

UPDATED RE-OPENING NOTICE

(Amended as of October 4, 2021)

First Lutheran Church, Windsor, Ontario

In-Person Worship Remains Open

Ontario's government no longer limits us to a certain percentage of seats being occupied in our church. We are only mandated to continue "social distancing," where individuals or family groups are seated at least 6 feet apart.

Changes to Sunday Worship Schedule

Because our large and active Adult Bible Class will now resume between services, here is the Sunday schedule as of October 10, 2021. **(Note the change in time of the English Service).**

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| 8:45 a.m. | German-Language Service (<i>in the church proper</i>) |
| 9:45 a.m. | Adult Bible Class (<i>in the Auditorium ... enter our building via the Giles Boulevard office entrance</i>) |
| 11:00 a.m. | English-Language Service (<i>in the church proper</i>) |

No Need to Pre-Register Attendance

Worshippers need not pre-register their attendance before arriving on Sunday. (If we unexpectedly exceed the number we can accommodate with social distancing, we have space in our air-conditioned Lounge, equipped with a large screen carrying the entire service from the main church ... members sitting there are given priority to receive Holy Communion when it is being offered.)

Online "Sunday School" Every Week

In-person Sunday School classes are currently in recess. However, we offer an online class for young children **every Saturday at 4:00 p.m.** We send the *Microsoft Teams* link to the class via e-mail to all families wanting to be notified. If you wish to be included in this e-mail, contact our office by phone (519-256-2667) or by e-mail (cisrael@firstlutheranchurch.ca).

Singing Resumes / Some Covid Protocols Continue

When you come to Sunday services, enter by the main door on Victoria Avenue. Ushers direct you to a seat. Individuals and family groups are seated at the required "social distance" from each other. Worshippers are normally asked to wear masks while in the building.

In August the congregation resumed signing hymns and singing of the liturgy is gradually being reintroduced. **Worshippers are expected to remain masked at all times while singing.** Holy Communion is administered to individuals and family groups ushered forward at a distance from each other. Following their reception of Communion, worshippers leave the main church by the side door.

Our YouTube Channel

At the top of this page, if you click on "Our YouTube Channel," you'll find our collection of Sunday and special services, over 116 videos soon approaching 40,000 views. If you are unable to attend worship, please make a point of watching these weekly online preaching services. And invite loved ones and friends to do the same!

--Rev. Robert Bugbee, Pastor
On behalf of the Board of Elders