**Salem Lutheran Church of Mahtowa, MN**

The Council has approved to return to In-Person Worship beginning July 19th, 2020.

The following are the safety protocols set forth by the “smart team” and were approved by the council for Salem on July 13th 2020.

As we begin to gather again inside our sanctuary,

1. If you are **feeling ill,** have a temperature, cold symptoms, cough, shortness of breath, muscle aches, GI symptoms, or have been exposed to Corvid 19, **please do not attend.** Enjoy church online with us on Sunday afternoon.
2. **Masks and face coverings are required** at this time. Bring your own to wear if you have it. Children under two years of age should not wear masks due to potential respiratory distress. Extra masks will be provided at the door.
3. **Social distancing** of 6 ft will be encouraged throughout the building.
4. **Sanitation stations** are at the entrances and various places throughout the building.
5. We will not use **bulletins** and direct the order of service on the screens up front.
6. All touchable surfaces are sanitized and, if possible, avoid touching them. Extra items from the sanctuary will be removed (bibles, hymnals, pens, etc.)
7. Doors will be propped open or handled by one individual.
8. **Bathrooms are sanitized** but we would encourage you to avoid using them unless emergency. **WASH YOUR HANDS!**
9. Sanctuary seating will be marked off leaving every other pew available. Ushers will escort you to available seating. Family units that live together in the same house may sit together.
10. At this time, we will **not be singing** or doing excessive responsive reading.
11. **Offering** will be placed in the plates upon leaving the church.
12. **Communion** will be offered with distance and no-contact sanitary methods.
13. **Sharing of the Peace** will be done without moving around the sanctuary and without touching.
14. **Online Services** will still be available in the afternoon on Sunday for those who do not feel safe to come to church, we will also use our FM transmitter in the sanctuary if possible for those who would like to stay in their cars.
15. **No refreshments served at this time.**
16. The Church building including worship area is cleaned and sanitized prior to each service.