

On Sunday, June 6th, Holy Trinity will be returning to in-person worship!

Here are some things you need to know . . .

Before you come to church . . .

Please do not come to church if you know you have been exposed to Covid-19 or if you are feeling ill.

We will continue to make Sunday worship services available via Zoom, so everyone will always have an option for safe worship. Everyone will continue to receive a weekly email with the Zoom link and the bulletin.

Bring your mask.

When you arrive at church . . .

Everyone will need to wear a mask properly—covering both nose and mouth—upon entering the building. We have ordered masks with Holy Trinity's logo on them and will always have extras of these just in case you forget to bring yours.

We are asking everyone not to gather or linger in the narthex (lobby). We know this will be hard because you will all want to visit with each other. But the best place to catch up and visit is outside after the service.

Please pick up your bulletin, enter the sanctuary and choose a pew where you are distanced adequately. We do not want to have to police this or mark off the pews. We are asking you to use your common sense and love of your neighbor to spread yourselves out in the sanctuary from the first pew to the last. Friends or family members who know that everyone in their group is vaccinated may sit together in a pew. **But . . . be mindful of others around you.**

The names of people in attendance will be recorded for purposes of notification, in the event someone who attended worship reports that they have become ill with Covid-19.

What will the service be like?

The service is being trimmed down to be about 45 minutes long. We will begin at 10:30 AM as always.

While we will be speaking responses and prayers in unison, we cannot yet safely sing together as a congregation.

Instead, we will have "designated" singers. Most Sundays, this will be Pastor Susan; from June 27th through most of the summer this will include Holy Trinity member, Michael Fiore, who will also sing and play guitar to accompany our worship.

We will share the peace of Christ corporately and not shake hands or embrace.

A plate will be set up in the back of the sanctuary where you can drop off your offerings as you enter.

For now, we will have one worship assistant to serve as lector, lead the prayers, and help distribute Communion.

Pastor Susan will preside from the chancel/altar (just as she did during Zoom worship).

What about Holy Communion?

Holy Communion will be standing, continuous.

In order to maintain safe physical distancing, one side of the sanctuary will receive at a time.

Pastor Susan will use sanitizer before and wear gloves during distribution.

To keep hand contact minimized, we will be using wafers distributed into the palms of the hand.

Wine and grape juice will be distributed in pre-poured into disposable cups. The cups will be distanced in trays for each communicant to take/receive. A basket will be provided where you can dispose of your cups.

Anyone who cannot walk safely or comfortably to receive communion, will be communed at their seat.

Leaving worship at the end of the service . . .

Pastor Susan will greet everyone outside on the porch upon the completion of the service.

Once again, we are relying on your common sense and love of neighbor by asking everyone to exit the sanctuary while observing safe distancing, not gathering or lingering in the sanctuary or narthex (lobby) longer than necessary.

Weather permitting, you are invited to gather outside—with or without masks—to visit and greet each other.

For now, we will not be hosting coffee fellowship following the service.

Above all, may we keep these scriptural admonitions in mind:

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit . . .

let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. (Phil 2:3a, 4)

Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds . . . (Hebrews 10:23)

"All things are lawful," but not all things are beneficial . . . not all things build up. (1 Cor 10:23, 24b)