



Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – Pandemic Worship Guidelines

The public health emergency caused by "COVID-19" still exists. The following guidelines are based on CDC recommendations and Governor Murphy's Executive Order limiting indoor capacity for religious institutions.

While everyone needs to make a personal decision re. in-person worship under these circumstances, **we strongly encourage our members and friends in high-risk groups to continue worshipping with us virtually.**

If you are feeling sick, have a fever, symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, PLEASE STAY AT HOME.

The following protocols will be in place for in-person worship, until further notice:

- In-person worship is possible on **Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.**—no advance reservations needed. This service will also be available via livestream broadcast. **Sunday at 8.45 a.m. will be virtual only. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship** will be outdoors, weather permitting—no advance reservations needed. This service will also be available via livestream broadcast. Should inclement weather prevent outdoor worship, a message will be posted on our website after 8:45 a.m. and 10:30 worship will be virtual only.
- Physically-distanced seating capacity will be limited to a **maximum** of 50 people, including worship leaders. (The exact number will vary according to how many single worshippers and how many couples/families sign up.) **Please follow ushers' directions.**
- **Face Coverings for everyone above 2 years old are required at all times when entering the building and throughout the worship service.** Please bring your own face covering. Disposable masks will be available for those who may have forgotten to bring one.
- The order of worship will be published in advance of the service and is available on our website homepage (**www.holytrinity-elca.org**). We ask those with mobile devices to download the order of worship **at home** and bring the device (or a hard copy) with you to the service. **(Worshippers will not be able to download the service over the church wi-fi network while in the sanctuary.)** We will have limited one-time-use printed copies available. Please remember to silence your devices.
- The only portion of the building that will be open to the public is the main sanctuary. Please use the Main Street entrance to enter and leave the sanctuary. The Fellowship Hall entrance will remain closed.



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- Hand Sanitizer is available at the entrance to the narthex (foyer) and on the sanctuary window ledges. As you enter, please sanitize your hands with your own personal sanitizer or the one provided.
- The single occupancy lavatory in the narthex will be available for use.
- Please refrain from personal contact. No hand-holding, hand-shaking, hugging or other personal contact. We know that it's been hard not seeing our friends, loved ones and Pastor Mary, but we ask that you remain vigilant during this time.
- Hymns will be sung by the limited number of choir members. We ask that attendees follow along with the hymns silently.
- Kneelers in the pews will not be used until further notice.
- Offerings may be placed in the plate located in the center aisle as you enter the sanctuary. Please consider giving electronically via [Simply Giving](#).
- The sign of peace must be shared remotely from your pew location.
- **Holy Communion will be given as the consecrated host only at this time.** Pastor will drop the host into your open palms. Please keep your face covering in place until after you have stepped away from the pastor.
- At the conclusion of the worship service, attendees will be dismissed by the ushers and will recess out of the sanctuary through the narthex, beginning with the rear pews. Please do not congregate near the entryway. If you wish to have in-person fellowship with others, we ask that you do so on the sidewalk or the lawn areas, ensuring you maintain social distancing and that others can pass by safely.