First Lutheran Church COVID Policy

*Level designations will be set by council at monthly meetings. Community health conditions are monitored and discussed to select the appropriate level for a safe worship space.*

**Level 1**: Minimal, Controlled Transmission

* Worship: No limitations
* Gatherings: No limitations
* Meals: No limitations
* Face Masks: Not required but always supported
* Sharing of the Peace: no restrictions

**Level 2**: Moderate, Controlled Transmission

* Worship: In-person with masks recommended, especially when singing. Worship leaders unmasked if desired. Communion offered, possibly modified. Singing may be reduced.
* Gatherings: Precautions as appropriate/required for participants, size limitations may be set.
* Meals: Precautions as appropriate or required for participants.
* Masks strongly encouraged for group food preparation and service
* Face Masks: Encouraged while indoors
* Sharing of the Peace: “Peace in Your Seat” recommended

**Level 3**: Significant Uncontrolled Community Transmission

* Worship: In-person with masks required for entry. Minimal singing, communion may be omitted or modified. All worship leaders wear masks for duration of service.
* Gatherings: Size limitations may be set. Masks and social distancing are required.
* Meals: Allowed on a case-by-case basis. Masks required when not eating and all necessary cautions taken
* Masks required for group food preparation and service.
* Face Masks: Required in any gathering space
* Sharing of the Peace: “Peace in Your Seat” only

**Level 4**: Severe Uncontrolled Community Transmission

* Worship: Zoom Only
* Gatherings: Zoom whenever possible. In person as required, size limitations as appropriate. Masks and social distancing required.
* Meals: discouraged, all precautions taken if dining in person
* Face Masks: Required at all times

\*Masks made from a tightly woven material and worn fully covering nose & mouth are most effective\*