

Building Guidelines for In-Person Worship Lord of Love Lutheran Church

These guidelines are established as reasonable efforts to provide for the safety of all families and individuals that participate in in-person worship at Lord of Love Lutheran Church. Our overall interest is to keep those who are most at risk safe from the virus.

Advisory Information

Each person must assess the risk of attending in-person gatherings.

Those who are vulnerable or high risk should remain at home.

Before attending events, make sure you are not at risk in spreading the virus:

- a. Take your temperature
- b. Stay home if you exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms
- a. Stay home if you may have recently been exposed to someone testing positive for COVID-19

Members are encouraged to participate in Lord of Love's streamed worship, virtual coffee hour, and study opportunities.

Building Sanitation Plan

Church staff and/or specific volunteers will clean used areas following each worship service.

Church staff and/or cleaning service will clean the bathrooms several times per week.

Groups that use the church building are responsible for cleaning following their event using a separate provided procedure.

Guidelines for Attending In-Person Worship activities at the church

1. Church bathrooms are to be used only if there is a dire need for such facilities.
2. Please assess your personal risk in getting the virus or passing it on to others before attending.
3. Everyone must wear a mask while in the church building congregating with others.
Masks will be provided upon entering, if you do not have one.
Otherwise, no mask, no entry. We do this out of the love, concern, and safety for our neighbors.
4. Please use the provided hand sanitizer as you enter and exit the building.
(*We might want to invest in a no-touch pump for this...like the hospitals have.*)
5. Everyone must enter the church building through the west main doors. All other doors will remain locked. When weather allows, doors will be blocked open, otherwise, a person will be assigned to open doors for others.
6. Everyone is asked to stay 6 ft or more apart from others not living in their home.
7. Please avoid congregating with others within the church building or the main sidewalk.
Members are encouraged to participate in the Virtual Coffee Hour from their homes, or gather outside the church using safe social distancing rules (no touching, 6 ft apart, etc.) away from main foot traffic areas.
8. Worship specific items:
 - a. Worship attendees are asked to proceed directly to the Sanctuary to find a seat.
 - b. Refrain from entering areas other than the Sanctuary, Narthex, and Bathrooms.
 - c. For children - Parents are encouraged to bring your own bags of quiet toys for worship.
(If needed, plastic bags of coloring pages, crayons, and paper stories will be available in the Narthex. If you use them, please take them home with you.)
Children are to remain with their families during the children's sermon.

- d. Worship bulletins and announcements will be distributed on seating prior to worship. Please sit where these are available. Please take these home with you to reference or dispose of properly.
- e. There will be no congregational singing during worship until singing is advised by health agency guidelines.
People are invited to sing along with our streamed worship service, at home, but not when gathered together in the church.
- f. The Liturgist/Reader/Pastor may remove their mask when up in the chancel leading, but only when they have 10-12 ft distance from all others.
- g. Passing of peace with others will be non-touching actions from your seat location.
- h. Communion will be celebrated once a safe means is identified.

OPTION TO CONSIDER:

During communion follow the instructions of the ushers. A single line will be used. Stay 6 feet from others not in your family; wine/grape juice will be arranged in the tray to avoid inadvertent touching by others, wafers will be distributed to each individual.

- i. Ushers will dismiss worshippers by row to ensure appropriate social distancing.
- j. Offerings may be deposited in the “provided location” as you exit the Sanctuary.
- k. Following worship, please proceed directly out of the building.