



WHAT TO EXPECT DURING PHASE 1 RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP

· beginning Sunday, July 12, 2020 at 10AM ·

As we gradually move back into place, we ask for everyone to remain patient and flexible, and to respect the guidelines that will be put into place so that everyone feels safe while they are in the church building. We regret any personal inconveniences this may cause you; please know we're trying our best to follow guidelines that will allow the widest range of members the opportunity to return to in-person worship. Again, this will take some time to navigate as the status of the virus continues to unfold and CDC, federal, and state recommendations change. If you are concerned, uncertain, worried, or not feeling well, we encourage you to remain at home and join us through our online services, which will continue to be broadcast at 10AM each Sunday. Coming to worship should not cause any negative, anxious, or hostile emotions or feelings for you.

For questions or concerns,

please contact the church office at church_office@christlutheranlouisville.com or (502) 267-5082.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

We have taken the following steps to protect the church body:

- Enhanced cleaning & sanitation
- Closed areas of the church to reduce chance of cross contamination
- Temperature checks for all Church Staff & Worship Assistants
- Social distancing among Church Staff & Worship Assistants
- No Church Staff or Worship Assistants work while symptomatic

Please RSVP to attend in-person services

As we begin this gradual process of reopening, we are asking you to RSVP through our online registration (link posted on <http://www.christlutheranlouisville.com/>) for the service you want to attend (maximum capacity will be 50 worshippers during Phase 1). Up to 6 people per family (those who live under the same roof) can register online. If you need additional seats, or if you do not have internet access to fill out the online form, please RSVP by calling the church office the week before the service date (Call office (502) 267-5082 between Mon 9am-Wed 2pm or RSVP online Tues Noon-Thurs Midnight, or until capacity is reached, whichever comes first).

If we see service times reaching capacity consistently in the next few weeks, we'll work to add service times, or if all goes well, increase capacity, or utilize additional worship locations within the building.

Worship services will be held live in the sanctuary at 10AM on Sunday and broadcast online at the same time via Facebook, Zoom, and Youtube so that the entire church body can worship in unison as they are able. The worship service bulletin will continue to be emailed out and posted on the church website prior to Sunday. Also, the projection screen will continue to be utilized in the sanctuary for now, as we broadcast the service online.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE:

Only one entrance will be open for use—the main side entrance doors on the Six Mile Lane side of the parking lot. The doors will not open into the church building until 9:45AM, 15 minutes before the service.

All doors between the exterior entrance and the sanctuary will be propped open to eliminate any need to touch door handles. If weather doesn't permit the exterior doors to be propped open, a greeter will hold the door open for you as you enter.

We ask that anyone wishing to socialize before or after the service to do so outside the building, maintaining proper distancing. Please refrain from handshakes, fist bumps, or hugs.

As you enter, a greeter will take your temperature using a touchless thermometer and will survey you with some basic health questions:

Do you have any of these symptoms or have you had any of these symptoms in the last week?

1. Fever (100°F or over)?
2. Cough (new or changed), shortness of breath, or other flu-like symptoms?
3. Do you live with or have had very close contact with a person with confirmed Covid-19?

If you respond "yes" to any of the questions listed, we ask that you attend the service online instead of in person to protect others in attendance.

We encourage everyone to bring their own hand sanitizer or use the hand sanitizer located throughout the building and sanitize your hands upon entering.

Masks will be required for everyone attending during Phase 1 (except for children age 2 and under). There will be a limited supply of masks to be provided for those who wish to worship and do not have a mask. However, new masks will not be issued each week to previous worshipers, so we ask everyone to please remember to bring their own masks. Even if you have a medical condition that prevents you from wearing a mask, please know you will still be required to wear a mask during this 1st phase. If you are unable or unwilling to wear a mask during the service, we encourage you to worship at home online. We thank you for your cooperation as we cautiously work to balance the desires to return to in-person worship while working to care for the health and well-being of our members.

Greeters/Ushers will wear gloves and masks. The pastors will not wear masks while presiding over worship as they will be more than 15 feet away from congregants during the worship service.

Common areas of church will be closed (gym, classroom hallways, offices), indicated by signs and roped off where needed. Office access will be available only to staff or worship assistants (only if required for offering counters, worship prep, etc).

The nursery will be closed and unavailable for use during this phase.

Only one set of restrooms (located by the solarium) will be available for use. Restrooms will be stocked with disinfectant spray and/or wipes for worshipers' use.

The water fountains will be unavailable for use.

IN THE NARTHEX

Printed disposable bulletins will be available, or you are welcome to use your phone (set to mute) to access the electronic version available via our church website and church-wide email.

We will use disposable communion kits during Phase 1. Bags containing individual communion kits will be available on a table in the narthex for you to pick up on your way into the sanctuary.

Offering plates will be placed on a table in the Narthex. Offerings may be dropped in the plates before entering the sanctuary if you wish. Other options include online giving, electronic transfer or mailing in your offering. Our mailing address is 9212 Taylorsville Rd, Louisville, KY 40299. Contact Mike Kull at 502-802-4485 for details about online or electronic giving. We appreciate your continued support for our mission of Making Christ Known even during this extraordinary time.

IN THE SANCTUARY

The pew cushions, hymnals, attendance cards and other items typically stored in the pews will be removed, and every other pew will be blocked off.

Individuals and couples may share the same pew, seated at opposite ends. Families of 3 or more are encouraged to sit in the pews and not in the chairs. Youth and children are asked to sit with their families during the worship service. No nursery will be available.

Please try to remain in the sanctuary throughout the worship service. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times as they move around the building, such as if they need to use the restroom.

After the service concludes, please continue practicing social distancing (6 feet apart) as you exit the sanctuary. Worshipers should collect their worship materials and dispose of it themselves into the trash cans provided, exiting via the same path through which they entered.

HOLY COMMUNION

During Phase 1 worship, we will be using pre-packaged communion kits containing a wafer and grape juice. Worshippers will take communion from their pews. Those wishing to celebrate communion will take a communion kit (available for pick up from table in the narthex) as they enter the sanctuary.

During the Eucharistic Prayer when the Pastor consecrates the wafer and wine at the altar, each communing worshiper will raise their communion set to be consecrated.



After the Lord's Prayer and at the Pastors' direction, everyone will peel back the cellophane seal on top and consume the wafer stored just below.



Next, again at the Pastors' direction, remove the foil seal below and consume the juice.



The cups may be returned to the worship kit bags and held until exiting from the service, where each worshipper will be responsible for disposing their worship kit materials in the appropriate trash container at the exit doors.

