



March 13, 2020. 9:00 a.m.
Dear friends in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You are receiving this because you were willing to share your email address with us for special urgent communications. I am grateful for the opportunity to reach you in this way. (Please click at the top of this message to display the image.)

Our call as disciples is to love our neighbor. With that in mind, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary responses. As we have learned, things can change dramatically from day to day, or even from hour to hour. Here is where we stand today, the morning of March 13:

Our **Spaghetti Dinner** originally scheduled for March 29 has been postponed. This event will be held later this spring, so please stay in touch through our web site (holytrinitymarshall.com), Facebook page, or newsletter and bulletin inserts. Thank you to all who have made many advance preparations and contributed silent auction items; all this will come to fruition at the right time.

We plan to offer **all scheduled worship services**. We will be taking extra measures to sanitize the sanctuary, and we heartily encourage you to wash your hands when you arrive and to make use of hand sanitizer and boxes of tissues in the narthex and sanctuary as needed. For the time we will refrain from shaking hands on arriving and leaving, and from sharing the peace directly with each other. The offering plates will be placed at the back of the sanctuary. If at some point it becomes unadvisable to gather together in one room, you may join the services at the appointed hour through Facebook live-streaming. In that event we'll send out an update with instructions. Please check our Facebook page and web site for the latest news.

In the present time of caution we understand if you choose not to attend worship. If so, please keep two things in mind: 1) We heartily encourage you to drop off or send in your regular offerings. To continue operating, we rely exclusively on your regular support. This may also be a good time to visit our web site and enroll in our electronic giving program. 2) The Sunday sermons will be posted on our YouTube channel, "Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Marshall WI" (please include all these search terms). The sermon from March 8 is already up.

Confirmation parents, I will be in touch about whether it becomes necessary to hold class online over the next few weeks. Since we are reading through the Gospel of Mark for the rest of the month, this will work fairly well.

Please call me at 614-214-2639 or write to pastor@holytrinity-marshall.com with any questions or concerns. I am here for you.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Raabe

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in all ways." (2Thessalonians 3:16)