

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Returning to – In-person worship

Parking:

Masks required before exiting their vehicle. 1 volunteer

Entry:

Only the Handicapped entrance will be open. Weather allowing, door should be propped open.

1 volunteer needed to take names of those who attend and ask the health questions, take temperatures – outside, if possible.

Elevator:

One person or one family group at a time.

Stairway:

Maintain 6 ft distancing.

Seating:

Reservations, RSVP will be needed to prevent overcrowding. 1 volunteer needed to lead worshiper to next available seat.

Worship:

Bulletin will be provided in pew.

No sharing of microphones

Responsive reading, humming of hymns with masks

Refrain from hugging, touching, sharing of the peace, no shaking of hands.

Worshipers will need to remain seated until worship is over and it's time to exit.

There could be a children's sermon, but they will remain seated (i.e. not come forward). If there's only a couple of kids, they could come forward and socially distance themselves.

Communion – Communion will be provided in the pew and in the car. Communion will be blessed during worship.

A basket will be provided for offerings during the Exit process.

Exit:

Rows will be dismissed from the front. Can use seating volunteer from above.
doorway and parking lot volunteers still needed.

Additional items needed before, during or related to In-person worship.

Restroom in the upper room will be open. Wipes will be provided to wipe handles down upon leaving. Everyone enters at their own risk. Hand sanitizer will be available outside of restroom.

If an attendee's temperature is above 100.4 they will be asked to go home; if they do not and insist on entry the service for that time period will be cancelled.

Masks will be available for those that forget or don't bring a mask. If a mask is not worn correctly, the person will be asked to leave. If the person doesn't fix the mask or leave, worship will be canceled and everyone can worship on Zoom at 10:30.

If you cough persistently during the service, you will be asked to leave, if you insist on staying the service will be immediately canceled and all will leave, per the exit guidelines above.

Participation in these services is voluntary. Only you can decide when you are ready to come back inside St John's. People who don't feel healthy that particular day or who have health conditions that place them at high risk should not attend. We are trying to provide a responsible way for in-person worship services to resume.

The Congregational Church Council recognizes that some of these measures might seem drastic, but they have chosen to err on the side of the safety of our worshipers. It is our hope and prayer that our members and visitors appreciate the effort to keep them safe and will be willing to accommodate the changes. Should someone within the worshiping body become afflicted with the COVID-19, the council will try to notify anyone who may have been exposed (one purpose of the screening cards).

