

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Bradenton, Florida**

**COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS AND POLICIES**

**Dated: October 20, 2020**

**Recommendations:**

- A. The Congregational Council of Trinity Lutheran Church (the "Church") recommends that all high-risk individuals **not** enter the Church to attend in-person worship, but instead utilize the on-line, in-car or outdoor worship options. High risk individuals are those 65 years of age and older and those of all ages with underlying medical conditions (such as asthma, chronic lung disease, heart conditions, diabetes, chronic kidney disease, cancer, chronic liver disease, as well as those who are immunosuppressed).
- B. The Church recommends that, upon returning to Florida for the season, all Snowbirds quarantine for 14 days before attending an in-person worship service or otherwise entering the Church, unless receiving a negative COVID-19 test following return.
- C. Prior to entrance and after departure from the building, the Church recommends that all social interaction that would ordinarily occur before and after worship should only occur with masks on and at the social distance of at least 6 feet.

**Rules:**

The rules for entering the Church and attending in-person worship are as follows:

- 1. Every attendee must wear a mask at all times when entering and departing and while inside the Church.
- 2. Hand sanitizer stations are located at the entrance and throughout the Church. Please use them.
- 3. In-person worship will be limited to 25 persons per worship service. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Church office (941-747-3081) or through our website link at [www.TLCbradenton.com](http://www.TLCbradenton.com). If you leave a reservation request on the church voicemail and the service you wish to attend is already filled, you will be notified. Online check-in is immediate verification. Overflow will be accommodated in the parking lot through our FM transmitter for in-car worship.
- 4. Social distancing will be in effect from the time of entry into the Church until departure from the Church. Once seated, please remain seated. Use of restroom facilities is strongly discouraged. The pews will be marked to ensure at least 6 feet between attendees (and family groupings). Departure will be by pew from back to front, maintaining social distancing requirements.
- 5. All physical contact (such as handshakes, hugs, passing of the Peace) is prohibited. Offering plates will be placed at the entrance of the sanctuary.
- 6. Each Church service will last approximately 30 minutes.