

Ascension Lutheran Church
Shelby, NC

Policy and Procedures

Subject: Congregation Re-Gathering
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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 required to sign-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 public health guidance, fully vaccinated people are not required to wear a mask, but you are free to continue wearing one if you want to. Those who are unvaccinated are asked to continue wearing a mask. However, we will not monitor proof of vaccination. Please respect each other's choices and remember that everyone is not vaccinated. The small chapel downstairs, which has the closed-circuit video feed, is reserved for anyone who wants additional distance.
3. There are no changes regarding congregation singing.
4. There are no changes regarding worship assistants or 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.