



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to worship!

To protect ourselves and others from exposure to the COVID-19 virus, we have taken some very specific actions, and will require some actions from you.

Here's what we're doing:

1. High-touch surfaces i.e.; doorknobs, light switches, back of pews, will be regularly disinfected.
2. Everything has been removed from the pews: hymnals, writing implements, etc.
3. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available when you enter the building.
4. Doors will be propped open as much as possible.
5. Trained ushers and greeters will be available to help you find a seat to assure proper social distance.
6. There will be changes to the order of worship:
 - a. There will be instrumental music, but there will not be congregational singing in order to minimize the quantity of droplets released into the air.
 - b. Sharing of the peace will be done without contact. Worshipers will remain at their seats.
 - c. Holy Communion will be distributed in a pre-packaged bread and grape juice container that will be distributed when you enter and consumed at the appropriate time in the service.
7. There will not be coffee hour after the service. The nursery will be closed. All areas of the building will be off limits except the narthex, sanctuary, restrooms, and gym.

What we need you to do:

1. If you have a medical condition that puts you at greater risk from COVID-19, we encourage you to stay home and join the simulcast service on [Zoom](#) or [Facebook](#) live at 10:00 am.
2. Please plan on arriving early. The check-in process will take some time. Plan to arrive between 9:30 and 9:45 am. Enter through the west doors by the gym. Please maintain social distance from other worshipers. Please do not congregate.

What we need you to do: *(continued)*

3. You will be expected to wear a mask. If you have a medical reason for not wearing a mask you will be seated in a special area. Families with young children will be seated in a special area.
4. When you arrive, each member of your family will be asked to [fill out a form](#) with a series of health questions and have your temperature taken prior to entering the building. If your temperature is above 100.4°F you will be asked to return home.
5. We will ask for your name and phone number so that if someone who attends the service later tests positive, we will be able to contact you and let you know. Please follow the direction of the greeter, and don't enter the building until you are invited to do so.
6. You will need to keep your coat or jacket with you during the service. Coat racks will not be available to avoid having people congregate around the coat racks as they depart.
7. After you check in, please wait for an usher to seat you. Ushers will fill the space beginning from the front. Families or groups who come together will be seated together, at least 6 feet from the next nearest group. Families with small children will be seated in a special area. While waiting your turn to be seated, please maintain social distance from other groups. You most likely will not be sitting where you usually sit. Seating is not negotiable. If there are people you would like to be seated with, you should plan on arriving together. This will increase but not guarantee your seating choice. We ask your cooperation for the safety of all.
8. At the end of the service, please wait at your seat for the usher to escort you out and immediately leave the building. The main doors will be used to exit. Please maintain social distance from other worshippers until you have reached the parking lot.

This is very different from what we are used to, but it's important that we keep everyone safe. We are excited to return to worship in our sanctuary and we hope you will join us in person if you feel comfortable doing so, or online if you prefer.