



April 2021

Holy Trinity Community,

On Wednesday, April 14th, we had our first full outdoor worship service. It was good to be together in a way that all could participate with varying comfort levels! We could see the warm Holy Trinity welcome with numerous greeters, taste the homemade communion bread fresh from the church kitchen lovingly referred to by many as Donna's Dinner Diner, and we could hear familiar voices as we prayed and sang together. It was a holy night as we together sang the words of Amazing Grace: "Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home."

What is the latest recommendation from our leadership?

On Monday, April 12th, our Risk Management Team attended the monthly Faith-Based Minnesota Department of Health Update and followed up the next day to discuss additional local information from health care professionals in our congregation. Our main goal is to keep worship safe and welcoming for all. This past month, the infection rate (cases per 100K went from 18 to 40) and hospitalizations (went from 309 to 652 on average per day) both saw significant increases. After reviewing the current health facts, Scripture, and our particular vision, mission, and values, it is the recommendation from our Risk Management Team to remain in phase 2 (online and outdoors) for the next month.

What does this mean for worship opportunities?

- Sunday worship online/radio at 9 am or anytime following on YouTube or Facebook.
- Wednesday worship outdoors in our parking lot at 6 pm.

What can we celebrate?

- Vaccines are more available and are being administered.
- We can gather weekly for worship and share Holy Communion together.

How can we help?

- Invite others to worship online or outdoors!
- If you are able and comfortable, we'd love your help volunteering with worship online or outdoors!

God is good, and is guiding us through.

In God's love for you and this church,
Pastors Alicia & Ben Hilding