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Dear beloved Saints of FELC,

Eight weeks have passed since my letter informing you that the Elders had decided to begin opening worship services on Sunday, May 31. We have now been worshipping at 8:00 A.M. for seven consecutive weeks. Between forty to sixty-five people have attended the 8:00 A.M. worship service each week, while many worshiped via live-stream and KICD live broadcasts. Others viewed the worship service on SMU throughout the week. Each week the 9:40 A.M. Bible Study via Facebook and You Tube has been viewed by 150-250 people.

Many FELC members are hungry for corporate worship with their fellow saints. In response, *the elders of FELC have prayerfully been led to begin offering both 8:00 and 10:45 A.M. worship services to all who feel comfortable gathering together in the name of our Triune God, beginning Sunday, July 19.* Practicing Public Health Protocols during worship enables First English to comfortably accommodate about 150 people per service. Alternate seating available at 10:45 A.M. will allow you to worship safely and comfortably.

On Wednesday, June 3, I began offering a communion service to individuals who were more comfortable attending a shorter service format in a smaller assembly. These have also been held on June 24 and July 8. Until further notice, WEDNESDAY EVENING COMMUNION SERVICES WILL CONTINUE EACH WEEK FOLLOWING THE SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICES.

In the interest of further providing a safe environment for you during communion it was decided that we would try the communion elements in a self-contained pre-packaged form. Having been met with mixed reviews the communion elements will now be offered in the traditional wafer and individual cup style as well as pre-packaged. As a communicant, you can now participate in this Holy Sacrament in the form which you are most comfortable.

The staff, Board of Elders, and Trustees will make every effort to keep the facilities as sanitary as possible in order to accommodate you during this unusual time. Thank you for your patience, for your understanding, and for your desire to be in worship on a regular basis. We are always willing to listen to you and thank you for expressing your needs directly to us. Our desire is to offer as normal a worship life as is possible, while caring for yourself and others.

Thank you for your support through constant prayers and your offerings. As we move forward in ministry together, it is our desire to continue to provide the comfort and assurance of God's continual love and presence in your life through regular worship and via live-stream of both worship and Bible Class.

As your Pastor, I invite you to worship regularly with your fellow members at First English and do so as you feel comfortable.

In Christ's Service,

*Pastor Paul Kaldahl Jr.*

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