



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of this pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100

Resuming In-Person Worship

Beginning Sunday, February 21st, 2021

First Lutheran Church will resume holding in-person worship
with one service at 9 AM in our sanctuary.

What to Expect for our In-Person Worship Services

Please stay home if you are sick, or have been in contact with someone who has been sick.

Masks will be required for all who attend worship.

We will ask family units to socially distance from other family units while attending worship. Please refrain from handshakes or hugs with those outside of your own family unit.

For the Worship Experience, we are striving to maintain a balance between providing as reduced of risks as possible, while also providing as close to our normal worship pattern as possible. Therefore:

- * We will continue using liturgical hand motions for our congregational responses.
- * We will begin reciting as a congregation the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer.
- * We will begin singing only the closing hymn for each service.
- * We will use one worship assistant who will lead congregation responses, read the lessons, and assist with communion.
- * Communion will be served with both pastor and worship assistant wearing gloves. Stations will be designated for where you will receive the elements and where you can consume the elements.

As always, grace will abound. We will sometimes out of habit still say a responsive word like "And also with you," or forget where we are to take off our mask to receive the bread or wine for communion. Grace abounds. We are learning how to be church in a pandemic era. And while we practiced most of these new habits last summer and fall, it will take time for them to become second-nature for us. We invite you to join us as you feel comfortable and safe, as we worship God once more in our sanctuary. All Sunday worship services will be video recorded and made available by YouTube video on the following Monday morning.