

Four-phase COVID-19 Response Plan
Resurrection Lutheran Church (RLC)
last updated February 18, 2021

OPENING REMARKS

We trust our congregation members to continue to follow both state and local public health restrictions, as well as to be respectful of our church guidelines as outlined below. The COVID-19 situation in Stearns County continues to be monitored. All phases and dates outlined below are subject to change as the situation continues to evolve.

Stay home if you are sick. PLEASE. Stay home if you aren't comfortable in larger groups.

*****WE ARE CURRENTLY IN PHASE 3 WITH MODIFICATIONS*****

- 9:00 AM Indoor service (Sanctuary) AND 6:30 PM Wednesdays
 - Seating capacity 40
 - Live-streamed and recorded, posted to Facebook and YouTube following service
 - Sign in when you enter with name and phone number. Households sit together maintaining physical distance from other households
 - Disinfect hands. No assigned seating, but no switching chairs once seated
 - Masks required to be worn in the building for the good of the other (RLC will provide if needed)
 - Quiet singing and speaking is permitted
 - Offering basket and noisy offering pan available near the baptismal font - no passed offering
 - Communion celebrated every Sunday
 - Nursery remains closed
 - Entire service is projected on the front wall; no paper bulletins unless requested in advance for those visually impaired
 - No coffee fellowship following service
 - Parking lot service at all services: park your car; tune radio to 90.3 FM; honk your horn when instructed to let us know you want communion.
- Baptisms allowed
- Funerals and Weddings planned on a case by case basis
- Pastor available for home, communion visits for those not comfortable with coming to the church building
- Building open for groups of 50 or less using posted guidelines. Masks required. Disinfect hands upon entry. Remain 6' apart from people who don't live in your household.

PHASE 1 March 2020-July 5 2020

One Sunday Worship Option 9:00 AM Livestream, recorded service. Building closed

PHASE 2 (Began July 6)

Two Sunday Worship Options

- 8:00AM Onsite/parking lot service
 - Allow lawn chairs to be used, physical distance must be maintained

- Move to fellowship space in case of rain
 - Masks required in building for the good of the other
 - Communion served
 - Offering basket available on the table near the altar
 - Nursery closed
 - Names and phone numbers recorded when entering the building (for contact and tracing purposes)
 - Need for this service reviewed week-by-week based on needs and participation
- 9:00AM Online service – live-streamed, recorded and posted on YouTube
 - 6:30PM Wednesday Onsite/near Prayer Garden
 - Allow lawn chairs to be used, physical distance must be maintained
 - Move to fellowship space in case of rain
 - Masks required in building for the good of the other
 - Communion served
 - Offering basket available on the table near the altar
 - Nursery closed
 - Names and phone numbers recorded if entering the building (for contact and tracing purposes)
 - Need for this service reviewed week-by-week based on needs and participation
 - Baptisms allowed as private family events
 - Home visits resume based on individual's and pastor's comfort levels. Adhere to any care facility rules.

PHASE 3 (Begins September 20)

Sunday Worship Options

- 8:30AM Indoor service (Sanctuary)
 - Seating capacity 70
 - Live-streamed and recorded, posted to Facebook and YouTube following service
 - Sign in when you enter and disinfect hands. No assigned seating, but no switching chairs once seated
 - Masks required to be worn in the building for the good of the other (RLC will provide if needed)
 - Sign in when you enter with name and phone number. Households sit together maintaining physical distance from other households
 - No communal singing or speaking. Exception will be made for Lord's Prayer
 - Offering basket available near altar and by baptismal font in noisy offering pan– no passed offering
 - Communion celebrated 1st and 3rd Sundays
 - Nursery remains closed
 - Chairs sanitized and disinfected after service, no books in chairs
 - No coffee fellowship following service
- 10:30AM Indoor Service (Fellowship Hall)
 - Seating capacity 70
 - Masks required to be worn in the building for the good of the other (RLC will provide if needed)

- Sign in with name and phone number. Disinfect hands. Households sit 6' apart.
 - No communal singing or speaking. Exception made for Lord's Prayer
 - Offering basket and noisy offering pan available near altar – no passed offering
 - Communion celebrated 2nd and 4th Sundays
 - Nursery remains closed
 - Chairs sanitized and disinfected after service, no books in chairs
 - Equipment sanitized after service
- Wednesday 6:30 PM (Fellowship Hall)
 - Communion celebrated every week
 - Seating capacity 70
 - Masks required to be worn in the building for the good of the other (provided if needed)
 - Sign in with name and phone number. Disinfect hands. Sit 6' apart
 - Limited communal singing and speaking
 - Offering basket and noisy offering pan located near altar
 - Nursery remains closed
 - Chairs disinfected after service
 - Worship aids must be taken home or put in recycling container
 - Baptisms allowed as private family events
 - Funerals and Weddings planned on a case by case basis
 - Visits resume based on individual's and pastor's comfort levels.
 - Pastor available for home, communion visits for those not comfortable with coming to the church building
 - Building open for groups of 70 or less using posted guidelines. Masks required. Disinfect hands upon entry. Sit 6' apart from people who don't live in same household.

PHASE 4 (Begins when local, state, and federal COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, along with continued evaluation by council and pastor)

- Sunday Worship
 - Return to one (or two) service in person, onsite; live streaming continues at one service when more than one is scheduled. Recorded service stays on Facebook and posted on YouTube
 - No masks required in service
 - Return to singing and speaking corporately, passed offering
 - Communion celebrated weekly, home-baked bread, individual wine cups
 - Nursery available during Sunday services
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Plan Amendments

The RLC COVID-19 Preparedness Plan may be amended as CDC and MDH guidelines, recommendations, and mandates are amended or revised.

This COVID-19 Preparedness Plan was evaluated and adopted by the RLC Council on August 6, 2020.

Certified by: Pastor Jennifer Thul, July 9, 2020

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Coronavirus (COVID-19) –
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH): Coronavirus – www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus