Holy Cross Lutheran Church

In-Person Worship Guidelines

General Information

- Worship services will continue to be streamed on Facebook Live and posted on our website.
- ♦ People will be asked to reply by email if they intend to attend worship each week. A seating chart will be made so that we can safely maximize the number of worshipers.
- ♦ Please do not attend worship if you are feeling ill, have been exposed to COVID-19, have compromised immune systems, or are at high risk of exposing others.
- Pray Ground has been removed. Parents are encouraged to bring quiet activities for children.
- There will not be bulletins. Everything will be projected. Bulletins will continue to be emailed.
- ♦ Please do not gather in groups in the building to visit. Step outside to visit with one another.
- Please maintain a two-person limit in the restrooms

Upon Entering the Building

- Please use hand sanitizer as you enter the building. There will be cleaning stations available.
- Face masks are required. There will have some available for those who arrive without them.
- ♦ All people will be signed in as they arrive. This is needed for possible contact tracing.
- Check the seating chart to see where you should sit. (If you are not listed, someone will assign you a seat.)
- Offering will not be received during worship. There are stations for offerings in Narthex.

In the Sanctuary

- ♦ The sanctuary seating has been reconfigured so that each row is six feet apart.
- Please maintain a six feet space between households in the same row.
- ♦ There will be no congregational singing. Becky, one or two singers, and the pastor will be singing.
- If there are Children's Messages, children will remain in their seats.
- Worshipers are asked to bring their own communion elements. Individually sealed juice and wafer cups will be available in the Narthex for those who forget or for guests.
- ♦ Passing of the Peace will be done in a non-contact manner.
- ♦ Worshipers will be ushered out of worship to avoid congestion.
- ♦ The baptism font will have something to symbolize water, please do not touch.

Worship Leadership

- ♦ One usher will be assigned.
- ♦ Acolytes will be assigned to light and extinguish candles. (phased in later)
- Assisting Minister will be assigned. They can unmask when reading/singing. (phased in later)

*Worship Service Sign In - Worshipers and worship leaders will be signed-in as they enter the building. This is to aid our communication should we become aware of a possible viral exposure. If someone at the church has let us know that they have tested positive within two weeks of attending a particular service, we will presume there has been exposure and cancel in person worship for two (2) weeks to ensure the safety of everyone concerned. We do hope you will let us know if you have tested positive, whether you have been in the building or not. If you have been in worship and test positive, your specific name will not be shared, but everyone registered for a worship service you attended will be notified so that we can all take extra precautions to reduce the spread of the virus.