

# Grace

## LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

*Living the Grace of God*

Dear People of Grace,

The church council has made the decision to open Grace for public worship on June 14. Our primary concern in reopening is the safety and well-being of the people who will attend worship; therefore, a number of protocols will be in place before we can safely open. **You are encouraged to read this letter in its entirety and perhaps even save it, as there is much information to absorb.** The contents of this letter will also be posted on the web site, Facebook, and emailed via *Living Grace*.

### **Worship at 10:00**

1. Grace will open at 25% of occupancy so that physical distancing may be maintained.
2. A maximum of **40 worshipers** will be admitted to worship.
3. Each family unit **must register** for worship by calling the church office or emailing Becky Williams in the church office by 3:00 the Friday before worship.
  - Church Phone number 936-588-1944
  - Email Becky at [becky@glcsconroe.org](mailto:becky@glcsconroe.org)
4. When you call or email, give your name and the number of people attending with you.
5. Once 40 attendees have registered for the service no more registrations will be taken for that week. (Please be patient with this process, after the first week we should know immediately if we need to add another service to accommodate additional worshipers).

### **For Your Protection**

1. Masks will be required for everyone 10 and older.
  - Masks will be provided for those who don't have one.
2. Upon arriving at the church, you will be asked to wait outside until an usher can seat you.
3. Ushers will escort each family unit to a pew. Families may sit together.
  - Children must remain with their families for the entire service.
  - No children's activities will be provided e.g. coloring books etc., so families should come prepared.
4. We will use every other pew, seating people at both ends of the pew and leaving the middle open.
5. The maximum number of people in any pew is six.
6. At the end of the service, ushers will dismiss the worshipers out of the sanctuary one pew at a time.
7. Worshipers are asked to move beyond the building and into the parking lot where they can greet each other.

### **Additional Details**

1. A service will be available on Facebook.
2. There will be no children's message or children's church.
3. There will be music, but no singing.
4. The service will be about 30 minutes in length.
5. There will be communion, but it will be administered in the pews. (in other words, no moving around the aisles)
6. If you feel sick, stay home.

### **Rationale for precautions**

These precautions are being taken for the safety of everyone coming back to worship together. We do them because we care for one another and wish to protect each other from possible exposure to the corona virus. Being in an enclosed space for a prolonged period of time is shown to be one of the most risky behaviors. Attending church falls into that category.

Although the law is not clear regarding a business or other entity's liability should someone become sick, our insurance company has advised us to take appropriate precautions in order to reduce future liability.

As we come back to worship, we do so thoughtfully and carefully and prayerfully in a way that provides the most safety for all who attend, and we give thanks to God who has sustained us through this challenging time.

In Christ,  
Grace Lutheran Church Council

Pastor Diane Roth  
Bill Blum  
Gerry Hernandez  
Dave Kolkmeier  
Connie Downs  
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