

*But now thus says God, the one who created you, who formed you, O Israel;  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
When you walk through fire you shall not be burned  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
I am the Lord your God.  
You are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you.  
Isaiah 43:1-3a,4a*

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

No matter what is happening in your life at this very moment, regardless of the challenges and struggles you are facing, if you are feeling lost, alone, forsaken, of little value and worth, struggling with doubt, fear, anxiety, or depression, then these words of God from the prophet Isaiah are intended especially for you. These words are God's love letter to you. This is God's effort to tell you that, in God's kingdom, you have great value and worth. You are precious, beloved, dear to God. You matter...to God and to the Trinity family. You are loved beyond measure by God who calls you beloved.

In the wilderness of your fear and worry about the coming days or months, God is making a way for you, promising you a beautiful future, a future filled with hope. Rest in this knowledge. Cling to this promise. We are in this together. No one walks alone. God calls and blesses our community of faith so that we can reach out in love to walk with another. Relax and trust this day that your life is being held securely in the palm of God's hand.

I invite and encourage you to worship with our family of faith and to celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion with us online this Sunday at 10:00 am. The bulletin and information about supporting Trinity with your financial resources can be found at [www.trinitylutheran.ws](http://www.trinitylutheran.ws). Zoom links for Coffee and Conversation as well as a class for adults and elementary-aged children can be found at the bottom of this email.

On Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm *A Service of Pride: Affirming and Celebrating the LGBTQIA+ Community* will be held online in honor of Pride month. This service is an opportunity for us to worship God and to celebrate Trinity's designation as a Reconciling in Christ congregation, a congregation that strives to love, honor, value, welcome, and affirm all people. In these days of uncertainty, upheaval, and strife, it is more important than ever for us to reach out in love to all people. I look forward to our time together in worship on Sunday and on Wednesday.

Love and blessings to you,  
Pastor Susan Crowell