

First Lutheran Church addresses the coronavirus during worship and at our events.

It has come to my attention as the pastor, that there have been calls to the church and people asking what FLC is doing about combating this deadly virus?

As a church that shares the peace, Pg. 227 LBW "Manual on the Liturgy", "**which is part of the service and is a sign that those who participate in it open themselves to the healing and reconciling power of God's love and offer themselves to be agents of love in that world**". It illustrates to you and I, as a community, that we hold no bare any grudges against our brothers and sisters in Christ. We can then come to the table and participate in the Lord's Supper and receive the Body and the Blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ, to receive the forgiveness of our sins. Therefore we will continue with the sharing of the peace and that can take place as a wave, a bow or a head nod with the words "peace be with you".

If you have a cold or feel you are catching a cold, or the flu please refrain from touching another member in the church and spreading germs. We do supply hand sanitizer at the end of every pew and pastor uses hand sanitizer before the service, during the service and washing his hands after the service. This is really just common sense on everyone's part. If you are not feeling well and have cold or flu like symptoms please stay home and feel free to call the pastor and he will visit you at home. **There is NO CHARGE for home visits by the pastor!**

As for Holy Communion Sundays, we will continue to offer you the Blood of Christ, you can do so with the individual cup and the common cup as well. **Please remember though that if you are feeling ill with a cold, cold sore, flu bug please refrain from taking the common cup and take an individual cup.** This is just common sense on our part and if you have a compromised immune system please take the individual cup as well for your own self care.

As for accepting the Body of Christ the pastor always uses hand sanitizer before he touches the hosts for your safety. Those that prepare the table for Holy Communion also take great care is washing their hands and make sure that all parts of the Body and Blood are safely prepared for you.

Please remember to hydrate yourself, get sleep, wash your hands frequently and refrain from touching your face as these are the best ways to prevent, colds, the flu and other illnesses.

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