

## Advent Lutheran Church's Pledge during a Lingering Pandemic

(as congregants joined together to spread love in the world)

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### **Because we desire to be part of a loving world and to emulate Jesus, we will:**

- Self-screen prior to entering our church building for signs of symptoms of illness
- Wear a mask inside the church building if we are not vaccinated
- Provide materials for hand hygiene for those who wish to utilize it
- Be cognizant of and maintain a physical distance between ourselves and others outside our households
- Avoid physical contact during times when there is an increase in the spread of disease

### **As a congregation committed to our mission statement, "Loved by God, we share Christ's love with all," we will**

- Try to maintain a physical distance and keep the numbers in each room of the church to acceptable levels to prevent the spread of disease
- Be vaccinated if we are assisting during worship times
- Have ushers help congregants as they enter the sanctuary to find an appropriately-spaced seat according to their comfort level
- Have ushers help congregants leave the sanctuary so that everyone's comfort level is maintained during pandemic times
- Have our worship leaders sing and speak behind shields for everyone's safety
- Request that congregants sing softly
- Try to have much of our service on our overhead screen so that they can participate and not worry about holding items that others have touched
- Open our windows for increased ventilation to diffuse particles left in the air
- Have our offertory plate at the entrance of the sanctuary so that touching the plate is not needed
- Sanitize our sanctuary after the service

### **Because our ministries are devoted to the spread of God's word and love in the world, we will**

- Wear a mask while in the church building if we are not vaccinated
- Limit the number of people according to the size of the meeting room to limit the number of particles in that room
- Keep the windows of our meeting rooms open to increase ventilation
- Try to maintain an appropriate physical distance between people to maintain everyone's comfort level
- Clean and sanitize our meeting space after we utilize it for the safety of those who may follow us