

**Faith Lutheran Church (FLC) Response Plan to COVID-19  
(FINAL - June 2021)**

The well-being of each person remains our primary consideration. The following guidelines are an addendum to our normal building usage policy, and apply to all individuals or groups participating at indoor worship. These guidelines are subject to change at any time. Your presence at worship implies gracious consent to the following:

1. We are committed to safe worship practices for the whole Body of Christ as we reopen the church. Each of us shares the great responsibility to protect the more vulnerable among us who are still at risk from COVID-19.
  - Effective May 28\*, anyone who is FULLY VACCINATED may participate in indoor worship without wearing a mask or physical distancing.
  - Anyone NOT FULLY VACCINATED is highly encouraged to consider getting vaccinated, wear a mask, and physically distance at indoor worship. Masks are also encouraged for those who are immunocompromised.
  - Worship will now be offered every Sunday at FLC at 9 am for in-person worship.
2. Streaming (live video/audio broadcasting through the internet) will continue each Sunday. Streaming gives worshippers a choice to participate to worship safely from home.
3. Worshippers must be free of COVID-19 symptoms and any illness.
4. Handling of objects, close greetings or handshakes with fellow members, and other similar contact is discouraged. The offering plate remains in an accessible location during the service. A secure drop box is located at the exterior of the building on the east side, and online giving is an option. Waving and other friendly no-contact greetings are absolutely encouraged.
5. We are implementing the following “return-to-normal” worship activities using a monthly plan.
  - June: Communion with prepackaged elements, singing done by soloist only, the offering plate will remain in the Gathering space.
  - July: Communion will be prepackaged elements, singing congregational hymns will be offered, the offering plate will remain in the Gathering space.
  - August: Holy Communion returns to the communion rail, with one space of distance between households. In addition, Communion elements may be offered as a take-home option, and by appointment, singing congregational hymns will be offered, the offering plate will remain in the Gathering Space.
6. OUR KITCHEN REMAINS CLOSED for food preparation. Church rooms are available to pre-approved meetings, please contact the church office if you would like to schedule a meeting indoors. Food that is served at the church must be purchased and prepackaged. Coffee hour after worship remains limited. Please know we are asking one person to pour coffee in an individual’s cup and for carafes to not be used at this time.
7. In the event of a known exposure to COVID-19, our church is required to follow Health Department guidelines, which may include closure, quarantines and further cancellation of activities. To ensure confidentiality, FLC will not provide information beyond public notification of time and date of exposure, and we humbly ask for your prayers for any who are ill.

This update was approved by Council in June 2021.