

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church **Safe Worship Protocols for Re-Opening/Covid-19** **WORSHIP In-Person & Live-Streaming**



The Mission of St. Mark's Church is to Embrace Diversity, Practice Hospitality, and Make Known Christ's Presence in Word and Deed.

Protocols for Parishioners Registering to attend In-Person Worship

- In response to the current Covid-19 pandemic we promise with God's help to abide by these guidelines, as determined by the Pastor and Congregation Council of St. Mark's.
- St. Mark's Council will monitor State and City requirements for indoor religious gatherings, and may cancel in-person worship if it is determined not to be safe.
- Please submit your registration to the church office by email or by phone, 10 days in advance. By submitting your registration you are agreeing to observe St Mark's protocols.

Do not enter the building, if you have;

- a fever, cold or flu symptoms such as; fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, acute loss of taste or smell, headache, diarrhea, and/or muscle aches.
- had a Covid-19 test and are awaiting results,
- in the last 14 days had; close contact with a Covid-19 positive person, have returned from travel to an active Covid-19 transmission area, or have participated in an indoor gathering of 20 or more people.

All attendees must observe St. Mark's Covid-19 safe gathering protocols;

- Wear a face mask correctly covering mouth and nose at all times except when consuming the communion host. If you do not have a face covering, one will be provided.
- Please respect physical distancing, stay 6 feet apart, and follow instructions from your usher.
- Use hand sanitizer provided especially after touching door handles, and light switches.

What to expect on the day of Worship;

- Church will be opened approx. 20 minutes before the service begins.
- Please enter through the Portico doors only. Signs and Ushers will help direct folks.
- Open: Corridor to Narthex from Portico, Narthex, Nave, & Sacristy (for Altar Servers only)
- Bathrooms on the second floor, and Claire House, will be available as directed by the Greeter and/or Ushers.
- Not Open; Lehr Hall, basement, or Claire House. The water fountain will not be available.
- Bulletins will be placed in the pews to mark safe physically distanced seat locations.
- Your offering should be placed in the collection plate at the back of the church.
- Responsive speaking by the congregation, with a mask, is acceptable, but singing is not.

After Worship is concluded;

- Please proceed outside as guided by the ushers to visit with each other, as it is not be safe to linger inside the church.
- Church doors will be closed approx. 20 minutes after service ends, so that the church can be cleaned according to CDC guidelines.
- If you develop any symptoms of Covid-19 within 14 days/2 weeks of attending in-person worship, please notify the church administrator as soon as possible by email or phone, so that contact tracing and quarantine procedures can be implemented.

Total Occupancy as directed by Council; Worship "staff"; Pastor, Deacon, Director of Music/Organist, Choral & Instrumental Musicians, Sacristan, Video/Sound Engineer, Sexton, Greeter & Ushers. Parishioners (Preregistered), with allowance for a few walk-ins.

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Safety First – Wear Masks – Physical Distancing – Sanitize your Hands – Be Careful

REGISTRATION REQUEST TO ATTEND IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT ST. MARK'S

By submitting a Registration form you are agreeing to abide by the Protocols noted on page 1.

Pre-Registration request must be made by **email or phone call**, 10 days in advance, unless otherwise noted.

Please provide the following information to Stephen Kohler, our church administrator, in the church office by **email or phone call**.

Church office email is; admin@stmarksbaltimore.org

Church Office Phone Number: **410-752-5804**

Date of this Request:

Date of future Worship Service you would like to attend:

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

- If you are unable to use email to contact the church office, you may call the church office and a registration form will be filled out for you.
- Attendance at In-Person worship will be determined on a first come/first served basis as registration applications are received and accepted in the church office.
- The church administrator will notify those parishioners whose registration has been accepted to attend in-person worship.
- If you do not receive a confirmation, then you have not been cleared to attend.
- If you are interested in assisting with in-person worship by being a Greeter, Usher, Prayer Petitioner, Lector or Teller, please contact Stephen Kohler in the church office.

Pastor Emily Scott, Congregation Council, and Worship committee