

## **REVISED: Church Sanctuary Worship Service Guidelines**

Special guidelines will be followed to help assure the safety of everyone attending church, but we know the coronavirus is still active among us. We know that God desires us all to be together in worship again, but we are also sure He wants us to use good judgement in protecting our health.

☒ Many members who were considered “at-risk” and felt uncomfortable sitting inside the church have now been vaccinated. If you now feel comfortable coming back inside please do so. We still ask that you wear a mask and practice social distancing. The pews are sanitized after each service and hand sanitizer is available throughout the church. **However, if you have a symptomatic health condition, please check with your doctor to see if it is advisable to return at this time.**

**Wearing face masks inside the church/sanctuary is REQUIRED.** If you don't have one, masks are available throughout the church, along with hand sanitizing stations. Pastor will wear a mask, except when preaching God's Word.

Services will be held at 6:00 pm on Saturdays, and 9:00 am & 11:00 am on Sundays. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each service and secured during the services.

To comply with 6' social distancing guidelines, seating will be limited to every third pew (2 pews in between). Family groups and individuals will be separated by 6' in each pew. Services will be limited to approximately 75 attendees. Overflow will be asked to listen to the service on FM 92.1 in their cars. **Beginning on Palm Sunday seating will be available in every other pew.**

Ushers and Elders will assist with entry and dismissal to maintain social distancing. Do not sit in the taped off pews and follow the Ushers/Elders directions. We will be seating front to back upon entry and dismissing from back to front.

Ushers (wearing gloves & masks) will hand out bulletins with the service liturgy and hymns (please take these home; they can't be reused). Hymnals, Bibles and attendance books have been removed from the pews.

Offerings are collected at the sanctuary doorways while exiting the service. Exit the church promptly upon dismissal as the sanctuary, hallways, restrooms **MUST** be sanitized before the next service.

These guidelines are based on current Federal, State and County Health requirements and the recommendations of the LCMS to provide for your well-being. Although, we are taking steps to reduce the spread of Covid-19 or other infectious agents, the ultimate responsibility for preventative measures belongs to whomever comes to join us at St. Johns'. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging time.

### **Additional Worship Service Information: (all 3 services are traditional worship services)**

☒ By Radio - You can join our worship service by tuning to WQTT1270 AM and 96.7 FM at 8:00 a.m. airtime.

☒ Join us in the parking lot by tuning your car radio to 92.1 FM at any of our sanctuary services.

☒ Join us on Facebook at 11:00 a.m. for our “live streaming” service, or after on Sundays at:

<https://www.facebook.com/jack.heino>

**Sacrament of Holy Communion:** With many members receiving COVID-19 vaccinations, and with the number of hospitalizations continually decreasing, the Board of Elders have approved moving communion distribution back to the front of the altar. WE will still use single file by alternating release from the pews starting with the front pews. Those in the parking lot and those with difficulty walking up front will be served first. After receiving communion you will be dismissed using the left aisle. Do not return back to your seats. This will open the Marie Pfarr Room back up for some fellowship time, keeping in mind social distancing and masks are still in effect. This new procedure will start the first weekend in March.