**Update: April 22, 2020**

**From Pastor Mark Kvale**

Hello Trinity,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

So, dear friends, how are you? This is a simple question to ask, but perhaps a hard one to answer. We could answer it with a simple “good,” or “bad.” Or, we might feel that there is not enough time or paper to contain all that we are feeling and experiencing. Please know, that I am praying for you, and that God is present in all that we are going through.

I invite you to please take a few moments and fill out this survey. It will help us gage our abilities to stay connected: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScS5yqsBMMREI1XROdRwZ-GZ1-rbENeepck2dqqqD8j7a7dWQ/viewform?usp=sf_link>

**Here are some items for our Wednesday update:**

You can find all of our worships for this past week on our website. www.tlcsparta.org.

**Bulletins for Sunday’s worship and a recording are available on our website,** [**www.tlcsparta.org**](http://www.tlcsparta.org) **and in the resource box located outside of Trinity’s front door.**

**Worship on Sunday, April 26 at 9 am.**

Worship on Sunday will be live-streamed on Trinity’s Facebook Group, and recorded and posted on our website. This coming Sunday, we will have a special blessing and prayer for all those who are **medical care-givers!**

**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!

**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!

**Prayer Concerns:**

We pray for the family of Roger Thorson, who died yesterday at Gundersen Medical Center in LaCrosse. God’s peace to Carol and the whole family, and to all of us who loved this amazing brother in Christ.

We continue to pray for Lisa Engh and family at the death of Lisa’s mother.

We pray for Ron and Karen Wall and family at the death of Ron’s mother.

We pray for all those who provide medical care.

We pray for those who are ill, both with Covid-19 and with other illnesses.

We pray for those who are lonely and having a hard time.

We pray for those who have been laid off, furloughed, or who have lost jobs.

If you have any prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Mark (608.487.2030 or pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com)

**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.

**Sunday School at Home!**

While we are not able to be at our building for Sunday School, here is a great resource for our children and families to keep learning about Jesus. Please check out this website:

<https://www.wearesparkhouse.org/promos/family-sunday-school/?utm_content=126079066&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&hss_channel=fbp-128544820522453&fbclid=IwAR0a0m_ytZngd_T__IkfcmDAOYMeSd5jCxP_0HL6ikb16jC6vPbWEq2R9HU>

**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!** With the current covid19 issues, only workers are allowed into the pantry at this time. Those needing food are asked to fill out a form which is on a cart outside the pantry door. These forms let the workers know what type of perishable items each family needs. (All non-perishable items have been pre-packed). The pantry workers will fill the order and bring the items out. **If you know people who are in need of food but can’t get to the pantry, please let Pastor Mark know!**

**Our Watchword for the Week:**

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.* 1Peter 1.3

Let us pray . . .

Lord, keeper of mysteries, shepherd of souls, why do we mean so much to you? Let us spend this day pondering how much you love us and striving to love others in response. Amen.

In the love of Jesus

Pastor Mark