

WELCOME BACK. WELCOME HOME.

 GRACE OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our first “in-person” worship service will be held on **Sunday, October 4 at 9:00 am**. For those who are ready to come inside our building again for worship, we welcome you **back** and welcome you **home!** For those who prefer to participate in worship at home and for all our friends and families who have connected with us from far away, we will always live-stream our worship so we do not lose this valuable connection.

As we return to our church building, here are some important things to keep in mind:

1. We will always be patient and understanding with each other as we walk through this time together. We have different comfort levels, different concerns and different acceptance of risk in our lives.
2. We will always live-stream our worship and store the recording on our congregation’s website. So that you can always watch live from home or view the recording of the service at a later time. This connection is important to us and we consider those who are here and those who gather with us remotely as part of who we are.
3. If you are sick, have a fever or cough or any other symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home and gather with our congregation online.
4. When you enter the building, please wear a mask.
5. There will be hand sanitizer in the building on tables when you enter and three mounted on the wall.
6. As you come into the building to find your seat or use the bathroom, please maintain social distancing.
7. Seating will be arranged for social distancing. Please find a seat for you and your family. We ask that you do not move or rearrange seats. Chairs have been arranged to minimize aerosol transmission in the room.
8. The first row of seats will be 15 feet from the pastor and, since there is a safe distance between them and the congregation, worship leaders will not wear a mask during the leading of worship.
9. There will be music during the service, but singing will be minimized. IF you sing, please do so very softly or hum along.
10. We will not take an offering. There will be a basket available for you to place your offering. (you can also continue to mail in your offering or give online at the church website)
11. We will have communion every other Sunday. We will use sealed cups of bread and wine (non-alcoholic wine and gluten-free wafers are available) that you may pick up on your way in. We will remain in our seats for the distribution of communion.
12. After worship you will be ushered out. If you wish to visit, please do so outside.

While nothing can eliminate risk of transmission of this or any other communicable sickness completely, we believe these guidelines reduce the risk significantly. The rooftop HVAC units have been optimized for air flow in the worship space. Filters have been upgraded to maximize particle filtration and the fan operation on the units will be continuously “on” to provide fresh air transfer.

We look forward to welcoming you back and welcoming you HOME!

In Christ,

Pastor Jon and the Board of Elders at Grace of God