



St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Re-Engage

St. Paul's Plan for Re-Opening Public Worship

26 May, A.D. 2020

(Re-Engage Phase: May 30 - June 28, 2020)

Christ is risen!

A. Key Dates

May 30

Summer schedule begins*:

Sat, traditional, 5pm

Sun, traditional, 8am (live-streamed and radio)

Sun, contemporary, 10:30am

Wed, lakeside, 6:30pm

*contingent upon cleaning teams in place.

Re-Engage phase: May 24-June 28, 2020.

Re-evaluated mid-June 2020.

B. Re-Engage Worship Logistics

1. Capacity (150/Sat-Sun service)

- a. No more than 25% of a room's capacity
 - i. Sanctuary: 110 people
 - ii. Fellowship Hall: 40 people
- b. Overflow will be asked to return for next service (Sorry ☹️ This is temporary.)
- c. Wed. lakeside service: 50 people

2. Personal Safety Procedures

- a. Please consult CDC guidelines before going out in public
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention-H.pdf>
 - i. There is no cure for Covid-19 at this time.
 - ii. Any public activity increases risk.
 - iii. Being among even a properly socially-distanced group of people in an enclosed space increases risk.
- b. Do NOT come if you show any signs of illness
- c. Sanitize hands upon entry and exit
- d. Masks are *highly recommended*.**
- e. Masks must remain on (It defeats the purpose to take a mask on and off and touch the inside of a mask.)
- f. **Masks are *especially recommended* for those who sing**
(Singing projects more than speaking.)
- g. No hand-shaking for the time being
- h. Social distancing of 6 feet between people not in the same family

3. Congregational Safety Procedures

- a. Minimum of every other pew. Pews will be marked off.
- b. Hand-held worship aids (Hymnals, Bibles, pencils & registration cards) are removed from the sanctuary.
 - i. Liturgy will be on screens.
- c. Families may bring their own hymnals if they like.
- d. A non-singing area in the Fellowship Hall will be designated.
- e. The Baptismal font will not be filled at this time unless there is a baptism.
- f. A simple half-sheet of text for Lakeside service will be handed out and must be discarded or taken home after the service.
- g. Frequently touched surfaces (pews/pew tops, door handles, microphones, etc.) will be cleaned after every service.
- h. Offerings will be collected in baskets in the aisles. (Plates will *not* be passed). Electronic giving and automatic withdrawal are preferred.
- i. It is recommended that the collection is not counted for at least 3 days after the weekend's services. Counters will use masks and properly sanitize afterwards.
- j. Restrooms will be cleaned after every service. Cleaning materials will be placed in restrooms and users are encouraged to clean surfaces they touch.
- k. If there are no elevator operators/cleaners the elevator cannot be used and those who would use the elevator must worship in the fellowship hall.

- l. Greeters at church and school entrances will be masked and open doors for people to minimize touching of common surfaces.
- m. Doors that can legally be propped-open should be.
- n. Windows may be opened for better ventilation.
- o. The parish bulletin and *Epistle* will be posted to the web site and emailed. It will be printed and mailed upon request.
- p. The school facility and gym will be locked and cordoned off.

4. Distribution of The Lord's Supper

- a. Altar guild members will wear masks and wash thoroughly before preparing the sacred vessels and elements.
- b. Distribution will be by walking line.
 - i. To accommodate contemporary teams who may have to spread out in front the pulpit, distribution will be by lectern side and pulpit side (not both simultaneously).
- c. Ushers will direct people to keep proper social distance.
- d. Pastors will visibly wash/sanitize before the consecration.
- e. Pastors and elders who distribute will wear masks and visibly wash/sanitize before the distribution. If inadvertent contact is made, the pastor or elder will immediately sanitize his hands before continuing the distribution.
- f. The Body of Christ will be received ONLY in the HAND at this time.
- g. The Blood of Christ will only be received by individual cup at this time. Trays will be 1/2 or 1/3 filled and spread out so only one cup can be touched by a hand.
- h. Carefully raise your mask with one hand to consume. **Do not touch the inside of your mask** and then return your hand to a common surface.
- i. Altar guild members will wear masks and carefully clean sacred vessels with soap and hot water after each service.
- j. Reliquae (remaining elements), according to ancient custom, will be consumed or returned to the earth. (No reservation for distribution.)
- k. Distribution to shut-ins will only be done by the pastors or those elders not at-risk (as approved by the pastors) during the Re-Engage phase.