



## Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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Dear Sisters and Brothers of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church,

We have recently reviewed our in-person worship schedules and practices. Since the coronavirus is still a concern, much of what we've been doing throughout the summer remains unchanged: four in-person services every weekend, 25% capacity cap, livestreaming the 8:30 am service, continual flow communion distribution, etc.

What's changing, however, is the weather. Attendance is already shifting away from the 11:00 am outdoor service into the 8:30 am & 9:45 am indoor services because of it. Therefore, starting this Sunday, October 18 and going forward, the 11:00 am service will be indoors unless exceptionally nice weather is forecast for a particular Sunday. When that's the case we will communicate the switch back outside for the late service that Sunday and make folding chairs available for those who didn't get the message. Since it is only going to get colder, don't expect many—if any—more outdoor services in 2020.

We stopped the worship service reservation system in early July when it became apparent that the 3 indoor services were consistently under the 25% capacity cap. As the outdoor service now comes indoors, attendance levels will be closely monitored. If necessary, we can restore the worship reservation system after a Sunday or two indoors.

If you have been an outdoor attender and now must decide about coming indoors. Here are a few things to consider:

- The 6:30 pm Thursday services are more lightly attended and have plenty of space to spread out.
- Kids' Church is during the 9:45 am Sunday service.
- The 8:30 am service is livestreamed and archived each Sunday.

Appointments for private communion continue to be made available by our pastors every Wednesday 2:00 pm -7:00 pm. Reservations are made by clicking the links in the weekly COS E Bulletin.

There are four online Bible studies each week. Click the appropriate link provided in the weekly COS E Bulletin to participate. Online Sunday School materials have been made available to you. COScasts are being posted on our congregation's YouTube channel. The weekly COS E Bulletin contains links to a wealth of materials from our Synod ranging from daily devotions to weekly marriage enrichment videos.

Our point is there are ample opportunities and ways for us to receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ and keep connected with our sisters and brothers in the faith even this many months into the COVID pandemic. For this we are grateful and we encourage one another to take full advantage of them.

In Christ,

*The Board of Elders*

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