



Immanuel Lutheran Church

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
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June 17, 2020

PLAN TO REOPEN IMMANUEL FOR ON-SITE WORSHIP

Dear members of Immanuel,

Immanuel's Board of Elders is actively making plans for safe worship practices as we prepare to meet again for worship. These guidelines follow the latest CDC recommendations and Washington State requirements to keep everyone as safe as possible.

The date of our first in-person worship service will be Sunday, June 21. Now that Snohomish County has entered Phase 2 of the state reopening plan, worship services will be allowed with a limit of 50 people in attendance (not counting paid staff). Worship times will be 9AM and 11AM Sunday, and Wednesday at 7PM. Registration is required to attend a service – see detail on next page.

Onsite Bible study and Sunday school are not meeting at this time. The weekly live Bible study via Zoom will move to Thursdays at 7PM beginning June 25.

What to expect:

Please refer to the enclosed "Sunday Worship under Phase 2" document to see Immanuel's plan for resuming worship. It is important to note that personal contact will be minimal or non-existent. This means that Pastor Heck will not be in the narthex to greet you as you arrive or leave. He and the assisting elders will wear masks and gloves while distributing Holy Communion. Movement around the sanctuary will be limited, which means you should not visit with each other in the aisles. There will be no refreshments before or after worship services. We encourage you to visit in the parking lot, remembering to keep 6 feet distance between families.

Wearing masks is required (except for small children and those with breathing difficulty). Disposable masks and hand sanitizer will be available in the narthex.

Ushers will seat you as you arrive for service and dismiss you when service has ended. Seating location will be chosen by the usher to maintain distance between family groups. Ushers (wearing masks and gloves) will give you worship folders as needed. They will also have children's bulletins available.

When worship service is over, you are asked to take everything with you, including your worship folder. We will not be reusing them and ask that you dispose of the worship folder yourself. If you use a cushion, you may leave it on the pew. An usher will remove it after service.

Immanuel Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Our Mission

We, Immanuel Lutheran Church, sinners saved by God's grace
through faith in Jesus Christ alone, unite to share the Gospel with all.

Important notes:

Registration to attend worship is required each week to ensure there is room for everyone who arrives. We encourage online reservations through Eventbrite: <http://immanueleverett-worship.eventbrite.com/>. You may also contact the church office (425-252-7038 or office@immanueleverett.org) to make your reservation.

High risk individuals are encouraged to remain at home. Worship service videos will continue to be posted on YouTube and Facebook.

If you or anyone in your household are experiencing any symptoms, please stay home. These symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, new loss of taste or smell. Please check your temperature before leaving home to be sure it is below 100.4.

Please follow CDC guidelines regarding social distancing at all times. You are asked to remain on the main level at all times. The balcony is closed (except for the organist and any family members who may accompany her).

If you need to use the restroom during worship service, please check in with the usher. He will be monitoring to ensure only one person is in the restroom at a time (except for a child accompanied by an adult from the same household). When you return to the sanctuary, check in with the usher again so he knows the restroom is open.

We are asking for 5 volunteers to clean and disinfect high-touch areas after each worship service. This includes pews (backs, seats, arms), entry door, restrooms (door handles, light switches, faucets, toilet handles) and water fountain push bars. Buckets of soapy water, rags and disinfectant spray will be provided. If you are willing to stay after worship service to assist with this effort, please let the secretary know when you make your reservation or click "I am able to help ..." on the Eventbrite reservation site.

We are excited to join with you in worship again. We will strive to maintain a safe environment as Snohomish County moves through the stages of Washington State's "Safe Start" reopening plan. We thank and praise God that we have been able to gather around His Word via computer these past few months and look forward to continuing to worship Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light!

Please contact the church office, Pastor Heck, or one of the elders if you have any questions, comments or concerns about these plans.

Blessings,

Your Board of Elders

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