



St. Armands Key LUTHERAN CHURCH

Return to In-person Worship: Phase One

When we return to in-person worship on June 14th, we will do so with an abundance of caution, and displaying great love for each other. The following guidelines reflect that love, as well as the most current advice from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Governor of the State of Florida, and the Florida-Bahamas Synod of the ELCA.

All meetings and educational events will remain online only until Phase Two.

- ◇ Sunday worship services will be held at 9am, 10am, and 11am.
- ◇ Reservations are required. Visit www.saklc.com/reservations or call the church office at 388-1234 to make your reservation.
- ◇ Ushers will welcome you as you enter the building via the courtyard, guide you through the narthex, and show you to your seat.
- ◇ The sanctuary will be seated from the front to the back, and dismissed from the back to the front, thus maintaining safe distancing.
- ◇ Additional safe distancing will be ensured by:
 - The swift exit of worshippers at the conclusion of worship, and the prompt seating of worshippers at the beginning of worship.
 - The seating of worshippers a minimum of 6' apart, with only couples seated together. (Space is reserved for the seating of our young families.)
- ◇ Your health and safety are our primary concern, and so:
 - Facemasks must be worn while in the church building. This not only protects worshippers; it also allows us to safely sing.
 - Your temperature may be taken at the courtyard door, using a forehead thermometer. Per CDC guidelines, a temperature at or above 100.4°

will indicate that you are too sick to attend worship and therefore cannot be permitted to join us until you are healthy.

- A basic one-time-use worship bulletin will be provided to each worshipper. A downloadable version of the full worship bulletin is always available at www.saklc.com/live and on Facebook. Worshippers are encouraged to print and bring with them a copy for their personal use, or to download a copy to their cellphone or tablet for use in worship.

- There will be no celebration of Holy Communion and no fellowship hour during Phase One.

- Given the difficulty of sanitizing a nursery and its toys, etc., nursery care will not be provided in Phase One.

- Non-touch hand sanitizer dispensers will be placed by the doors and in the narthex, and their use is encouraged.

- The wooden armrests and seatbacks of each pew will be sanitized before each worship service, as will the narthex restrooms. The water fountains will not be in use during this period.

◇ If you feel unwell, or if your immune system is compromised, we **beg** you to stay at home rather than return prematurely.

◇ Worship services will continue to be broadcast and archived on Facebook and at www.saklc.com/live even as in-person worship resumes.

◇ The Choral Scholars - the music majors who have sung throughout the period of online worship - will sing at all three Sunday services beginning June 14th.

◇ Holy Communion, pastoral conversation, and the Rite of Confession & Forgiveness continue to be available by appointment (call the office at 388-1234).

◇ The Congregation Council and worship leaders will continue to monitor public health advisories. This will ensure that a pause to in-person worship, or a move to Phase Two, is implemented in a timely manner.