



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, amen.

We, your pastor and congregation president, thank you for your prayers and patience during this unprecedented time of pandemic. We are grateful for your spirit given gifts of faith and your commitment and encouragement.

We, along with Trinity's Church Council, have continued to stay abreast of the many changing mandates and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control, the Ohio Department of Health, the ELCA, and the Southern Ohio Synod. We have also gathered best practices from many of the Churches in our area. After reviewing all the pertinent information, Church Council voted to resume worshipping together beginning on June 7, 2020.

Please understand there is no 100% safe way to gather together. All the study and research we've done has been with the intent to minimize the risk, but it cannot be eliminated. As part of our plan to minimize the risk, our first option is to worship outdoors in the main parking lot on the north side of the building. We will move the Worship Service inside the building in case of inclement weather. You will receive a One Call on Saturday to let you know which location we will use.

There are a number of procedures we must follow in order to minimize the risks of transmitting the Coronavirus. The bullet paper attached to this letter outlines those procedures. Please plan to follow these procedures so we can resume worshipping together as safely as possible. Please remember if you are ill or older than 65 years of age with other health issues such as diabetes, COPD, or heart disease, please stay home and enjoy our YouTube video Worship experience.

If you have suggestions, comments, or questions, please contact either of us. Our contact information is provided below. May God continue to bless you and may you stay safe and healthy.

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atch: Procedures for Resuming Worshipping Together

**Procedures for Resumption of Onsite Worship Services
At Trinity Lutheran Church of Pittsburg, Ohio**

- YouTube Worship Services will continue for the foreseeable future
- Onsite Worship Services will resume at 10:30 am June 7th, 2020 unless otherwise prohibited
- You should not come to Worship if you have been in contact with anyone who has symptoms of illness or if you have been outside of the state of Ohio in the last two weeks
- If you have a fever or any symptoms of illness, please stay home and seek a doctor's advice
- If you are over 65 years of age and have other health issues, you are strongly encouraged to stay home and enjoy the YouTube Video Worship experience
- No printed bulletins, but they will be emailed and posted to our website (www.pitsburgtlc.org) and made available on Facebook so you can print your own prior to worship
- Offering plates will be located in a central location
- There will be no toy bags for children so please bring whatever quiet time toys your child may need
- Worship will be outdoors in the parking lot--weather permitting
- If weather doesn't permit outdoor worship, we will worship inside the building
 - In either case there will be no Sunday School for Adults or Children, Communion, Children's Message, Handshakes, hugs, or other physical contact
- **Procedures for Outdoor Worship:**
 - Park your car in the west side parking lot
 - The worship space will be in the parking lot on the north side of the building
 - Wear your face mask when moving between your car and the worship space
 - Bring your own lawn or folding chairs
 - Each family unit must maintain a social distance of at least six feet from others
 - A Public Address system will be used to insure adequate sound
 - The church building will NOT be opened, there will be no restroom facilities available
 - Keyboard will be used for musical accompaniment and limited singing
- **Procedures for indoor worship in case of inclement weather:**
 - Hymnals, Pew Pads, pencils and pens etc. have been removed from the pew areas
 - Extra measures will be taken to insure good air circulation--all doors and windows will be opened as much as possible and the Air Conditioners and fans will be turned on
 - Surfaces such as railings, light switches, doorknobs, and other hard surfaces in the Worship space will be sanitized before each worship service.
 - Attendance is limited to 55 individuals
 - Please arrive by 10:15 AM so everyone can be screened and seated by our 10:30 start time
 - Enter and exit only through glass doors on the north side of the Church building
 - Your temperature will be taken as you enter the building--if you have a fever, you will be asked to return home
 - Your hands will be sprayed with sanitizer as you enter the building (Please let the door greeter know if you are allergic to alcohol-based sanitizer)
 - You will enter the building after the group in front of you is seated in the Sanctuary
 - Ushers will escort you to your seat and maintain the social distance of six feet apart
 - Each family unit will maintain social distancing of at least six feet during the worship service
 - Please wear a facemask at all times as you are able
 - No out loud singing or speaking in unison-- sing the words and say the prayers in your head
 - Ushers will dismiss the congregation one family unit at a time starting from the back and you are to exit the building immediately