
THE TRINITY TWEET

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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.

“That’s not fair!”

If you spend enough time around kids, you are guaranteed to hear those three words.

Someone received a bigger piece. He was picked first. A sibling stayed up later. A classmate was recognized for the same thing. She got more playing time. Suddenly we have a full-blown investigation into the injustice that has taken place. Of course, adults would never do this...right? We may not say it out loud, but we’re pretty good at keeping score, too.

Pastor Ben focused on Jesus’ parable in Matthew 20 this weekend. A landowner hired workers throughout the day, some early in the morning and others much later. At the end of the day, he paid them the same amount. Naturally, the workers who had been there all day weren’t thrilled.

Wait a minute. They barely worked, and they received the same thing we did? That’s not fair. And that’s exactly the point. There’s a line from a Relient K song that I’ve always loved: **“The beauty of grace is that it makes life not fair.”**

When it comes to our relationship with God, fair is actually not what we want. Grace is. We don’t earn our place in God’s family by working longer, behaving better, knowing more Bible verses, attending more church services, or somehow becoming “better Christians” than the people around us. Jesus earned it for us. And when God gives us Jesus, He doesn’t give some people a larger portion than others. There isn’t a varsity version of Christianity for the really good Christians and a JV version for everyone else.

Everyone who belongs to Christ gets the whole Christ. Full forgiveness. Full grace. Full salvation. A place in His family.

That’s why the landowner’s generosity in the parable is such a beautiful picture of God’s heart. God desires that all people would be saved. He continues going out into the vineyard, seeking the lost and welcoming them in, even at the last hour.

And maybe that’s where this parable challenges us most. We spend an awful lot of time looking sideways. *Why did they get that? Why do they have more? Why did things work out for them? Why did they get the opportunity I wanted?*

Comparison makes us focus on what someone else has received. Grace turns our eyes back to what we have received.

Instead of looking around and asking, **“Why did they get that?”** perhaps we look at the cross and ask: **“Why have I been given so much?”** Why have I been forgiven? Why am I called a child of God? Why did Jesus take my sin to the cross? Why do I have the promise of eternal life? Not because I worked longer in the vineyard. Not because I earned it. Not because I deserved it.

Because of Jesus. That’s the beauty of grace. God’s generosity is far greater than anything we could ever deserve.

So the next time someone in your house says, “That’s not fair!”, and I’m guessing you won’t have to wait very long—maybe it can become a reminder for all of us. Thank God grace isn’t fair.

Family Question: Where are you tempted to compare what you have with what someone else has? Then turn the question around: **Why have I been given so much?**

FALL SPIRITWEAR NOW AVAILABLE New Trinity spiritwear is now available to order through [THIS LINK](#). The deadline to order is Sunday, September 27 at midnight. Orders will be delivered to Trinity around October 9.

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 dressdown day, therefore there are intentionally less options. Please take note of the guidelines:

ALLOWED -

- Theme shirts from current or past school years
- Trinity spirit wear tops
- Uniform bottoms (free) or Jeans (\$1)

NOT ALLOWED -

- No Michigan State Spartans clothing
- No sweatpants, joggers, leggings or other non-jeans/non-uniform bottoms.
- No Thrivent shirts (we love them, just not on Fridays)

Please continue to follow the guidelines so we may keep Spirit Wear Fridays!

IRON MEN is an opportunity for connection and encouragement among the men of our church, school, and ECC community. Inspired by Proverbs 27:17—“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another”—this ministry is focused on helping men grow as husbands, fathers, leaders, and brothers in Christ through fellowship, conversation, and service. Our first gathering of the school year is Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Kuhnenn's Brewery. [RSVP HERE](#) to Principal Mark Brown.

CONNECT DAILY in the Coffee Oasis with other parents after drop-off in the morning! Feel free to stay and enjoy a coffee with others. There are also activities for small children in the drawers of the benches like puzzles and books.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND ON FRIDAYS CEF is a savings program that students may support each week. 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.

MEDICINE REMINDER For the safety of every student, any medication for your child should be left in the school

office. This includes both prescriptions and over-the-counter medicine like cough drops.

STUDENT ABSENCES When an absence is necessary, parents should always contact the school office (not just the teacher). Please call (586) 468-8511 first thing on the day of the absence to indicate the student name, grade, and reason for the absence. If it is before 7:30 a.m., please leave a voicemail. Email is also an acceptable way to share an absence and may be sent to Mrs. Nyboer and Mrs. Steenkamp with an explanation.

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 or the website to check your account and enroll for Trinity (organization number WL 109).

SEPTEMBER CHAPEL OFFERING [Groundwork Guatemala](#), one of Trinity's Impact Mission, will receive the school chapel offering for the month of September. 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!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 21	Grade 8 to Future Mustang Day
September 23	See You At The Pole – Chapel Outside
September 30	8:20 Chapel
October 7	8:20 Chapel
October 7-9	Grade 6 to Outdoor Education
October 11	Grades 7/8 Choir sing at 11:00 Worship
October 14	8:20 Chapel
October 15	NO SCHOOL
October 16	NO SCHOOL
October 19	Mid-terms emailed
October 20	4p-7p Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 21	8:20 Chapel 4p-7p Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 22	HALF-DAY DISMISSAL 11:30 12:30-4p Parent-Teacher Conferences 5p-7p Parent Teacher Conferences
October 23	NO SCHOOL
October 25	Reformation (9:00) Confirmation (11:00) Grades 3 and 4 sing at 9:00 Worship
October 28	8:20 Reformation Chapel Picture retakes after Chapel

REMIND 101 Many families have traditionally received



Remind messages as regular text messages. Recent changes with Remind and/or individual notification settings appear to be affecting how some of those messages are being delivered. The best way to ensure that

you continue receiving Trinity's Remind messages is to download the Remind app and enable push notifications. 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 - @trinityk2

3-5 - @aeh3738

6-8 - @trinity68

VOLUNTEER CORNER

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. Please email Mrs. McMahon with questions at jmcmahon@trinityct.org

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. No siblings, please. Use [THIS LINK](#) to sign up. Please email Mrs. Huff with questions at chuff@trinityct.org

LIBRARY SIGNUP Library volunteers are needed every Friday in the school to help with checking books in and out for the students, as well as reading to small groups or individuals. [Sign up HERE](#) **A Parent Participation Form is required to volunteer.** For questions contact Mrs. Pace at (586) 260-2074.

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS Mrs. Chilcutt is seeking volunteers to help in the school kitchen this year on specific

days/lunches. 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!](#)

KIDSCO VOLUNTEERS As the [MomCo Group](#) grows in the church, help is needed to support our already established child care workers. Can you lend a hand once or twice a month on a Tuesday morning? Assist our caregivers in playing with little ones for just a couple hours? Please let Rachel Nyboer know if you can help by emailing her at rnyboer@trinityct.org

CHURCH INFORMATION -----

WEEKEND CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00

YOUTH PROGRAMS --Youth Bible Study and Sunday Night Youth Nights are back! On Sundays from 9:45-10:45, we open God's Word to discuss and learn together. Sunday Night Youth Night is a place to hang out, have fun, build friendships, and grow in faith from 6-7:30 p.m. Both take place in the Youth Lounge. All students in grades 6-12 are welcome! For more information, reach out to Mr. Dan at dpotoczak@trinityct.org

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY--The adult Sunday Morning Bible Study takes place each week at 9:45 a.m. in the Community Center. For those who want to be part of the study, but can't make it in person, join the Bible Study Zoom at <https://bit.ly/4xx8y5b>

SUNDAY SCHOOL-- Those in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to attend groups that talk about Jesus in age-appropriate lessons. Meet in the Commons at 9:45 a.m. and get a name tag from the Welcome Center when you check your child into Sunday School.

LIFE WITH JESUS CLASS—Our new member class, Life with Jesus, begins this week. Life with Jesus is for anyone who would like to attend, and is required of those considering membership at Trinity (but does not obligate you to become a member). Sign up through our website at Trinityct.org/LWJ. The website contains more information about the class as well as dates and times for the classes offered twice a week.