

## IMPORTANT NOTE ON MAY UPDATES

Our Worship & Evangelism Committee has been engaging in prayerful discernment and discussions as we continue to journey back to a "new normal." Starting in May, our goal is to celebrate communion and sing during worship services. In order to do this, it is **essential** that we maintain 6 feet between households and follow instructions for the safety of all. This may mean changing seats as worshippers arrive to accommodate everyone. As long as we maintain appropriate distance and follow instructions, we look forward to continuing our journey toward our "new normal" together. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

## SHOULD I COME TO INDOOR WORSHIP?

**Come to worship only if you feel well!** We cannot emphasize this enough.

Please stay home if:

- you have any symptoms of illness (fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea)
- you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 2 weeks
- anyone in your household is demonstrating symptoms of COVID-19
- you are high-risk or caring for someone who is high-risk

## WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT WHEN I ARRIVE?

**We will maintain social distancing (6 feet apart) inside and ask you practice social distancing as you arrive and leave from worship in the parking areas.**

- **Entering (mask on BEFORE entering):** The office door and the main sanctuary doors will be open. When coming to worship, go directly to the Sanctuary. Offering baskets, hand sanitizer, and bulletins will be available at both entrances to the sanctuary.
- **Seating:** Once you enter the sanctuary, take a seat in the designated seating areas, **maintaining at least 6 feet between you and the next household.**
- **Worship:** Everything in the pews has been removed. The worship service order and responses will be found in your bulletin. We will refrain from sharing the peace and passing an offering plate.
- **Communion:** Communion elements will be available as you enter the sanctuary. Please bring the pre-packaged elements with you as you find a seat. As you are comfortable, you may partake of these elements during the worship service at the appropriate time. You are also able to take the elements with you to partake at home if that is more comfortable. There will be garbages at either door for you to dispose of your empty containers as you leave the sanctuary.
- **Leaving:** As you leave the sanctuary, remember to **maintain at least 6 feet between you and the next household** and take everything with you.

## OTHER INFORMATION

- All pews will be disinfected after each worship service, and the sanctuary, bathroom, and public areas thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.
- The restroom in the Gathering Space will be available for use.
- There will be no coffee fellowship after the worship service.
- If we are informed of a possible exposure, we will share that information on our digital platforms as well as in worship.



## WORSHIP PREPAREDNESS PLANS

### SCHEDULE:

9:00AM on Sundays

Worship will be subject to change according to guidance from the MDH.

Worship services will also be available online at [www.stpaul-lc.org](http://www.stpaul-lc.org) and on Midco Local Access Channel 56 on Sundays at 9:00 and 5:00 as well as on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:00