



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Rev. James McElroy, Rector

June 10, 2020

Greetings!

We have just received word from our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick, that **we may hold in-person worship services this Sunday, June 14**. And on behalf of our Vestry, I am writing to invite you to join us--so long as you believe it will be safe for you to do so. If you have any doubts about the health risks involved in your particular case, please stay home and join our worship through our Facebook livestream. Either way, I am looking forward to worshipping with you this Sunday!

We will offer **in-person worship services at 7:30, 10 and 11:30 am**. And we will simultaneously **broadcast the 7:30 and 10 am services via our Facebook livestream**. (The 11:30 am service will not be livestreamed.)

The **7:30 and 11:30 am services will include the service of Communion**, while the 10 am service will not include Communion. The **10 am and 11:30 am services will both include organ music provided by Val Early**, and the 7:30 am service will not include music.

Only the front doors of the church will be open for entering and exiting Sunday morning, so please plan to park in the front parking lot. **Face-masks** will be required of all in attendance, we will observe **six-feet of social distance** between family units at all times, and we will clean all touched surfaces between services. Also, each service will be kept to a minimal length of time.

We encourage all families with children and youth to attend the 11:30 am service so our kids may see one another and reconnect. And **following the 11:30 am service**, we will offer an opportunity for children, youth and adults to congregate outdoors in the front of the church. We will have **popsicles for the children (of all ages!) and a sprinkler** for them to run through. We hope this may make up for the fact that, in accord with the Bishop's guidelines we will not offer children's Sunday School or Nursery care during any of the services.

One more thing: my **Adult Sunday School** class on "Social Distancing Scripture" will continue **on Facebook at 8:45 am** (but not in-person, in accord with the Bishop's guidelines).

Looking beyond Sunday, we will be offering our **Wednesday Noon Healing Service in-person as well as via livestream** beginning next Wednesday, June 17, in the nave of the church. Also, beginning **next Thursday, June 18, at 12 Noon**, our Soul of Scripture class on *An American Gospel*, by Erik Reece, will be available **in-person in our Activities Room and via livestream**.

I am so grateful to you all for your patience and support as our Bishop, Vestry and parish staff have worked through all the concerns we've had regarding this planned return to in-person gatherings at St. Luke's.

You have shown such grace and care to one another as we have moved through the confusion and fear and doubt that have marked these last few months. I give thanks everyday that I have been called to serve alongside such a loving parish family!

See you Sunday! Either through our livestream or in-person!

Wishing you blessings and all peace,

Jamie