



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:**

WED Chapel 8:20; Cheer Practice 3:30-4:45; Basketball practice 5:00-7:00pm.  
THU Cheer Practice 3:30-4:45; Basketball practice 5:00-7:00pm.  
SAT HVL Preseason Basketball Tournament

**“Perfect Timing” -**

(A devotion from [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net) - “Devotions” - A great resource; check it out!)

*But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman born, under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.*  
~Galatians 4:4-5

Timing can make a big difference, right? A snowstorm can seem far more beautiful on a day when you were already planning to be home. That item you needed goes on sale just days after you purchase it. You really want to talk to a parent and share something significant about their child and they stop in at the end of the day.

Timing can make a big difference. Back in the Garden of Eden, God promised he would send his Son to be the Savior of the world. From that day forward, God’s people were watching and waiting. Will it be today? This month? This year? In my lifetime? Centuries went by before God determined that “the time had fully come.” While the prophets told about it long before Jesus was born, God’s timing came about in such an unexpected way by our thinking.

First—he was born of an ordinary woman, chosen by God.

Second—our verses for today say that he was “born under the law.” That means that God’s Son, to fulfill the promise God made in the Garden, had to keep every law of God. He had to be living perfectly in tune with God’s will.

**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.*



Third—Why? Why did God do all this? For you. For me. For countless others. He did this out of love so that we could be adopted as God’s dear child. Being adopted is a big deal. Adopted as God’s child? An immeasurable blessing. Being part of a family is amazing. Being chosen by God to be a member of his family...incredible!

That blessing includes the peace we have in knowing that we are saved by God’s grace. The promise that we can spend eternity in heaven is fulfilled. Like a son or daughter in an earthly sense, we can’t do anything to make the adoption happen. God’s Spirit fills our hearts with faith and we are heirs with the inheritance being the gift of eternal life with him in heaven. Because of Jesus, we can say, “Abba, Father.” We can go to God, our Father, as his child.

As the ambiance of Christmas begins to fade in the world around you, stop and ponder today’s reading. Through the faith-work of the Holy Spirit and Jesus’ perfect life, death, and resurrection, you are God’s child, his family. You are dearly loved, bought at a great price in Jesus, and an heir of eternity.

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, because of you, I am part of God’s family, one of his beloved children. Thank you for coming to be my Savior. In your name I pray. Amen

#### **CHRISTMAS SERVICE - SPECIAL EDITION! -**

The weather didn’t play nice over Christmas, but that won’t keep us from sharing the good news of Jesus’ birth. We will share our Christmas Service **THIS SUNDAY at 9:30 AM** in the church. **Please have your child(ren) in the church basement by 9:15.** *Note: There will be only one church service on Sunday and NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.*

#### **THANK YOU -**

The staff would like to thank everyone for their gifts, cards, and well-wishes received for Christmas this year. We pray you all had a restful break, We also pray that God blesses you all in the new calendar year!

#### **No School -**

There is no school scheduled for Monday, January 16 in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 17.

#### **Call News**

We continue to pray for Mr. Garrett Buch as he deliberates between his continued service at St. Paul’s in Stevensville, MI, or serving us here in Jenera beginning next school year.

#### **Before/Aftercare Reminder -**

Just a reminder for families making use of this service - although there is no mandatory fee for this program, we would encourage a \$5/session donation per family. This helps offset the cost of the leader and may allow the leader to purchase materials and provide snacks from time-to-time.

## Health Reminder

We pray that you all have a healthy, safe, and restful break. After the break is over, 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

There will be practices for cheerleading and basketball this week Wednesday and Thursday. We will also share any final details for this weekend's Pre-Season Basketball Tournament at Huron Valley Lutheran. As it stands now, we play at 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM in the afternoon session.

### ***TLS Lunch Menu***

Hot Pockets (ham)	\$1	Corn Dog	\$.50
Pizza Rolls	6/\$1	PB&J Uncrustable	\$1
Cheeseburger	\$2		
Chicken sandwich	\$2.50		

## Hymn of the Week

There is NO HYMN DUE THIS WEEK. However, if you would like to get a head start on next week's hymn, it is "O Light of Gentile Nations" CWH 497 K-5 - Stanza 4      5-8 - Stanza 1 & 4.

1. O Light of Gentile nations,  
O Savior from above,  
drawn by your Spirit's leading,  
we come with joy and love  
into your holy temple  
and wait with rev'rent mind  
as Simeon once had waited  
his God and Lord to find.

4. Let us, O Lord, be faithful  
like Simeon to the end  
so that his prayer exultant  
may from our hearts ascend:  
"O Lord, now let your servant  
depart in peace, I pray,  
since I have seen my Savior  
and here beheld his day."