

TRINITY TORNADO

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Friday, December 11, 2020

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:8,9

Still Waiting

In the second to last verse of the Bible, Jesus says, "Yes, I am coming soon" (Revelation 22:20). This is his promise to return in great power and glory on the Last Day. But if Jesus says that he is coming soon, why have nearly two thousand years passed since he said it? What's he waiting for? Today's Bible passage answers that question by reminding us that Jesus is eternal.

Jesus views time differently than we do. To the Lord, there is little difference between a thousand years and a day because he does not view events in sequence. He sees them all at once. What is long for us is short for him. So it makes perfect sense for Jesus to say, "I am coming soon" and for us to still be waiting two thousand years later.

Think of the little girl who asks for help, and her dad says, "Just a minute!" For her, that minute is an eternity, but for dad, that minute is a second. It's the same way with Jesus. He says that he is coming soon, yet he appears slow from our perspective. But that is not slowness; it is patience. Every day that is not the Last Day is a gift of God because it means more time for the Word of God to spread and rescue sinners from eternal damnation. It gives the human race more time to repent.

Repentance is a change of mind that God works in people. When you repent, God changes how you think about sin so that you hate it rather than loving it. When you repent, God changes how you think about how you are saved from your sins so that you trust in Jesus rather than your own goodness.

Why hasn't Jesus returned yet? What is he waiting for? He is patiently waiting to spread his Word so that many more people believe in him and are saved. What a wonderfully loving Lord!

Prayer:

Eternal Lord, bless the spread of your Word as I wait for your return. Amen.

(Devotion taken from wels.net)

Upcoming Events

Next Week:

Monday, December 14

- Girls Basketball Practice:
B-Team: 3:30 – 5 p.m.
A-Team: 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 15

- B-Team Girls B-ball Game vs. Abdn Christian, 6 p.m. (HOME)
- A-Team Girls B-ball Game vs. Abdn Christian, 7 p.m. (HOME)

Wednesday, December 16

- Jr. & Sr. Confirmation, 6 p.m.

Thursday, December 17

- B-Team Girls B-ball Game vs. Eagles, 6 p.m. (HOME)
- B-Team Girls B-ball Game vs. Roncalli, 7:30 p.m. (HOME)

Looking ahead:

- Christmas Break/no school, beginning Dec. 21.
 - School resumes Monday, Jan. 4th



Monday 12/14*

Cold meat sandwiches & chips

Wednesday 12/16

Chicken patty with bun, fruit & veg.

Friday 12/18

Super Nachos, fruit & veg.

* Revised/menu change



Christmas Donation Project (due by Dec. 17)

Every year our students collect gifts for an organization, usually a group in need of some form of assistance. This year we want to “give back” to our local health care workers who have been dedicating so much extra of themselves physically and mentally.

So, for this year’s Christmas donation, we will be asking for gifts of money for health care workers. We will use the money to get coffee and treats and give it to health care workers at Avera and Sanford. If you’d like to bring in a gift of money for this, you can give the money to Kathy, Penny, or your child’s teacher by Thursday, December 17. Also, remember to keep our health care workers in your prayers.



Children’s Christmas Program Cancelled

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council has made the difficult decision to cancel the children’s Christmas service this year. The ongoing pandemic and several recent cases of COVID-19 within our congregation and school made it clear that it would be problematic to hold the children’s service in 2020.

This action does not mean – in the words of one council member – that ‘Christmas is canceled.’ Trinity will still hold worship services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Our week of Christmas worship will begin with the regular Advent Eve service at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 20. This special service of worship and praise includes many of the traditional Christmas hymns that remind us of Jesus’ birth. The service also includes several readings and narrations which focus on that miraculous night in Bethlehem.

This Advent Eve service will be repeated on Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. We encourage everyone to attend this service either on December 20 or December 24. This gives two opportunities to attend this special praise service and allows for more social distancing in the church sanctuary. The service will also be distributed to the congregation via email, YouTube, Facebook, and the church website during the day on December 24.

The week of Christmas worship at Trinity will continue Christmas morning at 9:00 a.m. with the traditional Christmas Day worship service. The week concludes with our regular worship services on Saturday evening, December 26 (5 p.m.), and Sunday morning, December 27 (9 a.m.).

Please, make plans to attend several of these services as we worship our Savior who was born a humble birth in Bethlehem.

Christmas Break – No School

TLS will be closed for Christmas break, December 21st through January 1st. School will resume in 2021 on Monday, January 4th.



Apparel Store Online

Trinity Lutheran School has apparel available online. Go to: teamlocker.squadlocker.com and click on “Find Your Store” near the top right, enter “Trinity Lutheran,” and select “Trinity Lutheran Tornados” to begin shopping. Please ask Kathy or Miss Lendt if you have questions.

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