

## **Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church In-Person Worship Service Procedure For May 2021**

Welcome back! Our worship is ongoing, but some things have changed, so please take a moment to learn more about what to expect for in-person worship at Gustavus Adolphus. We're always here for you, we're focused on your safety, and we look forward to seeing you again -- safely.

### **Coming into Church**

#### *Plan ahead*

1. **Consider, *should I go come to church in person?*** (refer to other document)
2. **Register to attend :** go to [www.gachurch.org/worshipguidelines](http://www.gachurch.org/worshipguidelines), email [church@gachurch.org](mailto:church@gachurch.org) or call 651-774-5954 with your name, a contact telephone number, and all the names of people attending with you.
3. **If you'll have a child along**, bring some activities to keep them quietly occupied. GA's activity bags will not be available, and the nursery and play areas will be closed.

#### *Arrive safely*

4. **Park in the South parking lot**, and leave any food or beverages in your car. They are not permitted in the building.
5. **Put on your masks before entering** the South entrance door. All congregants aged 3 and older will keep masks on, covering both your nose and mouth, until you leave the building following worship, except for taking Communion. Face shields are not an acceptable substitute for a face mask.

#### *Enter cautiously*

6. **Clean your hands** with the hand sanitizer at the entrance
7. **Keep coats, hats, umbrellas, etc.** with you. The cloak rooms will be closed.
8. **Check in** at the registration table

#### *Prepare for the sanctuary*

9. **Space yourself and your household** 6' feet from others in line (add tape/decals so you people know where to stand, six feet apart)

10. **Pick up a bulletin and Communion packet** from the table
11. **Wait on the X** for the usher
12. The usher will guide you into the sanctuary and seat you in **your assigned seats**

*Worship safely*

- **You must keep your mask on, covering both your nose and mouth**, throughout the service, including while singing and participating in the liturgy, until you have exited the building, except for taking Communion
- **No food or beverage** of any kind is permitted
- **Communion will be taken in our assigned seats**
- We will wave at (or greet) each other during the **sharing of the peace** from our seats. No handshakes, hugs, crossing the aisles or physical contact.
- At the end of the worship service, **pack up your used Communion cups and bulletins**, and prepare to take them with you to recycle or throw out at home
- After the Sending, **wait in your seats for the usher** to escort you out of the sanctuary

*Leave respectfully*

- **Please leave the building** directly following the service. Do not linger in the Narthex. The Gathering Space is closed and there will be no coffee hour.
- **Leave your offering in the plate** on the table
- Weather permitting, **the Pastors will be outside** on the sidewalk ready to wave hello