THE TRINITY TWEET

Growing in Respect Integrity Truth

And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

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

Isaiah 53:5 – "But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."

Luke 24:5-6 – "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."

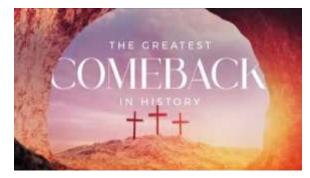
1 Corinthians 15:57 – "But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Have you ever sat in the stands or in front of the TV, watching your child's team getting crushed, thinking, "There's no way they're coming back from this"? It's that deep, sinking feeling like the game's already over, even before the final buzzer.

There are three moments in sports history that I distinctly remember watching on TV or being in the stands where the team I was rooting for made an unbelievable comeback.

- Duke vs. Kentucky (1992): With 2.1 seconds left in overtime, it looked like the game was lost. But then Grant Hill made the perfect full-court pass to Christian Laettner, who turned, shot, and nailed a buzzer-beater to win it. Pandemonium. Hope restored in a heartbeat.
- Super Bowl LI (2017): The Patriots were down 28-3 against the Falcons. Everyone thought it was over. But Tom Brady led one of the greatest comebacks in NFL history, forcing overtime and winning the game which was unthinkable just a quarter earlier.
- Magglio Ordóñez's Walk-Off Homer (2006): The Tigers hadn't been to the World Series in over two decades. It was Game 4 against the A's. In the bottom of the ninth, game tied, Magglio Ordóñez stepped to the plate. One swing and one unforgettable walk-off home run. The Tigers won and went to the World Series! The stadium erupted in pure joy.

In the same way, Holy Week looked like the ultimate defeat. On Good Friday, the scoreboard read **Death: 1, Jesus: 0**. To the disciples, the cross was the end. Their Rabbi and Savior was lifeless and buried in a tomb. This was a huge spiritual deficit and seemed like a crushing defeat and insurmountable lead. But what they didn't know was that God had the ultimate comeback planned. On Easter Sunday, the stone was rolled away, and Jesus walked out of the tomb victorious. Death didn't get the last word. Sin didn't win. The devil lost. **That victory is ours too.**



We hold fast to the truth that Christ's resurrection is not symbolic. It is real, historical, and powerful. In Luther's Small Catechism, we confess that Christ "has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person... not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death."

His resurrection provides forgiveness, life, and salvation. Just like an impossible game turned around by a single shot or a historic drive, God turned history around through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Raising kids can sometimes feel like we are constantly behind in the score. Whether it's the tantrums, the teenage eye-rolls, the

broken curfews, or just the exhaustion of day-to-day parenting. Maybe your family's going through a tough season right now, and it feels like you're losing. God is the master of comebacks. He takes broken families and brings restoration. He turns guilt into grace. He turns death into life.

So what does this mean for us as parents?

- We model the resurrection when we forgive our child after a mistake.
- We live the victory when we kneel in prayer and trust that God is at work, even when we don't see it yet.
- We **point to the comeback** when we point our kids to the cross and remind them that this is where love won.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for the cross, and thank You for the empty tomb. When life feels like a loss, remind us of Your victory. Help us as parents to walk in that resurrection hope, modeling it for our children and clinging to it ourselves. When we feel like we're behind, give us faith to trust that You've already won. In Your victorious name, Amen.

Family Challenge:

This week, share a "comeback story" with your kids. Whether it's Duke's miracle shot, the Patriots' Super Bowl rally, or even something personal. Then, read the Easter story together from Luke 24. Talk about how Jesus made the greatest comeback of all time and remind them that it was for us.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE! For the last two years, Holy Week was during spring break so our special schedule may not be familiar to many of our families. Please note:

*<u>No Chapel on Wednesday – we will attend Maundy</u> <u>Thursday Worship at 10:00 in the sanctuary</u> with the congregation. This is a communion service so those students in grades 6/7/8 who have completed the Holy Communion stepping stone will be invited to come forward to receive the body and blood. There is also a service at 7pm that evening. Students in 5th grade who recently completed the stepping stone classes will receive Holy Communion at the evening service with their families.

*On Good Friday we have a half-day with 12:30 dismissal. This makes it easy to pick up your students and head to 1:00 Good Friday worship if you desire. There's also a service at 7pm that evening if you're interested.

*<u>Good Friday will be regular uniform dress.</u> No spiritwear Friday this week.

*<u>There WILL BE lunch offered on Good Friday</u> however, it's a very limited menu. THERE WILL <u>NOT</u> BE HOT DOGS, OMELETS, OR SOUP on Good Friday. This helps the kitchen staff clean up quickly so they, too, can attend church.

BAGEL DAY Tomorrow is bagel day for those who ordered in January.

PROTECT YOUNG EYES Thank you to everyone who attended the PYE parent presentation last week. We sent an email with resources on Thursday and hope you find it helpful. Congrats to our 1st and 2nd grade classes who tied for the pizza party with 44% of parents attending.

MISS ADAMS RECEIVES A SECOND CALL Our fourth-grade teacher, Miss Grace Adams, has again received a call to another Lutheran school, this time in Michigan. The call process works like a job offer, however, the difference is the school or church seeks the person. Please pray for her as she discerns God's guidance whether to continue her call at Trinity or to accept the new call. She would be happy to talk to you if you have questions.

STEM CAMP In February, we emailed Trinity parents about a free hands-on robotics camp this summer. Trinity will be partnering with Team 4810 of I.AM.Robot, a talented group of students from the International Academy of Macomb, Dakota High School, and Chippewa Valley High School, to offer an engaging camp experience focused on robotics and engineering. The camp will be held at Washington Elementary School in Mt. Clemens. Students will gain knowledge in engineering, with a focus on design, mechanical systems, electrical systems, and programming. Students will also develop essential teamwork and collaboration skills as they work together with other camp participants. Junior mentors, lead mentors, and professional engineers will be guiding the students, offering a unique opportunity to learn from and interact with experienced professionals in the field of robotics. Registration is OPEN. Use this Google Form. As mentioned the camp is completely free. All students must commit to all 5 days to get the full experience. If anyone has any questions or concerns, contact Laura Freytag at (586) 855-0557 or email iamroboticst4810@gmail.com The deadline to register is May 31.

MATH FAIR NEXT WEEK We are looking forward to the K-8 Math Fair on Thursday, April 24 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. This is an open house style event, and you are welcome to bring family and friends. The students have been working hard on their projects and are eager to show you what they have learned. In addition, recent artwork will be on display in the halls for you to admire. Please enter and exit through the main school doors.

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTH UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Grades 7/8 Mustang Mix It Up</u> April 25 from 6:00 -7:30 Make some new friends while participating in volleyball, basketball, dodgeball, etc. Pizza will be provided and we will also be having giveaways! <u>Kindergarten Art Night</u> April 29 from 6:00 – 7:00

Kindergarteners are invited to join the Lutheran North Art teacher Mrs. Wilson, along with some LHN art students, to create something fantastic and discover what the Lutheran North art program is all about!

LIBRARY BOOK DONATION The school library has an Amazon wish list for new books. When your family donates a book, we will place a dedication sticker inside as a recognition of your donation. <u>SHOP HERE</u>

CHAPEL OFFERING for March and April will go to Groundwork Guatemala. Their mission is to take the Living Word, Jesus Christ, to the lost of Guatemala and equip the found for a life of service to their Savior. Your offering helps to support their ministry and keep it thriving! https://www.groundworkguatemala.org

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE MATH FACT CHALLENGE!

Trinity students are challenged to master level-appropriate math facts and win free dress down days for their effort! 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

Have your student(s) take on the challenge and <u>sign up</u> <u>HERE</u>. More information will be sent once the form is submitted.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS Did you know 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 <u>or the website</u> to check your account and enroll for Trinity (organization number WL 109). **CHURCH EXTENSION FUND** CEF Stamps are a savings program for kids to begin saving for their future. The students "purchase" stamps, and the money gets put into an account for them at Church Extension Fund (CEF). Parents must be on the account with their minor children. The money earns interest, and you'll get statements regarding the balance. Feel free to ask Mrs. Brothers any questions if you are not familiar with the program.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

April 16	NO CHAPEL
April 17	Maundy Thursday Worship 10a/7p
April 18	Good Friday Worship 1p/7p
	Half-Day Dismissal 12:30
April 20	Easter Sunday Worship 9a/11a
April 21	NO SCHOOL
April 22	School resumes
April 23	8:20 Chapel
April 24	6:30 Math Fair
April 25	Mid-term
April 27	Grades 5 and 6 sing at 11:00 Worship
April 29	Mid-terms emailed
April 30	8:20 Chapel
May 4	Advanced Band plays at 9:00 Worship
May 7	8:20 Chapel
May 11	Mother's Day
	Kindergarten sings at 11:00 Worship
May 14	8:20 Chapel
May 15	6:30 K-4 Music Concert and Art Display
May 21	8:20 Chapel
May 23	HALF DAY – 11:30 Dismissal - Walkathon
	Free dress down day!
May 26	NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
May 27	School resumes

FRIDAY DRESS CODE On most Fridays during the school year, theme shirts or Trinity spirit wear tops may be worn with uniform bottoms (free) or jeans (\$1). This is NOT a dress-down day, therefore there are intentionally less options. Please take note of the following guidelines:

ALLOWED:

Theme shirts from current or past school years Trinity spirit wear tops Uniform bottoms (free) or Jeans (\$1) <u>NOT ALLOWED:</u> No Michigan State Spartans clothing No sweatpants, joggers, leggings or other non-jeans/nonuniform bottoms. No Thrivent shirts (we love them, just not on Fridays) *Please continue to follow the guidelines so we may keep Spirit Wear Fridays!*

CHURCH INFORMATION -----

WEEKEND CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00 Saturdays at 5:00



Palm Sunday Weekend - (April 12/13) Saturday, 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Maundy Thursday - (April 17) 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. with Holy Communion at both services

> Good Friday - (April 18) 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday (April 20)

9 a.m. service with organ, brass and traditional hymns 11 a.m. service with praise team There will be NO SATURDAY WORSHIP on April 19

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS APRIL 27-

We begin a weekly Bible Study called 'Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday-School' based on the Scripture readings for each week. Class is led by Pastor Keith and begins April 27 and runs each Sunday from 10:10-10:50 a.m. There is always more to the to the Lectionary readings than the sermon theme. We get behind the scenes of familiar Bible verses that sometimes make us wonder "why did Jesus say that?" "Why did God inspire the author to write that?" and "What is the story behind this verse?"

LAST WEEK OF E3—Join us for the last week of E3 this school year! Free dinner is served at 6 p.m. followed by the meetings at 6:30 p.m. The last session is April 16. For more information, call the Church Office at 586-463-2921.

ECC INFORMATION -----

SUMMER CAMP OPEN ENROLLMENT—Registration for Summer Camp is underway. Visit Trinityct.org/summercamp to get all the information you need on how to register, fees and planned activities.

VOLUNTEER COUNSELORS WANTED—If you know a 6th-12th grade student looking to work with kids, our summer camp has openings for Volunteer Counselors. The VCs assist the cabin leaders. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Those interested must attend a orientation and training sessions on Sunday, March 16 at 10 a.m. OR Wednesday, April 9 at 5:15 p.m. For information, contact the ECC office at 586-463-8803.

PAID CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED—Summer Camp Counselors work in pairs with up to 20 children and a volunteer counselor assistant to lead kids through their days. This is a full-time position, Monday through Friday with no weekends. For more information, visit Trinityct.org/ECCemployment and complete the childcare job application. If you have questions, contact Pastor Jeremy at pastorjeremy@trinityct.org