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How to Worship Safely—Both at Home and at Church

When your church reopens, it will likely be tempting to lay out your Sunday best in preparation, but remember we're still in a pandemic, and the church experience will be quite different until COVID-19 is more under control. From parking lot services to online sermons, be prepared to worship differently as long as the virus is still a concern.

Q1: What changes should I expect at church during the pandemic?

A1: Every state has different health guidelines and restrictions, so first find out in your area what's permissible. If your state allows for places of worship to reopen, you should check with your church to determine what precautions they'll be taking.

- Churches are being [encouraged](#) to keep sermons short and limit singing and handshaking.
- Expect services to be [touch-free](#) in nature.

- Some churches are offering [drive-in services](#).
- In [some ways](#), worship services might never return to how they used to be.

Q2: If I choose to return to church in person, how can I keep my family safe?

A2: Wear a mask, maintain social distancing, and don't linger indoors after the service is over.

- Learn all about basic [family safety precautions](#) relating to COVID-19.
- There is increasing evidence that [singing](#) is a high-risk activity for transmitting COVID-19.
- Some churches [require masks](#) for worship attendance.
- You can [DIY](#) a face mask easily.
- There are [hand sanitizers](#) that are not only effective but pleasing to use.
- You can attend outdoor or online services at [Trinity Lutheran Church](#).

Q3: What options do I have if I can't/won't return to church in person?

A3: Take advantage of online services, sermons, and groups to virtually attend service every week and stay connected to your church community.

- In addition to Trinity Lutheran Church, there are other [opportunities](#) to watch church online.
- Choose an internet service with [enough speed](#) for live streaming worship services.
- You can even [start](#) an online Bible study.
- Investigate [tips](#) for staying better connected to other members of the church body during this challenging time.

Whether it's online or in-person with precautions, you can find a way to connect with your church community despite the pandemic. Use these resources to find safe ways to worship, both at home and with your congregation.