

SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR SERVICES AT ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

In anticipation of reestablishing on-campus services, the leadership of Ascension, through prayer and discernment, has agreed that the following procedures be implemented for the safety of all those who the Lord leads to our doors:

- Arriving at Ascension:
 - Please do not enter the building until 30 minutes before the start of service.
 - Bring your face mask as it is always required to wear.
 - Every person, except for household units, must remain six feet apart.
 - Please follow all instructions from Church leadership, including ushers.
 - Once inside the building, please do not congregate. If you would like to socialize, please do so outside where the risk of transmitting germs is much lower. Please continue to wear your mask and observe appropriate social distancing protocols.
 - Hand sanitizer stations will be available upon entering and exiting.
- During Services:
 - Bulletins will be handed to you, but please avoid touching the usher's hand.
 - You will be escorted to your seat entrance. You will be directed where to sit. (The front rows first to back row.)
 - Water fountains will not be available (nor the coffee hour).
 - Bathrooms will be available but on a limited basis (only one at a time and knock before entry).
 - During sharing of peace please stay in your pew and either wave or make an appropriate sign of peace to those around you.
 - An offering will not be taken, but should the Lord lead you, there will be a plate available upon leaving and online giving continues to be available.
 - During Communion, please follow any instructions from the ushers carefully. Prior to Communing, please use the provided hand sanitizer and maintain appropriate social distancing from people who are not apart of your regular household. Please be sure not to touch anyone else's Communion cup and during this time, the Body of Christ will be distributed to parishioners' hands only.
- Leaving Ascension:
 - At the completion of service, people will be dismissed by rows (back rows to front rows). Hand sanitizer will be available.
 - Please be sure to collect and remove all your personal belongings, including bulletins, to make the sanitizing process easier.
 - After the service, the sanctuary and narthex will be thoroughly cleansed and sanitized in accordance with CDC protocols.
- Additional Considerations:
 - If you or someone in your household is ill, please stay home and join us through our livestreamed service.
 - Our Brothers and Sisters from the *Lamb of God* Congregation will be conducting their services in the fellowship hall. Please do not enter that space during this time.
 - Please do not enter any part of the building other than the narthex, sanctuary, or bathrooms. This will help disinfecting crews focus on specific areas.