

## **ST MARK'S SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP MARCH 2021**

Every faith community has different guidelines for in-person worship. We are using the guidance of the CDC, the ELCA, and what seems most appropriate for our local area at this time. Everyone's safety is our utmost concern!

- 1) If you are not feeling well, please stay home.
- 2) Masks will be required. Only those at the podium may remove them.
- 3) We will continue observing the 6-foot social distancing protocol.
- 4) Masks, hand sanitizer, and gloves will be available.
- 5) A sign-in sheet (name and phone #) for all participants will be used for contact tracing if needed.
- 6) Singing by attendees is not recommended until further notice. (A song leader is needed for those who participate by livestream.)
- 7) Some pews will be roped off to aid in social distancing. However, we encourage your "pod" to sit together.
- 8) Please use bathrooms one person at a time.
- 9) We will not offer coffee hour until further notice.
- 10) Everything you need for worship will be in the bulletin. Hymnals will not be used.
- 11) Pre-packaged communion cups (containing grape juice and a wafer) will be used for Holy Communion.
- 12) Pastor Joe will not greet attendees before and after worship for safety reasons.

### **ADDITIONAL WORSHIP NOTES:**

- Please be mindful that we are video-recording the service.
- We invite attendees to remain quiet and seated during the postlude.
- The offering plate is on a stand behind the last pew.
- The "passing of the peace" will be hands-free and socially distant, except within your "pod."
- You may leave your bulletin on the usher's table to be recycled.