

Ascension Lutheran Church
Shelby, NC

Policy and Procedures

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Worship will continue with one service at 10:30 on Sundays in the sanctuary and online on Facebook and Zoom.

1. Capacity and seating are no longer limited. Signing up in advance is not required, but worshippers will be checked in at the beginning of services so we can continue to have a record of participants for communion records and contact tracing, if it becomes necessary.
2. Following revisions to public health guidance from the CDC and recommendations from state officials and the NC Synod, we are requiring medical masks for everyone over the age of 2 who is in worship, regardless of vaccination status. Masks must be worn over the mouth and nose to be effective. If you do not have one, medical masks are provided. Worship leaders will be masked unless they are speaking.-The small chapel downstairs, which has the closed-circuit video feed, is reserved for anyone who wants additional distance.
3. We will resume singing the liturgy and the last or sending hymn on Sunday, August 22. Masks are required while singing.
4. There are no changes regarding tabulators.
5. The passing of the peace, offering collection and communion will continue to be observed in the same manner.
6. Water fountains and the kitchen remain closed, and gatherings will not include food or drink.
7. If you have a fever or any symptoms of illness, please stay at home and worship online.

If you think you may have been exposed to COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider immediately. Most people have mild illness and are able to recover at home. If you have been at church and you become sick, please notify Pastor Christina. She will work with local health officials to follow up on next steps. Individual names will not be released to the congregation.

These guidelines replace previous policies that have been in place during the pandemic.