



Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

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RE: Reopening the Church for In-Person Worship Service

Church Council met on August 18, 2020 to discuss re-opening Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (LCGS) for Worship Services.

We are pleased to confirm that in-person Worship Services will begin Sunday, September 6th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The Lord's Supper will be offered on the usual second and fourth Sundays of the month to all confirmed members of LCGS.

Recognizing that not everyone will be comfortable with attending in-person Worship Service, a recorded Sunday Worship Service will still be uploaded and available on Sunday morning. Private confession, absolution and communion will continue to be offered – please contact the church office 204-222-0245 to schedule an appointment.

EVERYONE IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A MASK WHEN ATTENDING WORSHIP SERVICE. Please bring your own mask; masks will not be made available. Wearing a mask is not mandatory, though it may become so in the future.

IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL, EVEN IF YOUR SYMPTOMS ARE MILD, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND IN CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE – STAY HOME. (Note: You will be asked COVID-19 screening questions as you enter the church.)

PLEASE MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES TO KEEP YOURSELF AND OTHERS SAFE.

In order to re-open in a safe manner, the following measures are implemented – your faithful adherence to these measures is greatly appreciated:

- To reduce the amount of contact between individuals and adhere to the social distancing of two metres/six feet requirements at all times.
 - **Worship Service (at present) is limited to 50 persons, including the Pastor, Organist, Elder and Usher.** Please contact the church at 204-222-0245 by the Friday before Sunday Worship to register your attendance and the number

attending (e.g. contact the church by Friday Sep 4 to register for Sunday Sep 6 service).

- Contact information for each household/individual will be taken in case public health follow-up becomes necessary.
- If the registration numbers exceed our limit for that Sunday, we will ask that you attend the following Sunday.
- **Entrance to and exit from the church will be only via the back door** from the parking lot.
- **Please do not linger/socialize when entering or exiting the church or in the church parking lot** – maintain physical distancing at all times.
- **Floor markers** will indicate where you may stand and what direction you are to walk in order to maintain separation.
- **Congregants will be ushered to their seat.** Seating in the pews will be done front to back and is arranged to allow for at least a two metre/six foot separation on all sides between congregants from different households (please recognize you may not be seated in your usual pew).
- **Congregants will be ushered out of the church beginning from the back of the church.** Please exit the church immediately when ushered out.
- **Worship Service**
 - An offering plate will be placed in the Sanctuary for congregants to place their offering before being seated. The offering plate will be brought forward to the altar during worship.
 - **Use of Hymnals is suspended.** A printed bulletin with the Order of Service, Hymns, Psalms and Readings will be provided. Please take the bulletin home with you.
 - **After service fellowship is suspended.**
- **Communion will be offered on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.**
 - **Use of Communion cards is suspended.**
 - **Communion will be pilgrim style with intinction** (i.e. an Elder will place the Body of Christ in the communicant's hand using tongs – the communicant will then dip the Body of Christ into the Blood of Christ in the Chalice held by the Pastor before partaking of the Lord's Supper.

- The Pastor and Elder will wear a mask during distribution and will sanitize their hands immediately before distribution.
- Communicants will be ushered up by family of the same household and will return to their seat in a manner that ensures proper social distancing.
- For your protection
 - Hand sanitizer will be available at the back door and by the washrooms. Congregants are asked to sanitizer their hands upon entry and before exiting the church.
 - The church (including all common touch surfaces such as doorknobs/door handles, light switches, washrooms) is cleaned, sanitized/disinfected before and after every Worship Service.

Thank you! in advance for your faithful adherence to these measures.

Yours in Christ,



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Church Secretary/Paying Treasurer