



When can we get back to church?

Unfortunately, the answer to that question keeps changing. But as it stands right now, we should be able to hold worship inside our building on May 24.

You will initially see some changes due to the temporarily stricter health guidelines during COVID-19. Including...

Start Time: This change has nothing to do with the virus. Last fall our Mission and Ministry team voted to change our summer worship time to 9:00 a.m. from Memorial weekend through Labor Day weekend. So worship will begin at 9:00 a.m. (For those who come and watch the worship video on your vehicles, our "parking lot" worship will also start at 9:00 a.m. on May 10th & 17th.)

Entrance/Exit: Ushers will open door for people coming and going to keep touchable surfaces to a minimum. (The doors will be propped open if weather permits.)

Seating: In keeping with "social distancing" guidelines we will utilize every-other pew, so we are able to keep 6 feet of distance between families

Bulletins/hymnals Again, to keep touchable surfaces to a minimum we will be projecting the order of worship, songs and announcements onto the front wall instead of using bulletins or hymnals. (To make this happen, we will need help from people familiar with PowerPoint.)

Greeting time: We will not have a 'handshake' greeting time.

Offering: Offering plates will not be passes. A stationary basket for offerings will be placed by the door.

Communion: Will be served using pre-packaged wafer/cup combinations. Common cup will not be offered.

Fellowship: We will not have coffee/lunch fellowship after worship until social distancing guidelines are ease

There may be other changes in procedures, but those are the main ones.

I'm not thrilled with some of these changes either - so "don't shoot the messenger" :) - but if they help us to more quickly get past this COVID time we will all benefit.

One very positive result of our Stay at Home time has been the great response to having our worship able to be viewed online. With that in mind, we will be continuing to record the services for online viewing by people unable to attend. Please get in contact with me if you can help with this by operating a camcorder during worship.

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net