



Grace and Peace to you, Dear Church.

On Thursday evening, May 13, 2021, St. Luke Congregation Council and Worship & Music Committee met to discuss the future of in-person sanctuary worship. **The following Sunday we announced that we will return to in-person worship, in the sanctuary, on June 6, 2021!**

Church, we have endured so much in the past 15 months. 550,000 people in the United States have died of COVID-19, and counting. Nearly 3 million people have died of COVID-19 around the globe and counting. Our nation has endured all kinds of hate and civil unrest. The world has endured the same and much more. Yes, Church, this has certainly been a difficult time for all of us...

Yet, you have kept the faith. You have continued to worship, wherever you are. You have continued to give, online, in-person, and through the mail. You have continued to care and to pray for one another. You have continued to be the chosen people of God even while we have been apart.

The leadership of St. Luke has been anxiously anticipating a return to in-person sanctuary worship. Necessary adaptations to our worship and life together were made over the past year. Some guidelines will remain for this time. However, we recognize that some of you may not be quite ready to return to worship in person and/or indoors at this time. We will continue to livestream worship on Facebook as well as on FM 91.3 so that you may worship at home.

Please watch for Social Media, website, email and mail communications for updated information. Please refer to St. Luke's website at [www.stlukegilbertsville.org](http://www.stlukegilbertsville.org).

If you have any questions, or would like clarification regarding the following guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact the church office at 610.367.9738. We will do our best to answer your questions.

Peace be with you.

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## **St. Luke Guidelines for Life Together in the Time of Pandemic**

### **Guidelines for Care of Self & Others**

- If you or any member of your household is not feeling well we ask that you remain home and worship via livestream or FM.
- If you or any member of your household have been exposed to anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, we ask that you self-quarantine for 14 days before returning to St. Luke.
- Attendance will be taken at worship. After you have attended worship or any St. Luke event, if you are diagnosed with COVID-19, we respectfully ask that you contact the church office as soon as possible to report the diagnosis. Your name will remain confidential. We want to let others in attendance know that they may have been exposed.
- By attending any worship or event at St. Luke, you and your family assume the risk of exposure.

### **Guidelines for Worship**

- All members of your household (3years old +) are required to wear masks during worship so that all members may participate in singing softly.
- Physical distancing is required.
- Masks and hand sanitizer will be available.
- Offering buckets will be available as you enter the sanctuary.
- We will share the Peace of Christ from our pews.

### **Further Information**

- Live-streamed worship will continue Sunday mornings.
- Holy Communion will be celebrated in the pews with individual elements available.