

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

On-site Communion Procedures for Covid-19 Phase 4

1. We will, beginning on July 19th, once again offer the Lord's Supper during our regular worship times on Sunday morning at 9 am and 10:30 am. (First and third Sundays of the month.)
2. We will follow the recommendations of the CDC, our government, and the Michigan District LC-MS, along with advice from fellow congregations.
3. Communion will take place at the end of the service following the Benediction.
4. Pastor will give verbal instructions to those wishing to receive communion.
5. Pastor will say the Words of Institution and Communion blessing before beginning.
6. Pastor, Elders, Ushers, and communion assistants will be masked, use hand sanitizer, and gloved as needed before serving communion.
7. There will be markings on the floor to indicate proper physical distancing between families. Family units including children and those not receiving the Lord's Supper will proceed forward for blessing.
8. We will begin with the middle section and go from front to back. An usher will release the members family by family making sure to maintain physical distance.
9. Please keep your mask on until you receive the Lord's Supper and replace it following reception of communion.
10. Pastor will distribute the host to each family group at a station set up by the gate to the altar area. Pastor will drop host into their hands.
11. Approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ way down the railing another station will have individual communion cups in trays with every other cup filled with red wine. The center cups will have non-alcoholic white wine for those needing this option.
12. After reception communicants will place used cups in receptacles at normal position.
13. The congregation will be instructed to leave the building once they have received communion. They may exit using the door with steps at the front to the church or continue to the narthex and exit as normal. If they so desire, they may use the hand sanitizing stations as they exit the building.
14. For those members who have difficulty walking to the front of the church the pastor will give them the Lord's Supper in their seats following the service. (Please let the pastor or an elder know.)
15. Those uncomfortable with communion in church may request a time to receive communion privately in the chapel or drive-up style.