



Covid Guidelines & Procedures: Funeral Gatherings

Gathering is an essential part of our faith life. Without it, we may be left feeling disconnected from the community of faith that grounds us. As we continue to find our way through the Covid-19 Pandemic, First Lutheran Church leadership and staff are seeking to find ways to safely gather in-person in order to worship, learn, and serve together. The following are our most current policies and procedures regarding funerals:

ONSITE

- Number of people allowed in sanctuary - 50
- Families must work with a funeral home.
- Visitation must take place at the funeral home.
- Socially distanced format in sanctuary and gathering area.
- No gathering, meals, or fellowship at First Lutheran.
- Please use discretion when attending in-person activities after having travelled out of the area.
- Procedures to follow when people enter and exit the building/sanctuary:
 - Sign in
 - Temperature checks
 - Masking for all church staff, funeral home personnel, volunteers, and guests is required.
- Ushers will keep people moving, following procedures, etc.
- Live streaming possible through funeral homes.
- Pastors and staff will maintain strict boundaries before and after service.

OFFSITE

- For the safety of our pastors and church community, masks are required at all offsite funerals regardless of that site's policy.

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**In this changing context, our congregation remains adaptable. Plans and procedures are subject to change in light of state, CDC guidelines and at the discretion of First Lutheran's leadership.*