

A MESSAGE FROM GLORY'S RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP WORKING GROUP:

As you may know, we have started the process of planning for a gradual return to in-person worship. In order to do so, we are required to follow guidelines published by Alberta Health Services. Our Alberta Synod has made a checklist to follow, which is based on these guidelines. Copies of both the AHS Guidelines and the Alberta Synod Guidelines and Sample Checklist can be found at the links set out below if you wish to read them: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/covid-19-information-guidance-for-places-of-worship>

<https://albertasynod.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Updated-Synod-Guidelines-and-Sample-Checklist-for-Returning-to-In-Person-Worship-June-12-2020.pdf>

Not to worry if you're feeling overwhelmed just looking at the link addresses, let alone the guidelines themselves! **Just take a few minutes to read the summaries below so there are no surprises:)**

We understand that some of our members may not be ready to return to in-person worship, especially under the current conditions and guidelines. More than a dozen volunteers have offered to be on our Working Group in order to ensure that these guidelines are followed as we prepare for in-person worship. We are not pressuring anyone to return and will continue to offer online services as well. Currently, we are planning for the following in-person worship services at Glory Lutheran Church:

Wednesdays, beginning on October 7, 10:30 a.m.: A service of prayer and spoken word for up to 15 people. This might be especially attractive to those members of the congregation who do not have access to our online services. **Please call the church office to reserve your spot no later than 3:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before Wednesday's service.**

Sunday, October 25, 10:30 a.m.: Reformation Sunday. Worship service for up to 50 people. All are welcome to register, up to the 50-person limit. Please call or email the office to register by 3:00 p.m. on Friday.

On Sunday, please **arrive early** to complete registration and Covid-19 screening. To save time, our Covid Screening Checklist is available on our website for you to print and complete ahead of time and bring with you.

Please read the guidelines from Glory's Return to In-Person Worship Working Group on this website so you are aware of what you should expect.

In-person worship services going forward in November will probably be held on the **2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.** *This is primarily because we do not have enough volunteers, including musicians and sound/video techs.*

In-person Sunday services will be recorded and posted on our website by Monday evening. (We may not be technologically ready to record and post the October 25 service.)

Our online service will continue to be offered as it has been in the past few months.

As with most things these days, our planning for services will be a work in progress and we may need to adapt and change things as we go forward. We thank everyone for their patience and look forward to coming together in worship in whatever form that may take in the months ahead!