

THE TRINITY TWEET



The mission of Trinity Lutheran School is to assist families to make fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ through Christ-centered education.

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This past Sunday, Pastor Ben reflected on the baptism of Jesus in Matthew 3:13–17, a moment filled with holy tension. When Jesus comes to the Jordan River, John the Baptist hesitates. He knows who Jesus is, the sinless Son of God, and says, *“I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”* Yet Scripture tells us, *“Then he consented.”*

John’s hesitation makes sense. Baptism was a call to repentance, and Jesus had no sin to confess. Yet, Jesus steps into the water anyway. In this moment, we see the tension between two worlds, the world as it is, broken by sin, and the world as God is redeeming it through His Son.

Jesus does not remain distant from our brokenness. He enters it fully. By being baptized, Jesus identifies Himself with sinners and begins His public ministry of bearing our sin and carrying it to the cross. We confess that Jesus’ baptism points us forward to His saving work, His obedience, His sacrifice, and His victory over sin and death.

This tension remains in our own lives. We live between what God has already done in Christ and what is not yet fully complete. Through our baptism, we belong to Christ, we are forgiven, claimed, and given new life. And yet we still struggle with sin, doubt, and weakness. We live in two worlds at once. Redeemed and still waiting, saved and still being shaped.

Paul reminds us in Romans 6:4, *“We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that... we too might walk in newness of life.”* Baptism places us firmly in God’s promises, even as we navigate the challenges of daily life.

At the Jordan, God speaks words of grace that echo for us today. *“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”* In Christ, those words are spoken over us as well. Not because of what we have done, but because of what Jesus has done for us. May this truth comfort your family this week. Christ has entered our world fully, claimed us as His own, and walks with us in the tension between what is and what will be.

Family Discussion Questions

- Why do you think John the Baptist hesitated to baptize Jesus?
- What does Jesus’ baptism show us about how much He loves us?
- What does it mean that we live in two worlds at the same time?
- How does our baptism remind us that we belong to Jesus?
- Where do you see God at work in your life this week, even in the struggles?

MISSING SILVERWARE Have you noticed some random spoons or forks in your silverware drawer that don’t match the rest? Please send them to the school office so they can reunite with their silverware friends in the cafeteria. Thank you.

NO SCHOOL In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, there will be no school on Monday, January 19. The staff

will be having professional development with other area schools.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK IS COMING!

January 25 – 31 is National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW) for Lutheran Schools around the world. The theme this year is from Psalm 98:4, Make a Joyful Noise. Attached are the fun-filled dress-down days we have planned. We will also have a school-wide assembly that

week with Jim Basketball Jones, the Geography Bee will be held, and students will perform at the Talent Show. Plus, some LHN students will visit our 7th and 8th grade classes to talk about high school at Lutheran North. We are excited to celebrate our identity as a Lutheran School and all the ways God blesses us at Trinity.

RE-ENROLLMENT INFORMATION, including tuition costs, will be coming home at the end of the month in a separate email from Mr. Brown for the 2026-27 school year.

SCHOOL AND ECC OPEN HOUSE Trinity's School & Early Childhood Center Open House is Sunday, February 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It's an opportunity for new families to visit the classrooms, meet with teachers, experience the facilities and learn about the programs Trinity offers. Tell your friends why Trinity is a great place for an exceptional Christian education and invite them to attend! To learn more visit Trinityct.org/admissions or call 586-468-8511.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT is Tuesday, February 3 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. We will meet in the church for a devotion, and learn more about the school and kindergarten program. Invite anyone you know who is interested in attending Kindergarten at Trinity next year. This event is for parents only. For information, call the school office at (586) 468-8511.

FIRST GRADE CRAFTING Mrs. Bender is seeking brown paper grocery bags for activities in her room. Any donations to the crafting cause can be dropped off in the school office. Thank you from first grade!

2026-27 SCHOOL CALENDAR With Labor Day being so late next year, we will be starting school on Wednesday, August 26, 2026. Attached is the 26-27 School Year Calendar At-A-Glance. A more detailed calendar will be released in the coming weeks.



TRINITY MATH CHALLENGE IS BACK! Trinity students will be challenged once again to master level-appropriate math facts and win prizes for their efforts! The skills include:

- K— Counting skills
- 1/2—Addition/Subtraction
- 3/4—Multiplication tables 1-10
- 5/6—Multiplication tables 1-12

7/8—Formulas and other facts

If you are interested in having your student(s) take on the challenge, [please sign up HERE](#). Anyone who completes the challenge gets a free dress down day!

DINNER DANCE TICKET SALES END JANUARY 26 The 8th grade hosts its annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser at the Italian American Cultural Society on Saturday, February 28, 2026 to raise money for the class trip to NYC. Tickets are \$65 each and include dinner, dancing, raffles, prizes and open bar. Please see an 8th grade parent or Mrs. Nyboer in the school office to purchase. We hope to see you there!

SOUP AND OTHER ALA CARTE ITEMS Mrs. Chilcutt's chicken noodle soup is on the menu every Friday. It is an ala carte item and costs \$1 which will be billed to your lunch account. Per government lunch guidelines, students must have either a lunch from home or a school meal to go with the soup or any ala carte item ordered – ala carte items cannot be the only thing a student is eating for lunch. If they do not have food from home to go with an ala carte item, they will be given a meal and it will be changed to RenWeb. Thank you.

JANUARY CHAPEL OFFERING is going to Lutheran Special Education Ministries. LSEM reaches, serves and supports children with various learning needs in Lutheran schools around the world, including ours! Please encourage your child to intentionally bring a chapel offering each Wednesday to support this mission. We want to promote sacrificial giving among the children – giving a portion of their allowances, or earning money by doing chores. It's a great Christian life lesson.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND CEF is a savings program that students may support every Friday. You can read about the non-profit work of CEF [on their website](#). Students "purchase" stamps, and the money gets put into an account for them at Church Extension Fund. Parents must be on the account with their minor children. The money earns interest, and you'll get statements regarding the balance on a regular basis.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS Trinity participates with Kroger in their Community Rewards program. If you are a Kroger shopper, you can designate Trinity Clinton Township as a recipient of Community Rewards money from Kroger! Use the app [or the website](#) to check your account and enroll for Trinity (organization WL 109).

INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS will always be communicated from Mr. Brown in three ways: Remind

101, a RenWeb email, and local media outlets. Typically, Trinity will close for inclement weather if L'Anse Creuse closes for inclement weather, however, please confirm Trinity is closed by using one of the three methods listed.

SIGN UP FOR REMIND 101! Mr. Brown will be using Remind again this year to send school cancellations or other quick messages. If you haven't already, please text 81010 to get signed up. Put the below code in the message body. You only need to sign up for one group.

K-2 - @ag9ff4

3-5 - @64f2ch

6-8 - @c6cagd

UPCOMING EVENTS AT LUTHERAN HIGH NORTH



1/27/26 [Elementary Art Night 4th Graders](#)

2/10/26 [Elementary Art Night 3rd Graders](#)

Join Mrs. Wilson, Lutheran North's art teacher, along with some of our talented LHN art students, for a fun and creative art experience! Come create something fantastic and get a glimpse into what our Lutheran North art program is all about.

3/6/26 [Mustang Mix It Up 6th-8th Grade](#) Students will have the chance to make new friends while participating in fun activities like volleyball, basketball, dodgeball, and more. Pizza will be provided, and we'll also have giveaways throughout the evening!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

January 14	8:20 Chapel
January 16	Mid-term
January 19	NO SCHOOL – MLK/Staff Professional Dev.
January 20	Midterm grades emailed
January 21	8:20 Chapel
January 25	Grades 3 and 4 sing at 11:00 Worship
January 25-31	National Lutheran Schools Week
January 28	8:20 Chapel
January 29	Talent Show Rehearsal
January 30	12:45 Geography Bee 6:30 Talent Show
February 1	10:30 – 1:30 School & ECC Open House
February 2	NWEA Testing begins
February 3	6:30 Kindergarten Information Night
February 4	8:20 Chapel 12:45 Spelling Bee
February 11	8:20 Chapel
February 16-17	NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK
February 18	8:20 Chapel
February 22	Grades 7 and 8 sing at 8:30 Worship
February 25	8:20 Chapel
February 28	Dinner Dance Fundraiser

VOLUNTEER CORNER

VALVE SEARCH PARTY - TWO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Brandon Ritchie, our Director of Operations, is looking for two volunteers to assist with mapping water shut-offs in the school. The task includes using ladders, removing ceiling tiles and tagging locations in the school hallways with Brandon and another maintenance person, Mr. Mansfield. This will happen on Monday, February 9 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. No skills needed. Email Brandon if you can help out at britchie@trinityct.org

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR The hospitality team is looking for more help between services with snacks and hosting. If you can help, please [SIGN UP HERE](#).

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS We have had some cancellations in the kitchen, and Mrs. Chilcutt is seeking volunteers to help. Volunteers assist with lunch preparation and serving so punctuality and commitment is important. **A Parent Participation Form is required to volunteer.** Please [consider signing up!](#)

K/1/2 LUNCH AND RECESS VOLUNTEERS Grades K/1/2 are looking for volunteers to help each day in the lunchroom and on the playground. Duties include walking around the lunch tables, opening packages, walking kids to the restroom and waiting in the hallway, and walking the playground to monitor students with other staff members. **A Parent Participation Form is required to volunteer.** No siblings, please, so attention can be on K/1/2 students. Use [THIS LINK](#) to sign up.

3/4 RECESS VOLUNTEERS Third and Fourth Grades are looking for Recess Volunteers for Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. **A Parent Participation Form is required to volunteer.** When you arrive, please sign in to the office and pick up a volunteer badge. [Review the available slots to sign up.](#)

CHURCH HELP Don't forget, volunteering with church activities may also count towards your volunteer hours. [Read the Announcer](#) weekly to learn all the ways you can be involved.

CHURCH INFORMATION -----

WEEKEND CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00

Saturdays at 5:00

CHOIR MEMBERS STILL WANTED—Just because Christmas is over doesn't mean we don't have opportunities for people to sing in church! The Trinity Music Ministry is always looking for vocalists and instrumentalists to help enhance our weekend worship services. If you've thought about joining us, the new year could be the perfect opportunity! From Adult Choir to our Contemporary Praise Team, we have a spot for just about everyone middle school aged through 99. Please reach out to Erica Batkins at ebatkins@trinityct.org with questions, opportunities, and audition information.

NEW MEMBER CLASS—Our Life with Jesus new member classes have changed format! Classes begin Sunday, Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. in the Church Lounge. The session is scheduled to run for five weeks, including Christianity 101, baptism classes for all planning to be baptized (or have a child baptized) and First Communion for adults and students in fifth grade and up. To sign up for the new member class, go to trinityct.org/lwj/. For questions,

contact Ashley in the Church Office at abutts@trinityct.org or 586-463-2921.

† Sunday, Jan. 18—Christianity 101, which also serves as our standalone Baptism class. This may be taken independently and (required for anyone not coming from a Christian background, but seeking membership).

† Sunday, Jan. 25—Engage God (LWJ 1)

† Sunday, Feb. 1—Engage God's People (LWJ 2)

† Sunday, Feb. 8—Engage the World (LWJ 3)

† Sunday, Feb. 15—(Community Center) is Lutheran 101, which also serves as our standalone First Communion class for 5th grade through adults (required for any new member not transferring from an LCMS church).