**Update: July 20, 2020**

**Good Monday to all of you, dear Sisters and Brothers of Trinity.**

Here is a reading and prayer for us today. The reading is of Titus 2.11-13. And the prayer is from the Moravian Daily Texts.

*For the grace of God has appeared, bring salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Let us pray. . . *God of salvation, you bring us—your erring and stubborn children—great gifts even when we wander from your direction. Help us push away the materialistic world and instead enrich our lives with your strength and righteousness. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.*

**Worship from yesterday: Yesterday’s worship** was led by Pastor Ben Morris and some students and friends of Lutheran Campus Ministry in La Crosse! Special Music was provided by Payton Eilers! You may watch the video of worship here: <https://youtu.be/UHaSXUAChgU>

**You can also join us for** Worship on Sunday at 10:07 am, and devotions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:07 pm **over the phone!**

**Here is how it’s done: to join in our call,** please dial the number listed below, when prompted,

provide the access code followed by the #. Dial-in number (US): (978) 990-5185 Access code: 5984240#

To listen to a recording of our Sunday worship, or our Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Devotional:

Call Playback Number: (978) 990-5096 Access Code: 5984240#

Reference numbers to access recordings: Sunday Worship, 1:

For Monday, Wednesday or Friday Devotionals, 2 or 3.

**Prayer Concerns: Please take some time to pray to God over these concerns expressed by your sisters and brothers of Trinity Lutheran.**

We pray for the family of Donna Kastberg

We pray for the family of Scott Schure.

We pray for the family of Pastor Luther Larson.

We pray for the family of Warren Isbell.

We pray for the family of MaryAnn Rader.

We pray for: Jana Fortuna and her family on the death of Jana's sister, Tammy: Stan Bernette:

**If you have any prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Mark** **pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com** **or Jonelle Intihar, our prayer group coordinator ) jonelle@the intihars.com**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*Anything you would like to include in our three times a week update? Please email or call Pastor Mark or our Administrative Assistant, Myrt.**

**Morning Prayer:** We have been gathering for Morning Prayer on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8am on Trinity’s Zoom Meeting. If you would like to join us, please email Pastor Mark (pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com) and he will send you an invitation. We would love to see you!

**All Kinds of Resources** are available in our resource center, right outside the front door of our building. In it you will find the latest editions of the **Living Lutheran** magazine, **Christ in our Home** devotional, past **bulletins, sermons, newsletters, etc. Help yourselves!**

**A Study of the Book of Acts**

We have started a bible study on the book of Acts and if you would like to be part of this journey, please contact Pastor Mark: 608.487.2030 or pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com. You will be provided with more information including instructions on where to find the introduction video as well as instructions on joining into the discussions using Zoom.

**Those who do not have email or internet:** I am asking all of you to please check in with your family members and friends who are members of Trinity who do not have email.

Ask how they are doing, if there is anything they need, and ask in what ways they feel we can help them keep connected with the congregation. Please let Pastor Mark, or any of our leaders know, and let everyone know about our telephone worship and devotionals.

**Help Available!**

The Bread Basket Ecumenical Food Pantry, located at 114 N. Water St. in Sparta, is open from 10 am to Noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and again on Tuesday Evenings from 5-7 pm. **All with a need for food are welcome!**

**Trinity Lutheran Helping Hands**

We have established a fund meant to help our members who are in financial difficulties. If you, or someone in our congregation is in some help, please contact Pastor Mark (608.487.2030 or pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com) for more information.

**The ADRC of Monroe County** was recently awarded additional funding, provided by Congress, through the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act. The funding is available to expand the capacity and range of services available to help family caregivers provide support to loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic.

*If you are a Caregiver and need help providing services to your loved one funding may be available. This special funding can be used to pay a provider or the caregiver. Funding is time limited.*

*Please contact the ADRC at 608-269-8690 or toll free at 888-339-7854*

**Exciting News!** If you drive past the church building, you will notice some scaffolding. Work has begun on the planned repair of our stonework and moisture-related problems. This undertaking is one of our goals for this year.

**A Prayer for today:**

**O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**