

**WHAT CAN I EXPECT WHEN WE ARE INDOORS FOR WORSHIP?**  
**St. Peter's Lutheran Church, York PA**

The Council and Safe Church Committee have been working on procedures and principles for worshipping together safely in this time of COVID-19. These are based on the fact that York and Lancaster counties are in the "green – new normal" phase of resuming activities according to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Changes in that status or the number of virus cases may change our procedures and plans.

**If you have been ill, have a fever, cough, experience symptoms of respiratory distress, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, we request that you please stay home.**

**GENERAL**

- Our new sextons, Sue and Kristen, are regularly disinfecting the public spaces of the building.
- Worship leaders, including greeters and ushers, are being trained in the new procedures.
- There will be "Stop!" and "Enter at your own risk" screening signs at the entry to the building.
- It may take longer to enter the building for worship, since reading screening signs will be required before entering.
- **Masks are required** for all persons over 2 years old at all times. If you cannot wear a mask, we request that you worship online at home for everyone's protection.
- **Physical distancing** of at least 6 feet is required at all times. These distances are marked by tape for those waiting for the elevator, to use the restrooms, and to receive Communion.
- **Children are to remain with their parents/guardians at all times. The nursery is closed.**
- Please sanitize your hands upon entry and exit, before receiving Communion and after using the restroom. Sanitizing stations have been set up.
- The elevator will be used by individuals or co-habiting family members only.
- There will be no coffee social and people are encouraged to limit socializing to outdoors.
- **Please bring a pen to fill out an attendance card each week** for contact tracing.
- Offering boxes will be placed at the front and the rear of the sanctuary to receive your envelopes.
- Transporting others who do not live with you is discouraged at this time.

**WORSHIP**

- Pews are taped off for safe seating with physical distancing.
- A gloved usher will hand you a bulletin. Please take it home with you. Do not leave it behind.
- You will be escorted to safe seating by an usher. If you must use the restroom during worship, please let the usher know to seat you toward the back. Please understand that you may be seated in a location other than your preferred spot.
- There are no hymnals in the pews because there will be no group singing.
- Group speaking will be limited to short phrases. When speaking, do so softly.
- The service will be about 30 minutes long, not including Communion or music.
- Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of the service immediately before you leave the building. It will be the wafer only, in which we receive the fullness of Christ's presence in body and blood.
- Worshipers are asked to remain seated and respectfully quiet until an usher dismisses you for Communion and exit.
- When you are dismissed, bring all your belongings with you, and place your offering and attendance card in the box provided. Sanitize your hands.
- Those seated toward the front of the church will receive Communion and exit by the pulpit doors to the parking lot.
- Those seated toward the back of the church will receive Communion in the rear narthex before leaving by the main door.