He [Jesus] said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ – Matthew 22:37-39

**Lutheran Church of the Savior Safety Plan for Worship**

Lutheran Church of the Savior (LCS) church council takes the safety of worshipers, visitors, and guests very seriously.[[1]](#footnote-1) In keeping with the recommendations of our church Synod, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and the Centers for Disease Control we have adopted the following safety policies.

What you should expect from us:

* Marked spaces in pews to provide for social distancing.
* Hand sanitizer in all available pews.
* Face masks available upon entry of the building.
* A sign in booklet for emergency contacting in case of a case of Covid at LCS.
* Refraining from certain worship practices (passing the offering plate, sharing of the peace, etc.)
* Recorded worship services available on LCS media (YouTube, Facebook, Website) for those who do not feel safe attending in-person services.
* Sanitizing the sanctuary following worship.

What we expect from you:

* Mandatory mask wearing while in the building (children aged 2 and under are exempt). Masks must be tightly fitting and cover the nose and mouth.
* Keeping a minimum of 6 feet of social distancing (households may sit together).
* Refraining from attending worship if you are feeling ill in any way, have had contact with someone who has had Covid and have not quarantined for 14 days, if you have had Covid and have not quarantined for 14 days, or if you are caring for someone who has underlying health conditions.
* Brining your red worship book to each service. Extras will be available for guests & visitors.
* Following worship, you will not congregate in the building. We will have outdoor coffee hour where you are welcome to visit with one another. If you are not fully vaccinated, you must continue to wear a mask. If you are fully vaccinated, you do not need to wear a mask during outdoor fellowship time.

*Please also note that at this time there is no children’s church. The nursery is available for parents/guardians to use with their children.*

*For more information, please visit the following websites:*

[*https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus*](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus)

[*https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html*](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)

[*https://www.mittensynod.org/news/coronavirus-resources/*](https://www.mittensynod.org/news/coronavirus-resources/)

[*https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public*](https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public)

1. Returning to in person worship is subject to change depending on the Covid situation in the Kalamazoo area. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)