



Trinity Lutheran Church Back to Worship Plan

- Public in-person worship services will be held at the normal times. Members who traditionally attend the Sunday service are encouraged to consider attending the Saturday night service to allow for social distancing.
 - **Saturday 5:00 p.m.**
 - **Sunday 9:00 a.m.**
- Capacity in the church sanctuary will be around 70 members to properly implement social distancing. Folding chairs will also be set up in the fellowship hall. If more than 70 members attend a worship service, the fellowship hall will be used for seating. Ushers will ensure families are sitting six feet apart.
- The balcony will not be available for seating. This area will be reserved for the musicians and technicians who are recording and leading worship.
- We strongly encourage those who are in the high-risk category – or do not feel comfortable attending in-person worship currently – to continue watching services online. **Do not feel obligated to attend in-person worship if you do not feel comfortable attending at this time.**
- We will continue to record the Saturday service and then post it online on Saturday night so members can continue with at-home worship on Sunday.
- The church will be cleaned on Saturday night to prepare the sanctuary for Sunday morning worship.
- Communion will still be celebrated separately at designated times.

Guidelines

1. We will have families sit in every third pew on both sides of the church. These pews will be clearly marked. Other pews will be roped off. We will encourage people to sit at the end of the pew, away from the center of the church. If someone who is not a family member is sitting in the same pew as you, make sure you remain six feet away from them. Ushers will assist with this.
2. We will not pass the offering plate. It will be located on a stand near the entrance to the chapel.
3. We will not use hymnals. Bulletins will be placed in the available pews prior to each service.
4. We will usher people in, and we will seat them in the front and work our way back. When the service is done, we will usher people out beginning from the back of the church.
5. Physical distancing will be maintained, before, during, and after the service. We will be glad to see each other, but this is not yet the time for handshakes or hugs. Please do not linger inside the church before or after the worship service.

6. If young children need to use the restroom, we will ask an adult to accompany them so that the children do not roam throughout the complex.
7. We encourage members to use the hand sanitizers at the entrance of the church. We ask everyone to continue to practice good hygiene, especially washing your hands.
8. Pew cushions and hymnals will be removed from the pews to accommodate cleaning and minimize touchpoints.
9. Members may wish to wear masks to the services.
10. There will be no refreshments served after the services.
11. Sunday School and Bible Classes remain discontinued.
13. If you are not feeling well, we ask you to stay home.

This is not a return to pre-COVID business as usual. As Governor Kristi Noem said, "We are not out of the woods yet." We will pray for wisdom so that - as much as possible - we do not put ourselves or anyone else at risk.