



## **Ascension Lutheran Church**

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### **A Condensed List of COVID-19 Worship Guidelines for Ascension Lutheran Church based on current Government & Synod recommendations.**

- All attendees will be expected to follow signage about health, healthy practises, and safety measures.
- Before attending in-person worship you **must** sign up to attend either by e-mail or by calling the church office. This is to ensure capacity numbers are within the allotted number and for contact tracing if necessary.
- Every worship attendee is expected to give their name and phone number upon arrival at Ascension. These lists will be kept in the office to ensure we can communicate with those who attended in case of a COVID-19 or its variant outbreak.
- Each worship attendee will be required to perform hand sanitization and wear a mask while within the church building. Pastor Bruce (and/or communion assistants) will wear a mask during Holy Communion, and will ensure good hand hygiene practises are followed. Masks are available for anyone who does not have a cloth mask or face-covering. However, you are encouraged to bring your own.
- Gathering for fellowship of any kind is strongly discouraged within the building. Fellowship will be encouraged, where possible, such as outside (when possible) while still maintaining good physical distancing.
- There will be **no food or drink** (coffee) provided or served after service. • Only the **upstairs bathrooms** may be used and **only 1 person** at a time.
- Children **must** remain with their parents and/or grandparents. The nursery and Sunday school rooms will be closed.
- To maintain physical distancing requirements and help maintain fire/safety codes pews have been re-arranged. This reduces our seating capacity some-what but we feel there will be sufficient seating for all who may want to attend worship.
- One-time use bulletins with all required materials will be provided to everyone for worship.
- There will be no congregational singing. Other special musical offerings, particularly pre-recorded ones, may be used as part of our worship together.
- There will be no sharing of the peace.
- There will be no passing of the offering plates. Practise for receiving offering will be like our Lenten practise where plates are left near the entrance to the Sanctuary.
- Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only (Sacramental bread wafer/host for the time being). *Communion in one kind is recognized as a full experience of the Sacrament.*
- These guidelines will also apply to other events like weddings and funeral services.
- Any new restrictions will be communicated with friends and members of ALC as required.