

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Greetings to you my brothers and sisters in Christ,

We hope this letter finds you well. Two months ago our council made a difficult decision to require all worshippers and building users to wear masks and to refrain from singing due to the dangerous rise in infections of the new Covid-19 variant (delta). We are humbled by your cooperation and compliance during this difficult time.

But now the good news is that the trending is going in a right direction. The positivity rates have declined steadily in the last couple weeks and the hospitalizations, ICU admissions and Kentuckians on ventilators are also decreasing. Although the infection rates are still relatively high, as Governor Beshear said, *“It is very positively negative.”* We are not out of the woods yet, but have an opportunity to reexamine our precautions.

With those data our council made careful and prayerful deliberations and a decision to ease our health protocols for worship and gatherings in our church building. Starting this Sunday, wearing masks will no longer be required, but is highly recommended during worship, especially for those who are not vaccinated. This includes those who use our church building. Singing is allowed in our worship at your discretion.

Our faith teaches to love our neighbors as ourselves, especially our children who are not yet vaccinated and those in our community of faith who are ineligible for health reasons. As the Apostle Paul said, *“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”* (Galatians 6:2)

Serving Christ and neighbors with you,

Pr. Bimen Limbong, Senior Pastor

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