

Worship our Lord with joy!

Dear Friends,

We are excited to invite you to public worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

To promote social distancing at each service, we are presently offering additional service times throughout the summer.

Thursdays at 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Sundays at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:00 am

Safety concerns are a top priority. We are following safety precautions as outlined by Washington/Ozaukee Public Health Department Directives, and guidelines provided by our synodical leaders. This includes:

- Limit attendance to 25% of our seating capacity (132 maximum per service)
- Use every other pew, and practice social distancing, stay 6 feet apart at all times, no hugs or handshakes
- Children will remain in their pew for Children's Message
- To manage attendance, we ask you to register online each week for the service of your church at www.goodshepherdwels.org. If you need help, call 334-7881 and we can sign up for you.
- Trained volunteers will clean and disinfect the church after each service. They will wipe all commonly used surfaces with soap and water and an EPA-approved disinfectant. This includes surfaces such as pews and chairs, door handles, light switches, and bathroom.
- Masks – We encourage members to bring and wear a mask, but this is not required. We will offer masks at the door if you need one.
- Encourage all members to wash their hands with hand sanitizer as they enter and leave. We will have cleaning supplies available and encourage donations of hand sanitizer.
- Anyone who is feeling ill or is "high risk" is asked not to attend.

Communion Practice

We plan to celebrate Holy Communion the 2nd and the 4th weekends of each month.

Communicants will stand in front of the altar, spaced apart 6 ft, rather than walking behind the altar.

A pastor, wearing a mask and gloves, silently puts a wafer on a kleenex which people pick up and hold in their hand. He does this for everyone in that row, spaced apart. Then he returns to the middle, takes a step back, and says to the entire row, "Take and eat, etc.." This way the pastor is not speaking directly in the face of each communicant.

Wine – another pastor, wearing a mask and gloves, silently holds the tray for people to take their cup as he distributes to each person in that row. Then he returns to the middle, steps back once again to a safe distance and says to all at once, “Take and drink, etc. ”.., along with the blessing.

No Common Cup will be offered at this time.

Safety Encouragement from WELS leadership: As we break out of our home quarantines, there is an increased risk that the deadly COVID-19 virus will once again spread in the community. The last thing we want to see is our church become a hot spot for the virus to spread. The virus can spread by droplets in the air or by touching contaminated surfaces. It will be important for churches to minimize the risk of transmission from member to member.

How can you help?

Follow the safety precautions as outlined here, looking out for your neighbor’s welfare.

Please bring your own mask so we don’t need to supply them.

Donations of masks and hand sanitizer are welcome.

We are organizing volunteers to clean the church after each service. Email Pastor Hein at revRhein@gmail.com or call him at 334-7881 and he will direct you to the volunteer coordinator of that area.

How exciting to gather together for public worship once again.

May the Lord bless our plans to worship safely and with joy!