

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School COVID-19 Update, May 27, 2020

Online Worship Sunday Mornings – Onsite Communion Sunday Evenings

We praise God for the vibrant ministry He has allowed us to continue during this pandemic crisis, and for the ways that His Word has been shared and people brought together via technology. Nothing hinders the Word of God. Our staff and leaders remain committed to providing ways for people to Learn, Live, and Share Christ.

We also seek to love our community and promote the health and well-being of all worshippers, church and school families, staff, and our neighbors. We strive to follow CDC Guidelines to the extent possible while fulfilling our mission, and to honor those in positions of government. We acknowledge that the governor has made special exceptions for individuals traveling to and from worship services during the Stay-at-Home order.

After gathering feedback through our worship survey, and discussion with our Spiritual Life Team, Board of Directors, and Church Staff, the following worship plan has been made for the month of June.

Sunday Morning Worship will remain Live Stream Only through the month of June, at 9:30 a.m. on our YouTube Channel, found at the link at www.oursaviorlansing.org.

Evening Communion Services will be held on the First and Third Sundays of the month (June 7 & June 21) onsite in our sanctuary. These services will not be live streamed, and will adhere to necessary health precautions.

Due to social distancing, **space is limited**, and **worshippers are asked to register** for one of the services offered. If both services fill up, additional service times will be offered.

The Evening Communion Service will be an **abbreviated service** focused on the Sacrament, with minimal singing, Confession & Absolution, and a brief address to the communicants.

Face Masks will be required at all services for anyone over the age of 2. You may not feel that it is necessary for you to wear one. We ask that you would consider others. There may be someone who wants to come to church but is reluctant because others might not be wearing a face mask. Our sacrifice in wearing a face mask allows our neighbors to feel comfortable coming to church. We have helped them do this very important thing.

Please Stay Home if you are in a high-risk group, or if you have any symptoms of fever, cold, cough, runny nose, etc. If you are at all uncomfortable coming, please stay home. Pray for the day when all can return safely to the Lord's House to worship our Savior and receive His gifts.

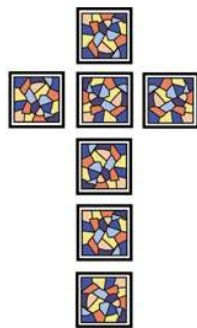
Many of the health precautions are similar to the service we held on March 15. Below is a list of safety precautions that are being taken going forward:

1. Doors will be propped open as much as possible to eliminate touch points.
2. Everyone will be required to fill out a connecting card and wash hands upon entering (the connecting cards give us an accurate list to provide to health officials should the need arise).

3. Worshippers will be asked to keep a 6-foot distance from all persons they did not arrive with in the same car. This will be communicated by signs on the exterior doors, on announcements slides, and markings on the floor and pews.
4. Spacing in the sanctuary is every other pew, and worshipping households are asked to sit six feet from other worshipping households. Six feet is four pew cushions. For most pews, it will be two households per pew. The total sanctuary capacity for pew seating is 112.
5. Holy Communion will be distributed on tables set up for that purpose near the chancel. Communion Assistants will “set the table” for each household when they approach. The Pastor and Vicar will follow by speaking the words of distribution, while the communicant takes the body and blood of Christ. Another set of communion assistants will then clear the tables and wipe them, ready to be reset. Follow the direction of the elders.
6. Offering plates will be at the doors of the sanctuary for those who would like to leave one.
7. Face masks will be required of all worshippers. Pastor and Vicar will wear a face mask and remove it only while in the chancel to address the congregation (where there is approximately 20 feet between pastor and people).
8. There is still a risk in coming. If you do not wish to assume that risk, please stay home.
9. People in high risk groups, or who are exhibiting fever or other cold/flu symptoms are asked to stay home.

Please check our website often. One thing we have learned is that things can change rapidly. More information is available at our website.

Please pray that God will continue to protect us and allow us to share His Word with our community and the world as we lean on His great and precious promises. Pray that God would allow us to contain the virus and find adequate treatment. Until then, we are glad to gather around Christ and His Word and Sacraments!



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