

"Here I Stand!"

A Covenant for In-Person Worship

I sincerely pledge to ensure that I am, to the best of my ability, following basic health measures to protect myself and my neighbors from contracting the SARS-CoV2 virus, including:

- adhering to HCLC physical distancing guidelines;
- wearing protective face masks to cover mouth and nose as directed;
- complying with SARS-CoV2 related signage;
- washing my hands often and using hand sanitizer, especially after sneezing, coughing, or touching high-contact objects like doorknobs, handrails, electronic keyboards, etc.; and,
- monitoring myself and close contacts for symptoms of the virus.

I further understand that I, as a member or guest of Holy Communion Lutheran Church will strive to love my neighbors by:

- refraining from attending worship or participating in church activities if I experience illness symptoms;
- staying abreast of changes communicated by the church council as the pandemic situation evolves;
- respecting the concerns of others who have heightened reasons for health concern, compared with my own; and,
- helping to hold my fellow worshipers accountable to this promise to our community of faith.

I understand that even though HCLC will take precautions to reduce the risks of SARS-CoV2 on its campus, I cannot be completely shielded from all risk of illness caused by a virus, and everyone in our congregation, including me, shares the responsibility for protecting the health of our members and guests. I acknowledge my individual actions are critical to a successful reopening of the church; and commit myself to upholding my promise to my sisters and brothers in Christ as outlined above, when electing to return in person to participate in congregational life. I further agree to release and discharge HCLC, its officers, employees, and volunteers from liability for any potential claims or actions related to the SARS-CoV2 virus or other pandemic.