



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GLC Members & Friends,

After a long wait, we are excited to announce that **we will begin our new Hybrid Worship on Sunday, June 20th**. "Hybrid Worship" is the term we are using for our new worship format that combines an online community with an in-person community present in the sanctuary. Our new hardware, software, and talented A/V team make it possible for those on Zoom to see those in the sanctuary and vice versa. Our hope is that this will allow all to actively participate in worship as one gathered community whether they are at home or in the church building. Hybrid Worship is just one more way we are striving to fulfill our mission to be servants of ALL PEOPLE.

For those of you who will be coming to the sanctuary for worship, please know that we are doing our best to keep everyone as safe as possible. We will be following all government guidelines, and in some cases taking extra precautions as a way of being in solidarity with the most vulnerable in our community (ex: children, those unable to be vaccinated for medical reasons, etc.). In order to do this, we need your help in two main ways:

1) Follow all posted and verbal risk mitigation measures (see below)

AND

2) volunteer to serve in some capacity in worship (Greeter, Usher, Lector, Assisting Minister, Tech Host, etc.)

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Leslie Weber or La Quita Opperman (Council President). We look forward to seeing you in worship on screen or in the sanctuary!

God Bless,
GLC Council

What to Expect When Attending Worship In-Person

- **General Guidelines**
 - If you don't feel well, please stay home and be part of the worshipping community via Zoom.
 - If you have exhibited signs of illness in the last 48 hours, had a positive COVID-19 test in the last 10 days, or been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, please stay home and be part of the worshipping community via Zoom.
 - Wear a mask that covers your mouth, nose, and chin, regardless of vaccination status.
 - Keep 6 feet of distance between you and individuals outside your household—no handshakes, hugs, etc.
 - Practice good hand hygiene—wash or sanitize your hands upon entry and exit of the church building
- **Entering the Building**
 - Greeters will be stationed at the double glass doors to welcome you into the building.
 - They will record your name, encourage you to sanitize your hands, and ask you some general health questions (Are you feeling well? Have you been exposed in the last 14 days?)
 - Then they will invite you to head to the Ushers station.
 - Restrooms will be available for use, but are limited to one household at a time and the doors should remain open to increase air circulation.
 - The Nursery will be available for children under age 5. Masks are encouraged for children who are used to wearing them.
- **Entering the Sanctuary**
 - As you enter the Sanctuary, Ushers will provide you with bulletins and communion kits and invite you to find a seat.
 - Everything you need for the worship service will be included in the bulletin. There will not be pew Bibles, hymnals, pencils, etc. in the pews. You are encouraged to bring your own Bible or download a Bible App on your mobile device before arriving.
 - Every other pew will be available for seating. You are encouraged to fill the pew from the end indicated; we will alternate ends of pews to increase distancing between households/pods.
 - We encourage you to contribute financially using our electronic giving platform; however, the Offering Plate will be available near the Baptismal Font for you to place your envelope in.
- **During Worship**
 - Congregational singing is permitted, but we encourage you to sing with a little less gusto than usual (you will be wearing a mask). Keep

in mind that CDC recommends that non-vaccinated worshippers refrain from singing.

- For the Passing of the Peace, you are asked to remain in your pew and refrain from touching anyone outside your household/pod. Consider air-hugs, profound bows, and peace signs.
- Communion will be served using individual kits that will be provided to you when you enter the sanctuary. Please follow instructions about when to open, unmask, and consume.
- **After Worship**
 - You will be encouraged to quickly exit the sanctuary via the back door near the Baptismal Font one pew at a time starting from the back.
 - There will be receptacles for you to recycle your bulletin, throw away trash from communion, and drop your communion baskets to be sanitized.

We will continue to err on the side of caution as we strive to show love of God and neighbor in all that we do. We ask for your cooperation, understanding, flexibility, and a bit of grace as we return to having part of our worshipping community present in the sanctuary.