

Guidelines for Return to In Person Worship at Emmanuel's Lutheran Church

Overall

- **Masks must be worn at all times.** A limited supply of masks will be available for use if necessary; if you are in need of one, take it home with you as you leave the service.
- Children under 2 are exempt from wearing a mask. Anyone else who is unable to wear a mask should continue participating exclusively in online services at home.
- All children are expected to stay within their household unit at all times.
- Do not attend any services if you are feeling ill, have been exposed to COVID 19, have a weakened immune system or are at high risk of exposing others.
- Use hand sanitizer as appropriate.
- There will continue to be weekly online worship. We encourage you to watch those services, which will continue to be at 8 am (Spirited Traditional) and 9:30 am (Celebration).
- Limit your conversations and practice physical distancing in the parking lots, walking to and from the service and during the service.

Outdoor Worship

- Will be held at the Pavilion. Members are to bring their own chairs and hand sanitizer.
- Pavilion will be roped off for only Worship Leaders. Do not approach Pastor and Leaders.
- Restrooms by the fellowship hall will be open only for emergency use; however, please take care of any personal needs prior to arriving at church, if possible. Sanitizing and safety guidelines will be posted.
- **Masks must be worn at all times.**
- 6 foot physical distancing expected (Household units exempt); please remain seated unless directed otherwise. All children are expected to remain seated with their household units.
- Service to be limited to approximately 30 minutes.
- There will be no communion at this time.
- In accordance with the National Association of Teachers of Singing and the American Choral Directors Association guidelines, we will not have any group singing. Music participation may include clapping, tapping thighs, stomping.
- Sharing of the peace may include waves or hand signals, reverent bowing or the sign language for 'Peace be with You.' There should be no embracing outside of household units and physical distancing should be enforced.
- In case inclement weather is anticipated, or if the state of Pennsylvania goes back to the yellow or red phase, and the outdoor service is to be cancelled, an announcement will be made on the church phone answering machine, Facebook page, WFMZ and website. The service will not be held indoors. Members should instead tune in to online worship.
- Bulletins are not necessary to participate, but will be available on the church website; it is recommended you follow along via your phone or device. No bulletins will be printed.
- Reservations are required by using Sign Up Genius (the link will be on the web site and the weekly e-news) or calling the church office. Please only sign up for one outdoor service per month to allow the greatest number of members to be able to attend. There will be a limit of 20 household units at any outdoor service. You may call the office or check Sign Up Genius on Friday afternoon, if all spots are not filled, feel free to call the office or register on Sign Up Genius to make a reservation for Sunday's service.
- Offering money can be placed in the provided basket, but we encourage online giving.

Indoor Worship

- For now, this service will be held in the upstairs sanctuary.
- There will be no hymnals, bibles, pencils, note papers in the pews.
- **Masks must be worn at all times.**
- Please enter through the main entrance, your temperature will be taken by an usher, and a brief screening questionnaire will follow. You will immediately be seated by an usher; please remain seated throughout the service. All children are expected to remain seated with their household units.
- Restrooms will be available for emergency use only. Sanitizing and safety guidelines will be posted.
- Service to be limited to approximately 30 minutes.
- In accordance with the National Association of Teachers of Singing and the American Choral Directors Association guidelines, we will not have any group singing. Music participation may include clapping, tapping thighs, stomping.
- There will be no communion at this time.
- Sharing of the peace may include waves or hand signals, crossing arms over chest, reverent bowing or the sign language for 'Peace be with You.' There should be no embracing outside of household units and physical distancing should be enforced.
- Bulletins are not necessary to participate, but will be available on the church website; it is recommended you follow along via your phone or device. No bulletins will be printed.
- There will be no offering collected by ushers; deposit your offering in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. We encourage online giving.
- There will be no greeting lines at the end of the service.
- Please refrain from gathering in the Narthex.
- You may exit through the main doors. If you stop to chat in the parking lot after the service, please remember to physical distance.
- Reservations are required by using Sign Up Genius (the link will be on the web site and the weekly e-news) or calling the church office. Please only sign up for one indoor service per month to allow the greatest number of members to be able to attend. There will be a limit of 24-26 people per indoor service. You may call the office or check Sign Up Genius on Friday afternoon, if all spots are not filled, feel free to call the office or register on Sign Up Genius to make a reservation for Sunday's service.