

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15

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#### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY:

TUE Cheerleading 3:30-4:45pm; Basketball practice 5:00-7:00pm

WED Chapel 8:20

THU Cheerleading 3:30-4:45pm; Basketball practice 5:00-7:00pm.

SAT Basketball B-Team @ HVL 2:30pm; 8th Grade Classic @ HVL 1:15pm

# "The Triumph of the Cross" -

(A devotion based on the hymn: "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle" - CWH 419)

On the last Sunday before Lent (Transfiguration Sunday), many churches will sing "Alleluia, Song of Triumph" at the end of the service. While the song is sung, a banner with the word Alleluia on it is carried out of the sanctuary. This custom is called the "Farewell to Alleluia." After the high of the Transfiguration account, the congregation is hit with the realization that the next time they enter their church, the colors will be darker—purple or black. The organ will play more somber hymns. It will be Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Just as Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem after his transfiguration moment, so we Christians head to the same city during Lent. We put away our alleluias, our "song of triumph," and maybe even our altar flowers until they burst back onto the scene on Easter morning.

The word triumph also occurs in the hymn "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle," which is often sung on Good Friday. Stanza 4 begins, "Faithful cross, true sign of triumph, be for all the noblest tree." Lent begins and ends with the word triumph, but in contrasting ways. It is easy to understand alleluia at the resurrection. That's when Christ defeated death, and his victory is our victory. But how can we sing that the "cross" is a triumph? We say it because this is where Christ defeated the devil, death, sin, and hell. We belonged to the devil because of our sin. Hell was our just destination, but Christ put himself in our place. So the true triumph is in the cross. We can even think about the resurrection as one chapter in the even bigger story of the cross, the final chapter. Even in our own times of suffering, we can ponder this beautiful stanza:



### Our Mission:

Trinity Lutheran School exists to assist families in the Christ-Centered education of their children: to guide them to know Jesus as their Savior, grow in faith, and share Him with others.

Faithful cross, true sign of triumph, be for all the noblest tree; None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit your equal be, Symbol of the world's redemption, for your burden makes us free. (st. 4)

Does your life seem like a barren tree without fruit, flower, or foliage? Remember the cross. That barren tree is the most beautiful tree of all. It tells us that everything is going to be fine! Why? Because that's where the glorious battle has been won. Let's sing the "ending of the fray" and break free of being "stuck in the middle."

**Prayer:** Dear holy Victim, you triumphed over sin and death for us. Remind us again and again of your victory so that we may live with the peace of forgiveness and the hope of our eternal home. Amen.

## Singing in Church -

Thank you for singing on Ash Wednesday last week and at Immanuel yesterday. I know the members really appreciate the sound of students raising their voices in praise to their Savior. All grades (PK-2) will be singing again on Palm Sunday- April 2. The children will be singing near the beginning of BOTH services at 8:00 & 10:30. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

### Tax Statements -

Families desiring a statement that shows tuition and fees paid for calendar year 2022 can contact the office. Statements are created upon request.

## Open House and EdChoice Information Night - TWO WEEKS AWAY!

Please plan to join us for this event. We will have some dinner (spaghetti, salad, and dessert) ready to eat at 5:30 and give people a chance to mingle and wander the halls. At 6:30 there will be a presentation about an awesome opportunity for all our families: the Ohio EdChoice program. We will also answer any other tuition questions at that time.

Do you have friends that you'd love to see join us at Trinity? Share this date with them, too!

## **Registration Packets -**

Registration packets for next school year were sent home last Friday. If you did not receive one, please check with your child:) If you still did not receive one, contact the school office for a packet. You are encouraged to bring completed packets back to school at the open house on March 14th. Please note: If a physical is required you must wait until the summer to complete the green form.

## Tuition & EdChoice FAQ's -

As questions come up, we will look to answer them here. All questions will also be reviewed at the open house on Tuesday, March 14.

#### Q: How do we fill out the pink tuition and fee sheet in the registration packet?

**A:** For almost everyone, the amount listed as tuition on the pink sheet will NOT be the tuition owed. Member families will still pay no tuition (unless they desire to do so), non-members will likely have an adjusted rate. To fully utilize EdChoice, we must show a tuition cost on our forms. So how should you fill out that sheet?

1) Wait until the open house on March 14th. There you will be filling out a short document (a checkbox and a signature) expressing your intent to use either EdChoice or a Trinity grant to offset tuition amounts. OR...

2) Fill out the form with what you know will be the tuition amount based on past years (for members) or your knowledge of the EdChoice benefits.

The fees owed will not be impacted by EdChoice. You are welcome to pay those at the Open House or when you send registration materials back to school.

## Half Day of School -

Our basketball team will be heading to Huron Valley Lutheran next month for their final tournament. On Friday, March 10 classes will be dismissed at noon to allow for the necessary travel time.

### **Call News**

Our next Call meeting will be this coming Sunday, March 5 meeting, after the second service. We pray that God blesses our meeting and we are confident that God will provide the right teacher to meet our needs here at Trinity.

## **Basketball & Cheerleading**

The teams played this past Saturday vs. Monroe. Thanks to everyone for being flexible with switching the games to our gym. I spoke to several Zion families and they all expressed their thanks that we hosted them and the games were able to be played.

This Saturday our B-team Tigers will participate in the HVL B-Team tournament. The first game is at 2:30 with game two being at 4:30 or 5:30, depending on the outcome of game 1.

The A-team bracket was sent out on Sunday. We'll put the game times in next week's newsletter to avoid any confusion!

#### **Health Reminder**

Although we would rather see every student every day, we appreciate the diligence you, our families, are showing by keeping your sick children home. Hopefully this is helping them recover quicker and limiting the sharing and spreading of illness in the school. Spring is coming, and hopefully with that, healthier days ahead!

## Easter for Kids -

Trinity is hosting Easter for Kids on Saturday, March 25 from 9:30 AM- 12:00 PM. The program is open to children ages 3 - 5th grade. This event will give your children an opportunity to celebrate and learn about the true meaning of Easter. Children will discover the good news of Easter and what Jesus' resurrection means for them. The program features Bible-based activity stations where kids learn about our Savior's resurrection, praise him in song, make crafts, play games, and enjoy snacks together. Please register online at tlcjenera.org (click on the "Upcoming Events" icon) or fill out the paper registration form and return it to school. Questions—contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

### **Outdoor Easter Egg Hunt -**

Families are invited to stay after our Easter for Kids program (on Saturday, March 25) for an egg hunt on the school grounds. Snacks and drinks will be provided for families in the parking lot following the egg hunt. The egg hunt is for toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary age children (through 8th grade). If your children are not attending Easter for Kids but would still like to participate in the Egg Hunt, please register for the Egg Hunt at tlcjenera.org (click on the "Upcoming Events" icon) or fill out the paper registration form and return it to school. Questions—contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

# TLS Lunch Menu

Hot Pockets (ham & cheese or pizza) \$1 Corn Dog \$.50 Pizza Rolls 6/\$1 PB&J Uncrustable \$1

Cheeseburger \$2 Chicken sandwich \$2.50

## Hymn of the Week

We should all be back on the same schedule - Hooray! This week the students will be learning the hymn "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle" CWH 419

Kdg. and Grades 1-2 - St. 1 Grades 3-5 - Stanza 1 & 4 6-8 Grade - St. 1-4

- Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; Waged in blood on Calvary. O'er the cross, triumphant trophy, Tell who struggled valiantly; Tell how earth's Redeemer conquered -Victim gaining victory.
- Tell how, when at length the fullness Of th' appointed time was come, He, the Word, was born of woman, Left for us his Father's home, Blazed the path of true obedience, Shone as light amidst the gloom.
- Thus, with thirty years accomplished, He went forth from Nazareth, Destined, dedicated, willing, Did his work and met his death; Like a lamb he humbly yielded On the cross his dying breath.
- Faithful cross, true sign of triumph, Be for all the noblest tree; None in foliage, none in blossom, None in fruit your equal be, Symbol of the world's redemption, For your burden makes us free.