

Protocols for Indoor Worship

(as of April 15, 2021)

Nordland Lutheran Church has protocols in place as a way of loving our neighbors.

Overview / Brief Summary

1. Everyone required to wear masks.
2. Every other pew roped off and households to distance 6' apart.

Spaces available / to be used

1. Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, main restrooms, main entrance, and those hallways in between those spaces.

As people arrive

1. Everyone (*including worship leaders*) must wear masks, unless they cannot for health reasons. Masks will be made available at entrance for those who do not have one.
2. Provide hand sanitizer at entrance for people to use as they arrive and as they leave.
3. Sign-in for people as they arrive for potential contact tracing in case of local outbreak.
4. Communion 'kits' (*wine and wafer*) will be available as people arrive to take to their pew with them. Napkins will also be made available. People may bring their own bread/wine/grape juice.
5. Congregation will seat themselves in designated areas.
6. After worship, people will be dismissed by rows (*back pew to front pew*), to help keep distance as people leave the building.

Worship practices

1. Worship leaders may remove masks only when speaking and/or singing.
2. Congregational singing to take place in 'second-half' of worship only. All other singing throughout worship will be done by worship leaders up front at a distance from front pew.
3. Communion 'kits' (*wine and wafer*) will be available as people arrive to take to their pew with them. When communion takes place in worship, all will participate in communion together using their 'kits'.

Sanctuary space preparation

1. Worship materials removed from the worship space - such as bibles, hymnals, etc.
2. Every other pew roped off.
3. Bulletins will be available on table at back of sanctuary before worship.

Fellowship Hall preparation

1. Fellowship Hall will be made available for 'overflow'. One household per table.

Restrooms

1. Only one person to use a restroom at a time. Another adult may assist a child or adult who needs assistance.

Cleaning and disinfecting

1. Custodian staff: Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces (pews, handrails, door handles, tables, chairs, restrooms, etc.) at least a day or two prior to weekly worship.

*Protocols will be made available to congregation in Winds newsletter, on Nordland's website, and signs posted in high visibility areas at church - also describing best hygiene practices (masks, physical distancing, hand sanitizing, etc.)

* Seating capacity: Sanctuary - Around 100 - depending on size of households; Fellowship Hall - 12 households around 12 tables.

*Worship will also continue to be live-streamed on Nordland's Facebook page, on Youtube, and on website.