom to our local, state, and national leaders, and peace and daily bread for all who are in need. And we pray that those who are lonely, who are weary, who need peace may find it in Christ along with us here at Gloria Dei. May our Lord use us in His loving service to others!

In Christ,

Pastor Jeffrey Horn

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