



Guidelines for Sanctuary Worship

Emmanuel Reformed Church, Springfield, SD

We will begin following these guidelines to worship together in our sanctuary June 28.

Preparing the Space

We will try to limit the use of the church basement to the bathrooms only. Signs will remind people to wash their hands thoroughly, and to maintain their safe physical distance even while in the bathrooms, as much as possible.

We will rope off pews, so that families can maintain a safe physical distance during worship. We anticipate that our sanctuary can accommodate most of our people, without our having to limit attendance. Overflow seating will be prepared, as well.

We will pray for the presence, peace, and protection of our Lord God. All volunteers helping with the service (greeters, accompanist(s), singer(s), reader(s), etc.) are welcome to gather at 9AM for prayer.

Entering the Sanctuary

Worshippers will be welcomed at the doors. Continue to enter from the south doors or southwest (elevator) door, as usual, but **do not** congregate at or in the doorways. Greeters will be there with hand sanitizer. Enter, and proceed directly to the sanctuary.

We ask that all worshippers maintain a safe physical distance. We will be responsible to each other to sit apart from each other in the sanctuary.

Worshipping Together

Expect something different, again: We will continue to be careful, by not shaking hands or passing offering plates. We may also sing quietly, or listen together to musical offerings, to minimize the breathing of water droplets.

After the benediction, worshippers will be dismissed from back to front. Again, do not stop to talk until outside, but feel free to enjoy the fellowship of believers outdoors.

General Guidelines

All will be encouraged to maintain a safe physical distance of at least 6' at all times.

Masks are encouraged as a gesture of love for one another, especially for greeters and the at-risk; but they are not required, and will not be provided.

Guidelines will be evaluated and adapted regularly, as this pandemic continues to develop and as new information is available.

Sanctuary Seating Plan

Green areas are open for seating. **White** areas will be roped off.

