

# TRINITY TORNADO

## TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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### Friday, December 18, 2020

*I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness. Isaiah 61:10*

#### Clothes for Christmas

Every Christmas when I was a child, I would receive a beautifully wrapped present from my grandma. And every Christmas, without fail, I would eagerly tear open the wrapping paper to find two pairs of dress socks in the gift box. She lived during the Depression and the practical values instilled in her at that time never faded away. Unfortunately, when you're six years old, that sort of practicality is not always fully appreciated!

Isaiah speaks in our Bible reading today about a gift of clothes that we can get excited about, clothes that cause thankful hearts to delight greatly in the Lord, clothes that cause our souls to rejoice in our God!

For who wouldn't get excited about garments of salvation and robes of righteousness when you realize how badly we need them? Our filthy rags of sin are not appropriate for standing in God's presence—not now, not in eternity. Every selfish action is another splotch. Every impatient word is another spill. Every hateful thought is another ugly stain of iniquity that we could never hope to get out by ourselves.

God saw that we needed new spiritual clothes, that without them, we could never spend our eternity with him, and so he gave sinners the shirt off his back. Jesus put on our rags of sin and took their punishment.

And when a person is baptized, God wraps them in the holy, perfect robes of Christ's righteousness. In those garments of salvation, they can stand in the presence of a perfect God. In those garments of salvation, they have a place in the family of the Father and proper attire for the eternal heavenly banquet. Here is something to be genuinely excited about as you prepare for Christmas: Jesus was wrapped in strips of cloth so that you could be wrapped in robes of righteousness!

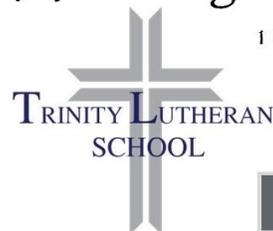
#### Prayer:

Gracious God, my soul rejoices in you, for when I did not have the proper clothes to stand in your presence, you gave them to me. May those robes of righteousness be my consolation when I fall, my comfort in times of sadness, and my hope when my last hour comes. Amen.

*(Devotion taken from wels.net)*

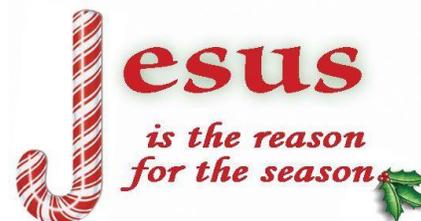
All to the glory of God

1 Corinthians 10:31



TLS

2020-2021



#### Upcoming Events

**Monday, December 21 – Friday, January 1**

- Christmas Break: No School.

**Monday, January 4, 2021**

- School Resumes

See page 2 for Christmas Worship Service options.





## Christmas Break – No School

TLS will be closed for Christmas break, December 21<sup>st</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>. School will resume in 2021 on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Faculty and staff wish you and your families a blessed Christmas!

## Christmas Donation Project

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations to help our students “give back” to our local health care workers. The money received will be used to get coffee and treats for health care workers at Avera and Sanford. Please remember to keep praying for our health care workers. If you’d still like to donate, please contact Mr. Behm.

## 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.

## Apparel Store Online

Trinity Lutheran School has apparel available online. Go to: [teamlocker.squadlocker.com](https://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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