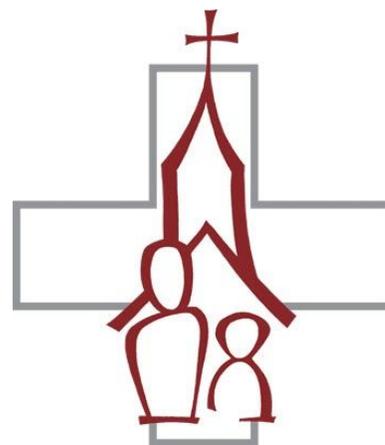


Holy Cross Lutheran Church In-person Worship Guidelines

Updated: December 1, 2020

- Public worship services will be offered in the sanctuary at the following times:
 - Saturday 2:00 PM (This service would be the best choice for those in the “high risk” category)
 - Saturday 5:00 PM
 - Sunday 8:00 AM, and
 - Sunday 10:30 AM
- Weather-permitting, all of the doors will be propped open for contactless entry and exit.
- Seating in the sanctuary will only be in the designated pews so that social distancing is maintained. Pews not to be used will be marked off with blue painters’ tape.
- Overflow seating will be made available in the Welcome Center using clusters of blue chairs spaced six feet apart. Further overflow will be made available in our gym with a video feed of worship.
- Printed bulletins will be provided. However, they are single-use and should be taken home with you or recycled
- Children’s talks and the passing of the peace will not be a part of worship services at this time.
- Rather than passing the offering plate, an offering box will be placed in the Welcome Center/Narthex for members to place their tithes and offerings before or after worship.
- Masks are required for worship, so that you do not risk unknowingly spreading this virus to others. There will be a limited supply of masks available for those that do not have a mask with them. Exceptions to this rule follow the CDC guidelines: Children under age 2, anyone who has a legitimate serious medical condition, or anyone who is otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance should not wear a mask.
- If you are feeling sick, especially with symptoms of a fever, cough, and/or shortness of breath, please stay home.
- The sanctuary will be cleaned and sanitized before weekend worship, between each worship service, and after the final worship service. Door handles and all other surfaces will also be cleaned and sanitized according to that schedule.
- Restrooms will be available; however, we ask that all patrons wipe their use area (seats, handles etc.) in the restroom after use. (Sanitizing wipes are present)
- The water fountains will be unavailable for use
- There will not be any donuts or coffee available



Holy Cross Lutheran Church Communion Guidelines

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For those that will be joining us for public worship, here are the specifics as to how we are going to carry out our plan with respect to the Lord's Supper:

- The elements would be prepared as usual in the sacristy, ensuring that before and after handling them, those preparing would wash hands using the recommended guidelines from the local and federal health departments.
- Individual communion cups would be prepared in such a way that the cups in the tray would have a “buffer” and not be adjacent to any other cups.
- Those responsible for distribution during the service (pastor(s) and elder(s)) would likewise wash hands immediately before distribution (during the Agnus Dei) using the recommended guidelines from the local and federal health departments.
- Distribution would be done in a continuous line like what we have done for Christmas and Easter.
- Communicants will be ushered up to receive the sacrament according to household. We will work to avoid waiting in line. If a line is necessary, it will need to be at least six feet of separation between households. The next household can come forward to receive communion when the one ahead of them has taken an individual cup
- One of the pastors would distribute the host, taking care to avoid contact. The pastors will wear a mask during distribution.
- The host will not be distributed directly to the mouth at this time.
- One pastor and/or elder will hold the individual cup tray for communicants to pick up on their own (again, there will be empty space between all cups). The pastor/elder at this station will also be wearing a mask. He will be standing at least six feet away from the host to help keep the flow of people going a little more quickly.
- The common cup will not be offered at this time.
- Children and others desiring to receive a blessing will be given one but without physical contact
- Used Individual cups will be placed in the basket at the typical location and typical fashion.

