# HTLConnections

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# LIVING LIFE IN SEPARATION

Thank you for your flexibility and your courage as we seek to navigate these uncharted waters of COVID-19. This is a difficult time and we want you to know that we care. God is with you!

Our church will continue to "be the church," just in a new way. We believe the Holy Spirit is capable of finding new ways to form community and faith, even when we have obstacles in front of us. The Holy Spirit broke the language barrier at the Pentecost so that people could be reached through new languages and tongues. Today, I marvel at how the Holy Spirit is speaking through new languages such as Facebook Live, Moodle, Zoom, etc.

Due to the CDC recommendations and the Minnesota Governor's Executive Orders, we have moved all church activities to an online or virtual format. Our building is closed to anyone other than staff.

As of Friday, March 20th, until the CDC recommends otherwise, we will be postponing all weddings, funerals, and baptisms.

God is with you. We care. We are going to get through this. God's peace and presence to each of you.

In Christ,
Pastors Alicia and Ben Hilding

## **CHURCH EVENTS**

This section of our new digital weekly e-bulletin will be used to indicate upcoming church events.

However, due to the COVID-19 in-person contact restrictions, all events have been postponed.



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All worship services have moved online via Facebook Premiere. Login to your Facebook account about 5 minutes before service and find the Live video. Interact with the Pastors and other worshippers in real time!

Wait? Don't have Facebook? No worries! All services will be posted to our website within a few hours of the original broadcast. Visit <a href="https://www.holytrinityonline.org/worship-online-video/">www.holytrinityonline.org/worship-online-video/</a>

## WEEKLY WORD

John 14:15-18

15If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you."

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

We have weekly online faith formation for children (3 year olds-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and confirmation (6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade). If you have a child/youth in these age ranges and would like to participate in these offerings, please contact <u>Pastor Alicia</u> (Children) or <u>Pastor Ben</u> (Confirmation).

#### MISSION OUTREACH

Due to the drastic increase of job losses in our community, please donate to the New Prague Peace Center located at 313 Columbus Ave N. They are in need of cereal, diced tomatoes and all kinds of soup. Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 am - Noon and Thursdays 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

# LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support of the HTLC Little Free Pantry! Your donations are a blessing to our community in this time of significant need. Thank you Holy Trinity!



# **CARING CONNECTIONS**

Looking for ways to help? Here's a list of ways you can create a Caring Connection!

- Parkview Clinic is need of supplies. Please call 952.758.2535 to schedule a drop-off and to complete a pre-screening.
  - Face Masks (follow pattern in link)
  - Lysol wipes
  - Lysol Disinfectant Spray (Crisp Linen scent)
  - Anti-microbial soap
  - Clorox Healthcare Germicidal Disinfectant
  - N95 Masks

#### Adopt a Grand-person

 Contact <u>Pastor Alicia</u> to receive the name of someone to call 1x week to check in with them during this time

#### Special Music

 Record yourself singing or playing a churchrelated song and it may end up a part of our Online Worship service! Send to <u>Pastor</u> <u>Ben.</u>