

Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill Response to Flu/COVID-19

March 10, 2020

We care for the Body of Christ by first taking care of our own body. If you are sick, do not worsen your illness by trying to get to church, and do not put others at risk of catching your illness. If your children are sick, please keep them home from worship, faith formation, choir, or youth group meetings.

For our worship life together for the immediate future, we recommend and implement the following:

When Greeting People. If you have come in direct contact with someone who has been sneezing or coughing, avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with your hands until you can wash them.

During the Passing of Peace. Please do not shake hands or make physical contact. Instead, make eye contact, slightly bow your head, offer a verbal greeting, or offer a friendly wave as a substitute.

Holy Communion. Those who serve in worship leadership, such as acolytes, assisting ministers, communion assistants, altar care, and pastors, are to wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizers before and after their duties.

In addition, due to the antiseptic qualities of regular wine, we are returning to using wine that has not been dealcoholized. The crucified and risen Christ is present in, with, and under both elements of holy communion. Worshipers receive the full communion in only one element (bread or wine); therefore, those who choose to receive only one element (bread or wine) for whatever reason receive the full benefits of the eucharist.

Prayer. As the Body of Christ, we pray for healing mercies for those affected by illness and will continue to minister to the sick and hospitalized as Jesus taught and modeled for us.

Your servants in Christ,

The Pastors and Congregation Council of Trinity Lutheran Church