



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Crawfordsville, Indiana

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COVID – 19 Guidelines for Conducting Worship Services

With the national COVID-19 pandemic, we at Holy Cross have had to adjust how we conduct worship services and other activities. Our weekly digital services have been well received and we are grateful to Pastor Stone and to all who have provided their time and talents in making the recordings. They have enabled us to continue meeting and worshipping as a congregational family.

As we return to face-to-face worship services, additional actions will be taken to sanitize all touchable surfaces before and after every worship service.

In addition, temporary changes regarding how our worship services will be conducted have been developed. Below are the guidelines we will be following as we implement face-to-face worship services during the ongoing pandemic. These guidelines are subject to change as needed and will be followed until further notice. Thank you for your compliance in following each of these guidelines.

Some General guidelines

Wash hands or use hand sanitizer often.

Direct sneezes and coughs to your arm or the pit of your elbow.

Do not shake hands.

Follow social distance spacing at all times.

Facemasks: Wearing facemasks is very highly recommended at all times when out in public for the health and safety of others and especially while in church, although this is not mandatory.

Please bring your facemask with you to worship services. Facemasks will be provide for those who do not bring their own.

Do not use the front doors to enter the church. These doors will be locked at all times.

Entering the Church

1. When you arrive at church, please enter the church at the rear door (north). Enter as family groups, couples, or as individuals. Have your whole group present and enter together.
- 2.) At the back door, you will be greeted by one of the ushers who will lead you to the pew of your choice.
3. If you have to wait to be admitted to the church at the back door, please observe social distancing procedures (6 foot spacing).
4. At the back door and before being led to a pew, you will be asked to sanitize your hands at a station provided for this purpose. All materials will be provided.

Seating in Pews

5. In order to insure social distancing, every other pew will be closed for seating. Closed pews will be sealed with blue tape strips.
6. Family groups may sit together without social distance spacing.
7. All pews will have social distance spacing indicated on the seat of each pew with blue tape strips. Do not sit on spaces marked with an "X."

Order of Service

8. Instead of using the hymnals in the pews, paper copies of the Order of Service will be printed and provided each week for worship. Paper copies will be distributed by ushers.

Communion

9. Communion will not take place at the communion rails. An usher will direct communicants to communion stations. Separate stations will be set up at the front of the church near the altar at which individual communion wafers (on paper plates) and wine (in individual cups) will be available. Each person will select a wafer and cup of wine for communion. After eating the wafer and drinking the wine, trash containers will be available for disposal of the plates and cups.

Offerings

10. Tables will be set up in the Narthex with offering plates for your offerings.

Leaving Church

11. Following our worship service, an usher will dismiss pews one at a time.
12. Please follow social distance spacing as you leave the church.

13. After you leave the sanctuary, please do not congregate in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall.

14. As you leave the church through the back door, please sanitize your hands again.

Additional Church Activities

15. **Sunday School** and **Bible Study Classes** will not meet and will continue to be suspended until further notice.

16. **Fellowship activities** following worship service will continue to be suspended until further notice.

17. The **Kitchen** is closed and is not available for use at any time.

18. **Restrooms** will be available to one person at a time. Upon entering the restroom, please close the door. A closed restroom door indicates that it is occupied. When leaving the restroom leave the door open as a sign that the restroom is unoccupied.

19. If you check your **mailbox**, please observe social distance spacing. Please do not congregate at the back door.

Some final words....

As we begin our return to regular worship services and other activities at Holy Cross, we ask that you use your best judgment at all times. We supplied these guidelines in order to help provide reverent worship services and to protect the health of all of our members. By worshiping and working together, we will continue to build our Holy Cross congregation, do God's work, and serve Him in joy and peace. Thank you for your help in making these things happen. See you on Sunday!