



*Faithfully living, loving, and serving in God's grace*

## **In-Person INDOOR Worship Guidelines**

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ALC's Covid-19 Task Force has been working conscientiously to respond to the latest trends in our area and to put a plan in place for us to worship together as safely as possible. The task force will make adjustments as needed. Please use your own judgement when deciding whether to attend in-person worship. Every other row of pews in the sanctuary is roped off to ensure proper social distancing from front to back. For those who prefer to continue to worship with us online, we will continue to livestream worship on Facebook Live.

To conduct in-person worship as safely as we can, we need your help. It's important that everyone carefully reads and adheres to the following guidelines:

- ❖ **Worship Service:** The doors will open at 9:00 am and worship will begin at 9:30 am. Bulletins will not be provided, so we will use the screens to project the order for worship.
- ❖ **Social Distancing:** Households and family may sit together. Please keep a six-foot distance from others.
- ❖ **Masks:** Masks are required for everyone in attendance, regardless of vaccination status. If you do not have a mask, disposable masks will be available.
- ❖ **Hand sanitizer:** We highly encourage you to use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the church.
- ❖ **Seating:** Please seat yourself, keeping six feet distance from others. At the close of worship, exit from the back rows first, the front rows last. Please follow this guidance so we can keep the traffic flow safe for everyone. Young children must remain with an adult at all times.
- ❖ **Who Attends:** We encourage those who are sick or at risk to worship online. This includes: individuals with underlying health conditions or suppressed immune systems, people who have recently been exposed to COVID-19, individuals with COVID-19, or living with someone with COVID-19.
- ❖ **Communion:** We will have Holy Communion every Sunday. However, the use of common communion elements shared between parties is not permitted as it could contribute to the spread of the virus. We will provide individual, prepackaged communion elements.
- ❖ **Offering:** An offering box is located in the fellowship hall, by the middle entrance to the sanctuary, if you would like to physically give your offering before or after worship. You may also continue to give online at <http://www.alcashland.org/online-giving/>, or by mail.
- ❖ **Restrooms:** Please only one person/family in each restroom at a time.
- ❖ **Fellowship:** At this time, there will be no formal fellowship time after worship.

Respectfully,

American Lutheran Church Council