



You are a chosen people... that you may declare His praise. - 1 Peter 2:9

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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

MON Mornings with Mommy 9:30 & 11:00; Volleyball Practice 3:15-5;
Faculty Meeting 3:30; Board of Ed 6:30; MAP Testing this week
TUE Mornings with Mommy 9:30
WED Chapel 8:20; Volleyball Practice 3:15-5
FRI SW MI Principals' Meeting 12:30
SAT Volleyball @ St. Stephen 11:00

"The Song of Eternal Joy"

A Devotion based on this week's hymn "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" (CW 486).

In the name of the Father and of the Son ☐ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Most people pass through periods of gloom. Worry, doubts, and loss may bring on this feeling. Gloom was certainly present among the citizens of the small German town of Unna in 1597. A serious plague had ravaged the community and about 1,300 people died. The Lutheran pastor in Unna during that time, Philipp Nicolai, officiated funerals frequently. His life might easily have been gripped by gloom. But that was not the case. Nicolai wrote a pastoral pamphlet that he titled "Joy's Mirror of Eternal Life," to which he attached two great hymns: "Wake, Awake" and "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star." Both of these hymns resonate with joy.

Notice the expressions of "joy" sounded in "Wake, Awake." There is rejoicing because of the "thrilling cry" of the watchman (st. 1). Stanza 2 reports that Zion's "heart with joy is springing; she wakes, she rises from her gloom." Zion answers "the joyful call" of the watchman by entering the wedding hall.

The third stanza is a joyful description of that heavenly wedding feast and those "dwelling with the choir immortal." The English translation of the closing words of this stanza fails to capture what the German expresses. Literally, Nicolai wrote, "No ear has heard more such joy; therefore are we happy, i-o, i-o, eternally in joyful song."

This hymn is a cure for gloom. It transports us out of our earthly lives where we are confronted by sin and death to the joyful gathering of saints and angels at the eternal wedding supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9). At that celebration, gloom is nowhere to be found!

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.

An additional "treat" with this hymn: Look at how the hymn at the end of the newsletter is formatted. The hymn writer actually wrote the verses in a way to resemble a shape of something that helps us remember the message of the eternal feast we look forward to. Can you figure out what that shape might be?

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, drive gloom and despair from my life by giving me a vision of the joy that awaits me at the heavenly banquet. Amen.*

The End of the First Quarter

The first quarter ended last Friday. Report cards will be sent home this week Thursday. Included with the report card will be a sign up sheet for Parent/teacher Conferences. Parent- Teacher Conferences will be held November 25-27 (Thanksgiving Week). Please fill out the included note to let us know your preferred meeting time slot. **Please return the Sign Up Slip by Wednesday, November 13.** We look forward to setting time aside to discuss your children and the gifts God has given each of them!

Coupon Books -

The 7th & 8th grade class is selling coupon books for \$20, with the proceeds helping offset the class trip in the spring. The coupon book is full of many deals for businesses in and around the Findlay area. Many of the coupons are good for "buy one, get one" deals that can offset the book cost with just one or two uses! Sample books are available in the office. The ordering will take place throughout this month; books will be delivered the second week of December - wouldn't that be a convenient Christmas gift?

Tiger Sports -

Our volleyball team played two matches this past Friday. The girls continued to show improvement, being able to beat one team, taking them down to the final points in the tie breaker set. They were also able to win the other match. Exciting!

The girls will have practices this week Monday and Wednesday and then finish the season Saturday at St. Stephen in Adrian with an 11 AM start time.

Volleyball players - watch for information about when an end-of-season party will be held.

Veterans Day Program and Lunch - IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, RSVP PLEASE

Our students are preparing some songs and we will get to hear from a Trinity member (or two) as they share the path they had to military service, the blessings and challenges with serving in our Armed Forces, and how they feel their service has shaped them for who they are and what they do now.

The program will be held Friday, November 15, beginning at 11 AM in the gym. Plans are in the works to also have a meal provided. (Watch for more information on this soon.)

All Veterans are welcome and encouraged to attend! All others are welcome, too. Please contact the school office if you would like to join us. (tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org)

Singing at Immanuel -

Grades K-8 will be singing at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Findlay on Sunday, November 24th as part of their 10:30 service. Please make sure to mark your calendars!

Piano Lessons

Piano lessons continue this week on Tuesday and Friday. Students: Remember to practice and bring your books on your scheduled lesson day!

Trunk or Treat

Thank you to everyone for their help setting up, cleaning up, and helping with crafts, games, and food. We are so thankful the rain held off and the super strong winds subsided just enough to make even the outside activities lots of fun!

Weekly Chapel Services

Everyone is always welcome to join us for our all-school, weekly chapel services every Wednesday during the school year. The services begin at about 8:20 and usually take about 20 minutes. What a great way to be fed with God's Word and worship with our students. (The services are held in the church unless there is inclement weather. If it is super cold or too rainy, we will meet in the gym.) Our first regular chapel service will be this Wednesday, September 11.



GradeLink (Grades K-8) -

Remember to logon for your grade 1-8 students and follow his or her progress throughout the year. If you need to reset your login information, please contact the office.

Brightwheel (Preschool and Prekindergarten) -

If you have any questions about Brightwheel, please contact the office. Brightwheel is a convenient way to make payments for your tuition. We will, however, still accept payments (check or cash) in the office. Online payments do have a small convenience fee added by Brightwheel, and paying in person can avoid this fee.



Delays and Cancellations

Please remember that as a general rule we tend to follow delays and cancellations that are called by the Cory Rawson School District. Once a decision has been made, we will post information on our Facebook page, through the Remind App, and on [WFIN](#). Our decision is made in consultation with our bus drivers and through active observations with spotters in the area. It is our goal to make any announcement regarding cancellation or delay by 6:15 AM. Parents are reminded that it is impossible for us to know the road conditions everywhere. If there is ever a time we do not cancel or delay and you feel it is not safe to travel, please contact the school to let us know you will be delayed or not coming in.

Remind App

Please make sure you have signed up for this communication tool. Especially when we have delays or cancellations, it is the easiest and quickest way for us to get the word out.

TLS Lunch Menu

Corn Dog	\$.50
Chicken Quesadilla	\$1.50
Bagel Bites	4/\$1
Chicken Sand.	\$2.50
Philly Cheesesteak	\$2.00
Pizza Rolls	6/\$1
Cheeseburger	\$2.00
Ham & Cheese HP	\$1.00

- **Milk is still 35 cents for those who do not get daily milk. For those who get daily milk this year, students will be picking chocolate or white for a month at a time to help with milk waste.**

Hymn of the Week

The students are working on the hymn "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" (CW 486). Please make sure to check classroom notes to confirm the hymn and verses that will be due.

1. "Wake, awake, for night is flying,"
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
"awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Oh, where are all you virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Alleluia!
With bridal care
yourselves prepare
to meet the Bridegroom, who is near."
3. Now let all the heav'ns adore you,
let saints and angels sing before you
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
where, dwelling with the choir immortal,
we gather round your radiant throne.
No vision ever brought,
no ear has ever caught
such great glory;
therefore will we
in victory
sing hymns of praise eternally.

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