**Update: April 13, 2020**

**From Pastor Mark Kvale**

Hello Trinity,

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

Today is the Monday after Easter; a day to remember that Christ has defeated death and that he is with us always and for all time! Dear friends, I am so incredibly grateful to be serving Jesus with you! I am so thankful for many things:

To all who helped with worship this past Holy Week: THANK YOU! We are a ‘liturgical church’; taken from the Greek word for ‘work of the people.’ Those who helped lead worship have helped all of us worship the risen Christ.

To all who continue to be generous in giving: THANK YOU! I know times are hard, and the near future not so sure, but your generous giving has allowed us, as the body of Christ, to continue to be about what Jesus calls us to be about.

To those of you who have shared with me that they would like to help in financial ways those of our congregation who are hurting right now: THANK YOU! Your love of each other humbles me!

To the staff and leadership of Trinity: THANK YOU! Myrt, Christin, and Michelle have been and continue to be so faithful in their areas of responsibility.

Here are some items for our Monday update:

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

**Bulletins for Sunday’s worship are available on our website, and in the resource box located outside of Trinity’s front door.**

**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!

**Prayer Concerns:**

We pray for Roger Thorson, who is in the hospital in La Crosse

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 last night.

“Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine on her.”

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)

**Help Available:**

A family in our congregation feels called to help people in our congregation financially. If you, or someone you know, is having a difficult time right now, please contact Pastor Mark and we will see how we can get help to those who need it.

**Council:** Trinity’s council meets tomorrow evening. I ask that you hold your leaders in prayer at 7 pm, as we gather for the first time since our response to the Covid-19 virus started. If you have any concerns for the council, please feel free to contact me or any council member.

**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.

Here is a verse of scripture and a prayer for us today:

*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. . . God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the hope of resurrection. We pray to bear that hope into a hurting world. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Pastor Mark