

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 Basketball practice 5:00-7:00pm.

WED Chapel 8:20.

THU Basketball practice 5:00-7:00pm.

SAT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE PRACTICE, 10-11:30 A.M.

"Let's Get Ready for Peace"- (A devotion from <u>www.wels.net</u> - "Family Devotions" - A great resource; check it out!))

"The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ~ Isaiah 11:6-10

When you heard Isaiah's words, did you smile a bit? A wolf and a lamb living side by side? A lion eating straw? That's not the way it really works! Put straw in front of a lion and he won't touch it. Put a lamb in a cage with a wolf, and you'll just have a well-fed wolf. Cows and bears, leopards and goats can't get along. They're natural enemies!

Actually, they aren't. When God created the world, it was a perfect place. There was no fighting, no animals eating each other, no death. Sin changed all of that. Now we live in a world where wolves want to eat lambs and a child who puts his hand into a viper's nest is going to be taking a trip to the hospital. We're so used to sin, it's hard for us to picture a world that isn't like that.

That's why God gives us these pictures. To help us understand that Jesus brings peace to the world. He uses these pictures that seem so strange to make this point: Jesus will bring peace, even where it seems impossible.

And he tells us where to find it: on his "holy mountain." That's a picture God uses for his church. When you and I hold to God's Word, he brings us peace. It doesn't always feel like it—sometimes we still hurt each other. We do something completely unnatural: we sin against people God created us to love. That will always be the case this side of heaven. But the more we're filled with the knowledge of the Lord—as we go back to his Word for forgiveness and guidance—he'll help us forgive those hurts, even in people that feel like our enemies. That's the peace Jesus brings to us. And then one day, he'll bring us to himself in heaven, where there will be no more sin or pain again.

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.

Prayer: Dear Savior, there are some problems in my life that I can't imagine ever getting better. It seems as impossible as picturing a wolf and a lamb lying down together. As we listen to your Word, teach us about the peace that Jesus brings. Help us confess our sins to each other and forgive each other. Help us share our faith so that other people find your peace too, until you bring us to perfect peace in heaven. Amen.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE PRACTICES -

All students (K-8) are expected to attend the Saturday Christmas service practices. The first practice is this Saturday, December 10, from 10:00-11:30. Please let your child's teacher know if there are any conflicts. Also, if your child would be feeling ill on Saturday, send a message to the teacher so we know. Thanks! (The second practice will be next Saturday, December 17 from 10:00-11:30 with lunch and Christmas for Kids afterwards.)

Call News

The voters of Trinity will meet after the second service this coming Sunday, December 11. We are confident God will lead just the right person to accept our Call at just the right time to meet our needs.

Advent Services Continue This Week -

Please plan to join us for our second midweek Advent service this Wednesday at 7 PM. These short services are a great way to stop and reflect on the true meaning of the coming Christmas celebrations we will have. Also, you are welcome to join in a fellowship meal beginning at 5:30.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

This annual event is scheduled for Saturday December 17 from 12:30-3:00 PM. This one day Christmas VBS will give children an opportunity to celebrate and learn about the true meaning of Christmas. The program features activity stations where kids learn about the Savior's birth, praise him in song, make crafts, play games, and enjoy snacks together. The program is for children ages 3 through 5th grade. Please register at tlcjenera.org. Click on "Upcoming Events." **THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT IS THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7.** Questions--contact Jenny Boehm (262) 391-7994.

FREE LUNCH!

Children are invited to stay at church after their Christmas service practice on Saturday, December 17. A free lunch will be served in the church basement. After lunch, children (age 3 - 5th grade) are invited to participate in Christmas for Kids from 12:30-3:00 PM at school. Questions--contact Jenny Boehm (262) 391-7994.

Health Reminder

It seems that whatever was going around before the break has quieted down. As much as we'd like to think that will be the end of illnesses this season, it is likely something will come up again over the next few months. Please remember to keep your child home if they are not feeling well. You know your child better than we do, so in many ways we trust your judgment. However, if they are running a high temperature or experiencing symptoms of vomiting or diarrhea, please keep them home until symptoms like these have not been displayed for at least 24 hrs. Thank you for keeping our Tigers healthy and safe at school!

Basketball & Cheerleading

Basketball practices continue this week - please check the schedule and watch emails for the most up-to-date information. Cheerleading practice has one more week off and will resume next week - the week of December 12.

\$1	Corn Dog	\$.50
6/\$1	PB&J Uncrustable	\$1
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Hymn of the Week

All classes are now working on Christmas parts. Please check the classroom newsletters for specific assignments.