**Update: June 5, 2020**

**From Pastor Mark Kvale**

Hello Trinity,

Let us pray:

*O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

**Things to share for Friday, June 5, 2020**

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

**Alma Sherpe:** Dear friends, I am sorry to let people know, if you haven’t heard already, that our beloved sister in Christ, Alma Sherpe died on May 27 in Oregon. Alma’s family is planning an online memorial service for her. And then, planning a burial service here in Sparta at a future time. Here is more information: For Alma’s obituary please visit: https://www.columbiafh.com/

Here is the zoom link for the memorial service, June 13 at 12 noon:

Memorial Service Information:
Live stream video from Saint Peter Lutheran Church in Greenwood Village, Colorado June 13, 2020 at 12:00 Noon. (CST)
Join Video Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86941022219

Join Zoom Meeting by Audio only on your phone by dialing: 1-253-215-8782 or 1-312-626-6799 When prompted enter meeting ID: 869 4102 2219

O God of grace and glory, we remember our sister, Alma. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for Jana Fortuna and her family on the death of Jana's sister, Tammy.

Please pray for Warren Isbell, who is in the hospital in La Crosse.

**We continue to pray for:** Tim & Karen McClain as they mourn the death of Karen's mom, Pat Swartz. For Tim Steivang who is recovering from surgery; for Jeff Olson as he recovers from surgery; the family of Roger Thorsen, for Lisa Engh and family at the death of Lisa’s mother; for Ron and Karen Wall and family at the death of Ron’s mother; For Lenna Hanson, Jan VanWormer; We also For all those who provide medical care; for those who are ill, both with Covid-19 and with other illnesses; for those who are lonely and having a hard time; for those who have been laid off, furloughed, or who have lost jobs; for those returning to work;

**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**

**Coffee Hour and Worship this coming Sunday, June 7, Holy Trinity Sunday: Yes, that’s right, Coffee hour!** We will be gathering at 9 am for a time of fellowship via zoom. Brew yourself up a good cup of coffee or tea, sit on down, and catch up with everyone before worship. Please email Pastor Mark at pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com to receive the link to join for this coffee hour.

And then, join us for worship at <https://youtu.be/9MaJA0NreSE>. Thanks to all who have made this worship possible, including our guest preacher, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton!

**Join us for** Devotions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:07 pm. Worship on Sunday at 10:07 am.

**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 number: 1 for Sunday worship, 2 for daily devotional.**

**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!**

**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.

**A Thank You Note from the Ecumenical Food Pantry:** *Trinity Lutheran Congregation, Thank you so very much for your support of the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Cash donations allow us to purchase food items we are most in need of and support our mission to feed the hungry in our community. Your support is truly appreciated! Lori Ashcher—Board Member*

**Thank You from Monroe County Health:** *Dear Trinity Lutheran, Thank you very much for the home-made masks you mad for the public that the health department serves. We appreciate the masks as we assure the public has access to personal protective equipment. We have every confidence that our community will do what is right as we walk together to make our community’s health top priority. Sincerely, Sharon Nelson, Monroe County Health Department.*

**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! If you know people who are in need of food but can’t get to the pantry, please let Pastor Mark know!**

**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.

**Bible studies:** If you are interested in being part of an online bible study, please email Pastor Mark (pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com). He is planning on a study of the book of Acts. We are also planning a study/reading group base on Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s *Life Together.*

***ELCA Youth Gathering Update:***

Gathering staff and leadership continue to monitor COVID-19 recommendations and trends from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, state governments, our host city and venues, and meeting planner organizations. Please stay tuned to Gathering social media and the website for updates.We thank all of you who continue to care for young people during this pandemic. Know that you, your congregation and especially the youth of this church are in our daily thoughts and prayers. For the most up to date information regarding the 2021 Gathering and COVID-19, please visit: [elca.org/YouthGathering/COVID19](https://community.elca.org/page.redir?target=https%3a%2f%2felca.org%2fYouthGathering%2fCOVID19&srcid=228188&srctid=1&erid=9ef01e20-5f7c-476e-81b9-a9d95f0ff535&trid=9ef01e20-5f7c-476e-81b9-a9d95f0ff535)

**30 Days of Prayer:** A number of our members are offering a daily scripture reading and a prayer. You may see them offered on our Facebook group page. Here is the prayer we offer each day:

**A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God**

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ’s body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.