

Guidelines for Resuming Worship Service at Grace Lutheran Church

1. If you are ill, have symptoms of any kind or a temperature, please continue to stay at home until you are well. Additionally, if you have concerns about your own health status, please use your own best judgement. We are anxious to resume church but depend on members to not jeopardize the health of other members. Sermons will continue to be available on line.
2. We will only have our 10:00 a.m. worship service. We will not have Happy Half Hour (Bible Study) or Fellowship Time or Choir or Wednesday night Bible Study as we begin. We look forward to resuming all activities at a later date.
3. We will ask everyone to stay upstairs. This will reduce the area that needs to be cleaned and sanitized after each service.
4. We will ask everyone to enter through the south door. The door will be held open by a gloved greeter or propped open for people coming and going. The greeter will also be ready to answer any questions people may have.
5. On entering the church, please use hand sanitizer and go directly to the sanctuary and practice social distancing.
6. If you would like to wear a mask when you come, please do so. If you do not have a mask and would like one, we will have some available for you to use. After the service, please drop the mask you used in the basket to be sanitized. We will have large and small sizes available.
7. We will practice social distancing. There will be no handshakes or hugs. We ask that people visit outside before or after the service and not in the church entrance where social distancing will be difficult to maintain.
8. In the sanctuary every other pew will be blocked off to maintain social distancing. If possible, do not sit directly behind another family group. We have space in the pew for a couple and a single person. The usher can assist if you want.
9. The entire service will be printed out in the bulletin. It will be handed to people by a gloved usher. Hymnals will be removed temporarily to avoid having to sanitize them.
10. Offering plates will be placed on a stand by the door of the sanctuary rather than handled by an usher.
11. We will have communion but only with the individual glasses. No common cup will be used. People setting up for communion will wear gloves and a mask in their preparation. In order to maintain social distancing during distribution, the usher will send up one family group at a time. Pastor will be on one side and the elder on the other. Both the pastor and elder will use hand sanitizer before communion and will wear masks and gloves during the distribution.
12. At the close of the service, to avoid everyone being in the aisle at the same time, the usher will dismiss people one pew at a time.
13. If you become sick after attending a service, please notify Pastor or Charlie so we can notify other members who were in attendance at the service.

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14. The church will be sanitized before the next service by our cleaning ladies.
15. Until social distancing guidelines are changed, we will not be using Acolytes.
16. Mailboxes will not be used for the time being and communications will be by Email or US Postal service. If you have Email but prefer US Postal mail, please let us know. Linda Myers will email donations to those with email addresses. If you wish to receive a printed copy by US Mail, please let Linda know.
17. The sermons will continue to be available through the web site or with the phone app. If you need help, please let Charlie know.
18. If you need to use the water fountain, please use a paper cup and wipe down the fountain after you have used it. Wipes are available for use.
19. If you need to use the bathroom, please use spray and wipe down the area after you have used it. Spray and wipes are available for use.
20. In June we will continue to evaluate our options at church and inform you of new changes as we go forward. If you have questions at any time, please call Pastor or an Elder.