

# In-Person Worship at Fjeldberg, Beginning Fall 2020

With an abundance of caution, the Congregation Council of Fjeldberg Lutheran Church will gather for in-person worship taking the precautions identified below.

**We are taking extra care because of our concern for the well-being of ALL people in our congregation.**

## Requirements for In-person Worship:

1. The congregation may resume weekly in-person worship beginning November 1.
2. On-line worship will continue along with in-person worship resumes.
3. As weather permits, worship may be held outdoors.
4. Those in at-risk groups (chronic illness, over 70, respiratory conditions like asthma or COPD, diabetes, or suppressed immune system) are *strongly encouraged* to worship at home.
5. Those with symptoms, those who have been exposed to the virus, and those who have traveled recently should *NOT* attend worship until they know they do not carry the virus.
6. Holy Communion may be celebrated as follows: use pre-packaged single-use bread/wine containers; congregation remains in the pews; servers will come to them; servers will wear masks.
7. There will be no congregational singing and no choir.
8. Children will remain in their seats for the children's message.
9. There will be no Sharing of the Peace and no handshaking before or after worship.
10. Worship will be shortened to approximately 30 minutes.
11. Masks shall be worn. Worshipers are asked to bring their own masks. Disposable masks will be provided if needed. Children are asked to wear masks. Where this is impractical, family seating areas will be set aside for families with young children.
12. There will be no food or treats served following worship.
13. Access will be limited to the south (elevator) and east (sanctuary) entrances only. Doors will be propped open, so we do not need to touch door handles.
14. Non-contact hand sanitizers are placed at each entrance.
15. The nursery will not be open.
16. Frequently touched items will be removed (hymnals, Bibles, visitor cards, kids' activity bags, cards & pencils in pew racks).
17. Worshipers will sit in every other pew. Only members of the same household may share a pew.

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18. There will be a single usher at each entrance to ask worshipers to go directly to their seat to prevent gatherings at the entrances.
19. Bulletins will not be printed; the order of the service will be projected on the screen.
20. The pastor, lectors, and others who speak in worship may remove masks while speaking. They shall remain at a distance of 20 feet from the front congregation.
21. Instrumental music may be used for worship (piano, organ, handbells, or other). Musicians shall sit where they avoid walking past others. We will not have vocalists.
22. An offering plate will be placed at the back of the sanctuary instead of passing the plate.
23. If, after attending worship, a worshiper subsequently tests positive, they need to notify the church office so that information can be relayed to the whole congregation (all names withheld). No individual records are being kept by Fjeldberg.
24. Worshipers are asked to minimize restroom use and only use the upstairs restrooms.