

COVID 19 Preparedness Plan for Drive-in Worship*
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Brainerd, Minnesota

Following federal, state, and synod guidelines for dealing with COVID-19, Bethlehem Lutheran Church has implemented this plan for drive-in worship in effect until further notice.

Effective May 31, 2020, drive-in worship services will be available on Sundays at 8:20 am and on Wednesdays at 6:20 pm.

If you are feeling sick, please stay home!

Ushers will greet you at either the north or south entrance. Wearing masks and vests, they will give you a bulletin/s if needed. Hand sanitizer will be on hand at both usher stations. Ushers will have offering canisters or nets available to collect your offering upon entering or leaving the parking lot. On the first and third Sundays (or festival Sundays when celebrating communion) ushers will give you communion kit/s (prepackaged cups with juice in the bottom and a wafer on the top). Please hold onto the kit/s until directed by the pastors during the service.

Drive to the designated portion of the lot (based upon wind direction and speed) and park your car. You may crack your windows, provided you are able to maintain social distancing of at least six feet between people in other cars; otherwise, keep your windows rolled up. You are encouraged to wave and smile at your neighbors, but you must remain in your car. Because you are in your car, you may sing/speak along during the service and do not need to wear a mask.

Tune in to AM 1530 to listen to the service on your radio or crack your windows and listen using the speakers that are located by the pastors. We will position the speakers to project to as much of the parking lot as possible.

Pastors and staff are not wearing masks since they are practicing social distancing outdoors.

In case of rain and/or high winds, these services will be cancelled. Although you will be safe and dry in your car, the sound equipment cannot be in the elements. Cancellations will be announced on Facebook (www.facebook.bethlehem.brainerd) and on our website (www.belcnet.net) one hour prior to service start time.

We will continue to live-stream the worship service at 10:30 am on Sundays on Facebook (www.facebook.bethlehem.brainerd). The service will also be available on our website (www.belcnet.net) after it is recorded.

If you have any questions, contact the office at 829-3330 or office@belcnet.net.

*Reference, "Industry Guidance for Safely Reopening: Faith Based Communities, Places of Worship, Weddings, and Funerals" Minnesota Department of Health (staysafe.mn.org)