

Coming to Church: Step-by-Step Guidelines

For the love of our neighbours, when we gather, we will do our best to protect each other and keep everyone safe. Below are Augsburg's new guidelines for re-opening.

Before you come to church:

- Do a self-check. If you have a fever, chills, cough, runny nose, trouble breathing; or have been in contact with a COVID positive person – please stay home.
- If you have underlying health issues or are considered 'vulnerable' to this disease, you should reconsider attending.
- Choose the mask you are going to wear.
- Leave home earlier than you are used to, as attendance will be on a first come, first serve basis.
- The church doors will open to worshipers at 10:10am. Twenty minutes before service starts at 10:30am. The doors will close when we reach capacity or at 10:40am, whichever comes first.

Entering the Building:

- Enter via the north/main doors. These are the doors we normally use.
- Follow the physical distancing markers.
- Be patient as parishioner screening and information is collected upon entrance.
- You will be asked to sanitize your hands when you enter the building.
- Face masks/coverings will be required within the building. Face masks will be made available to those who do not have one.
- Ushers will guide you to your seat once screening has been completed.
- The mailboxes in the narthex will not be available to use. All communication will be either emailed or mailed by Canada Post.
- Please keep your coats with you during the service as there will be no coat racks available.
- We ask that the washrooms be left for emergency use only. If you must use them, please wash your hands with soap and water and then use the disinfectant wipes to wipe down the toilet handle, taps and doorknobs.

While in the Sanctuary:

- Ushers will seat parishioners as they arrive.
- There is room in the sanctuary for 20 bubbles ranging from 1 to 6 parishioners in each bubble, (most spots will seat between 2 and 6 people. It is possible that 1 person will end up in a spot that could hold more.) It is very likely that you will not be sitting in your "usual" spot.
- Please stay in your spot once seated.
- We ask that children remain with their parents/guardians

Order of Service & Take Homes:

- The worship service will be shorter than usual; about 30 minutes.
- Bulletins and an offering plate will be made available to you upon first entering the sanctuary.
- Singing by the congregation will not be allowed at this time. Music will be played/sung by the music director.
- Touching (hugs/handshakes) is not allowed at this time.
- Communion-to-go kits will be available at occasional services. Each kit contains six (6) bread pieces, a juice box, and a prayer for home use. The kits will be blessed during worship.

Exiting the Building:

- Exiting after worship will be done one pew at a time.
- Exit through the emergency exit in the sanctuary and then through the west facing doors.
- A recycle bin will be available for discarded bulletins beside the exit.
- There will be no coffee fellowship for the time being.
- Worship services will be available (online/recorded or in print) for those who cannot attend or do not feel comfortable attending.