

Grace Lutheran Church's Updated COVID Worship Guidelines (Revised June 29, 2021)

As things continue to improve in the long battle against COVID, we are taking further steps to return to a more “normal” worship routine. These guidelines have been adopted following discussions with congregational leadership, the church office staff, worship leaders and medical professionals. The church council approved returning to regular inside worship on Sunday mornings at its June 24, 2021 meeting.

Resuming Regular Inside Worship – We plan to move our Sunday morning worship services inside for the rest of the summer. The currently planned exceptions to this will be the Grafton Pool camp-style worship on Sunday, July 11 (there will be an inside worship at church that morning) and the August 15 Vacation Bible School worship service.

We are opening the services to all those who wish to attend and have no maximum attendance restrictions. We have opened up more areas of the worship center for seating. We ask worshipers to still observe safe social distancing.

Wearing Masks - The wearing of masks at inside services is optional for those who are fully vaccinated.

If you are not yet fully vaccinated we do ask that you wear a mask when you are in the church building.

Worshipers who would like to do so are also invited to sit outside the worship center doors so that they have a good view of the service.

Holy Communion: When available, we will offer the sacrament of Holy Communion in two ways. Worshipers may still use the pre-packaged communion packets if they wish. We will also offer wafers, placed in rows on trays and pre-filled cups for those who desire to come forward for the sacrament.

Singing: We will continue to have singing kept to later in the service, so there will be no opening hymn.

Small Groups -Small groups, where all members are fully vaccinated, may meet in the church building without wearing masks. These groups should notify the church office staff before they plan to meet.