



TRINITY PARISH

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March 18, 2020

Dear Beloved,

First of all I want you to know that we are holding you in our prayers.

The psalm appointed for this coming Sunday just happens to be Psalm 23.

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

There is great solace to be found in our scriptures and in our prayers. When we are confronted with the unknown, we have these ancient words to ground us. When isolated from each other, common prayer unites us and connects us to power greater than ourselves. In these times, Jesus' promise that he is with us to the end of the ages tethers us and weaves us into community as the body of Christ. Those bonds and that promise never fail.

As we continue in this new reality, we want to keep you informed and invite you into specific ways we can care for each other.

Worship:

Thanks to Charles and Terry, we now have a Facebook Live capacity for Sunday morning services and Wednesday 12:10 services. The bulletins will be on the church's website to download. You can also watch them at a later time. Every night at 7pm we will Facebook Live Compline. We are working on how to make this available for those without Facebook accounts.

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Pastoral outreach:

We will continue to reach out via phone trees
We ask each of you to connect with your family, friends and neighbors. If you learn of specific needs let us know and we will try to connect people with resources.
Charles and I are available via many forms of communication. We are also available for in person pastoral meetings if necessary. Do not hesitate to contact us.

Facilities:

Our buildings are closed for all public meetings, including AA and NA
Delaware Future and the Old Swedes Foundation have closed
Triad is still seeing individual clients until the end of the week and then will offer phone sessions.
All flat surfaces are being wiped down with disinfectant

Staff:

All may work remotely
All employees will continue to be paid. This includes Sunday sexton, paid choir leads, nursery and Sunday school workers, van driver and OS organist.

Resources:

See our website (www.trinityoldswedes.church) for a list of community food pantries, on-line and phone hotlines and AA meetings,
We have gathered all the donations to the Delaware Futures students as well as the food prepared for cold purple. We are in conversation about the best way to share these resources.

Education:

We are using the zoom app for our Monday bible study. If you wish to be a part of that simply let the office know and we will send a link. If you do not have video capacity, there is a phone number so that you can join via audio only.
Due to topic for tonight's Adult Formation class, I have decided it is too soon and too raw for such an intimate conversation long distance. We will either zoom or skype next week's class on the Holy Week liturgies.
Charles is working with the Confirmation students and the Special Communion students.

Finances:

The Vestry will be monitoring our cash flow and continue to be good stewards of our financial resources.
Donations and pledge payments can be made by mail, through our Vanco account on the website or by stock donations.

These are extraordinary times and we are learning that being church is who we are as a people. We will continue to employ new and varied ways of connecting with God and one another. Pray always. Reach out to those around you. Be safe.

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