

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Reopening Guidelines for Indoor Sanctuary Worship Guidelines (June 23, 2021)

Welcome back! Following are the guidelines we are asking all of our members and visitors to follow during this pandemic. These guidelines have been established based on recommendations from the CDC and local authorities and are intended to help keep everyone safe and healthy.

All members and ministering/working personnel who are exhibiting cold or flu-like symptoms will be asked to stay home. If a member arrives at the church exhibiting cold or flu-like symptoms, the leadership of the church will ask said members to leave and join in services via our website or social media outlets from home. Our worship service will still be livestreamed to Zoom and posted to our Facebook and YouTube pages.

Service Location

The Indoor Worship Service will be held in the Sanctuary. All doors will be open to ensure maximum ventilation.

Member/Guest Screening & Check-In:

1. Upon arrival, everyone is invited to sign in. Usher assures everyone attending is properly wearing a face mask/face covering. If needed, a face mask will be provided. People will also be able to drop off their offering at this station if they wish. Communion elements (prepackaged wafer and juice) can be picked up at the usher stations as you walk in.
2. Face masks must be worn at all times during the service.
3. One family unit in the restroom at a time, and each individual is expected to clean all restroom touch points (doors, toilet, sink) after each use. Please do not flush the wipes as they clog the plumbing.
4. **Given the decline in Covid numbers in our area, we are excited to finally be able to allow congregational singing (with masks on). Updated 3/1/22.**
5. **We are excited to once again receive communion by coming forward to the altar. Full communion kits are also available in the narthex for those who do not feel comfortable coming forward. Updated 3/13/22.**

Any member, guest, or working personnel should call the Church Office at (909) 626-2714 if they become sick or were exposed to someone diagnosed with COVID-19. The Church Office is the point-of-contact regarding COVID-19 concerns for our members and ministering/working personnel.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation in observing the above temporary procedures and logistics. Again, they have been designed to keep everyone healthy and safe and to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus. By working together, we can get through this!

These guidelines are based on recommendations found in the “Care-Filled Worship, Fellowship and Sacramental Life in Lingering Pandemic” document that has been provided by numerous ecumenical church bodies to offer guidance to churches in this time. The full document can be found at... [https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Care-filled Worship and Sacramental Life in a Lingering Pandemic.pdf](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Care-filled%20Worship%20and%20Sacramental%20Life%20in%20a%20Lingering%20Pandemic.pdf)