

Trinity Lutheran Church - MASK UPDATE

On Wednesday, March 31, 2021 the Wisconsin Supreme Court voted to end Governor Evers' state-wide mask mandate, effective immediately. Local governments have the authority to continue their own mask mandates, however at this time, our county health services have indicated that they are not going to authorize a mandate. They do recommend that we continue to follow CDC guidelines: wear masks whenever possible, practice social distancing, and wash hands regularly.

What does this mean for our worship services at Trinity? Trinity's leadership has spent a great deal of time trying to provide options that will meet the needs of our members. Here is our plan moving forward:

Wednesday Evening Worship

- As per CDC guidelines: Masks preferred.
- 50% capacity limit (to be reviewed regularly).
- In order to provide social distancing – please sit in the pews where there are no markings. The markings are there to make sure that no one has someone directly behind them. *We understand that there might be an occasional exception so that a family can be together. Please try to limit.*

Sunday 8:00 am Worship

- As per CDC guidelines: Masks preferred.
- 50% capacity limit (to be reviewed regularly).
- In order to provide social distancing – please sit in the pews where there are no markings. The markings are there to make sure that no one has someone directly behind them. *We understand that there might be an occasional exception so that a family can be together. Please try to limit.*

Sunday 10:30 am Worship

- As per CDC guidelines: Masks strongly preferred.
- This is the worship service for those who want to be masked.
- 25% capacity (to be reviewed regularly).
- Please sit in the pews where there are no ropes, and practice social distancing.

Here are a few recommendations for both groups.

To those who prefer/choose to continue wearing a mask:

- Feel free to do so as long as you wish.
- Realize that some may prefer not to do so. Out of Christian love, please respect the rights of those who choose not to wear a mask.

- Especially when conversing with someone who is not wearing a mask, if you prefer to socially distance, please feel free to let them know and ask that they provide that comfortable distance.

To those who prefer/choose not to continue wearing a mask:

- Feel free to attend without the use of a mask.
- Realize that some may prefer to continue to wear a mask. Out of Christian love, please respect their right to do so.
- When conversing with someone, whether they are wearing a mask or not, if they indicate that they would prefer to social distance while standing or sitting, please respect their wishes and remain at a distance.

Miscellaneous Items

- We will be singing in all our worship services, whether masked or non-masked.
- Offering plates will remain in the back of church and near the balcony stairs.
- Online and cable worship opportunities remain available for those who are more comfortable worshipping at home during the pandemic.
- We will continue to offer continuous communion.
- Private communion is available in church or in your home. Please call either the church office or a pastor to schedule.
- You no longer need to sign up for worship. Just come!

Final Thoughts

We are committed to offering as many options as possible to meet the needs of our members. Please feel free to share your constructive thoughts to any of the pastors or members of the Leadership Team. As always, we would love to hear from you!

We will continue to monitor events as we go forward. As always, procedures may change. If they do, we promise to inform you as soon as possible. See you in worship!