

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

“This too shall pass” is one of my family’s favorite quotes. Our daughter loves it so much that it is tattooed on her forearm. These four little words invite us to live in the moment. These words seem especially appropriate right now as we navigate our way through the challenges, frustrations, and fears of life in a pandemic and as we savor the unexpected blessings and gifts of this time.

This too shall pass. The fear, anxiety, worry, separation, and isolation of these days will not last forever. The bad things are temporary. While no one knows how long this time will last, we do know that an end will come. While our lives will certainly be altered, there will come a day when these things will pass and we will emerge from this experience transformed in ways we cannot imagine. All the negative, soul-wrenching, life-draining experiences of this time will fade away.

This too shall pass. The special gifts and blessings of this time are not going to last forever. Dinner with my family every evening is a gift to be cherished. Evenings at home are a gift to be cherished. Going on walks, preparing our favorite meals, reading a book for pleasure are all joys that this time of stillness has brought to my life. These blessings will not last forever. It will take a tremendous amount of effort and resolve to incorporate the things I have learned during this time and apply it to my post-pandemic life. Neither the good nor the bad is permanent. Everything is changing. Let us live in this moment – enduring the bad and savoring the good – for none of it will last forever.

This too shall pass. Worshipping at home in our jammies with a cup of coffee and gathered close to loved ones will not last forever. (However, it is our plan that live-streaming will continue to be an option for those who cannot, for a number of reasons, be physically present with us on Sunday mornings for worship.) While we have the opportunity, let us gather together on Sunday at 10:00 am to worship God, give thanks for our blessings, and find strength and courage for the days ahead. While we miss being physically present with one another, let us give thanks for technology and relish the gift of online worship. The bulletin, children’s materials, and information about online giving can be found on our website at www.trinitylutheran.ws. I look forward to being with you for worship on Sunday morning. May God surround and fill you with hope, joy, and peace this day.

Love and Easter blessings,
Pastor Susan Crowell