

Dear Siblings in Christ,

We have reached a point in the pandemic where the COVID-19 vaccination and positivity rates will allow us to move forward to another form of in-person worship. Beginning Sunday, May 23rd, outdoor worship will begin under the pavilion and the surrounding lawn at Hainesville. We give thanks to God for this opportunity to worship together in this way. If you have been worshipping with us either via our recorded online services or our parking lot services, you will still be able to worship in this way. Regarding outdoor worship, here are some things that you will need to know:

- If you are feeling ill (fever, cough, aches, chills, etc.), we kindly ask that you remain at home until you have recovered. We will continue to provide a weekly recorded service that is posted on our website.
- Outdoor services will take place on the Sundays Pastor Trent is scheduled to preach. As of now, those Sundays during the summer months are as follows: May 23, May 30, June 13, June 27, July 4, July 25, August 8, and August 22. If there is inclement weather on any of the outdoor worship dates listed above, we will only be holding parking lot worship.
- If your preference for worship is to remain in your vehicle as per our parking lot protocols, the FM radio transmitter will be operational for all outdoor services. You may participate in this way by tuning in to FM station 92.3, which can be heard while in the parking lot.
- Ushers will be available on-site to help lead, guide, and answer questions that you may have. Please follow their guidance. By doing this, we can continue to have outdoor worship.
- Wearing a mask will not be required but will be encouraged for those who feel more comfortable wearing one and who are not fully vaccinated. Fully vaccinated means two weeks after your second Pfizer or Moderna shot or two weeks after your Johnson and Johnson shot.
- Please bring your own lawn / folding chair. If you need a chair, please let an usher know.
- The pavilion will be marked for seating areas. Those who have been included in your “family bubble” during the pandemic may sit together, maintaining a 6-foot distance from other family / household groups. The lawn areas adjacent to the pavilion may also be used for seating, maintaining the 6-foot distance. Ushers will be available for guidance.
- A bulletin and communion elements will be provided, as Holy Communion will be celebrated at each outdoor service. (See next page for picture of Communion elements we are going to use.)
- If you choose to worship outdoors, please park behind or on the far side of the church. By doing this, it will allow those that wish to worship in their vehicles better radio reception and vision of the outdoor service.
- We will continue to use the mailbox as our offering basket.
- When the service has ended, please follow the guidance of the ushers. This will allow for a safe exit.

Thank you for your patience over the course of the past 15 months. We ask for your continued patience and prayers as we continue to make gradual steps forward. We give thanks to all those who have served on the Hainesville COVID-19 Task Force over the course of the past year to translate the deluge of changing information. As the weight of the pandemic lessens and guidance from the CDC, state and local governments, health agencies, and the Wisconsin Council of Churches changes, we will also continue to make changes and decisions based on Christian ethics and values, putting the needs of the most vulnerable first. We look forward to worshipping with you this summer!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Trent and the Hainesville Lutheran Church Council

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