

# TRINITY TORNADO

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## Friday, January 8, 2021

*Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. Isaiah 60:1*

### The Savior Will Be a Light to All Nations

Mom flings open the curtains to let the morning light stream in. "Rise and shine!" she proclaims. This is a common morning greeting to rouse sleepy heads out of bed. But do you know the origin of the phrase? It's our Bible verse for today: "Arise, shine, for your light has come!" Isaiah spoke these words to God's people long before Jesus was born. The words were meant to tell God's people that he would deliver them from the foreign king who had taken them captive. God wanted this small group of his children to know that when they turned away from sin and toward him, they would be rescued. Better days were to come!

Those were welcome words for the small nation of people living in captivity. But God had something even bigger in mind when he spoke these words through Isaiah. In the first portion of the Bible, the Old Testament, we find many prophecies like this—promises that God would deliver his people in a big way. Our reading today is one of those predictions. "Darkness covers the earth" is a reference to sin in the world, a "thick darkness" that covers all people. Sin is in us and all around us. We are captive to it. None of us can escape that darkness on our own. So God planned a rescue, and he used prophets like Isaiah to prepare his people.

How do we know that this is a prediction about Jesus? Bible scholars tell us that whenever the words "the glory of the Lord" are used, it's a reference to God's wonderful grace and his presence among us. God's people were led by "the glory of the Lord" when they wandered in the desert (Exodus 16). The "glory of the Lord" shined brightly on the night Jesus was born (Luke 2:9). Here, "the glory of the Lord" rising upon the people predicts the coming of Jesus.

Jesus is like the morning light streaming into our room, delivering us from the night's darkness of sin. Isaiah tells us something even more wonderful about Jesus: "Nations will come to your light." Although Jesus was born into God's special nation of people whom he had prepared and protected for centuries, He was to be a Savior for all nations. Jesus himself said this during his ministry: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12).

Do you know someone who is sitting alone in darkness? This message can brighten that person's world. You can speak the words of God from Isaiah, "Arise, shine, for your light has come!"

#### Closing Prayer:

Dear Jesus, you are the light of the world. Thank you for rescuing us out of spiritual darkness. Give us the strength to rise each day in gratitude for what you have done for us. Help us shine with the light you give us, so others might see your light in us. In your name we pray. Amen.

*(Devotion taken from wels.net)*

### Upcoming Events

#### Next Week:

##### Monday, January 11

- Basketball Practice:
  - A-Team Boys: 3:30 – 5 p.m.
  - B-Team Boys: 5:15 – 6:30 p.m.
  - A-Team Girls: 6:30 – 8 p.m.

##### Tuesday, January 12

- B-Team Volleyball Practice, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

##### Wednesday, January 13

- Jr. Confirmation, 6 p.m. (No Sr. Confirmation)

##### Thursday, January 14

- A-Team Boys B-ball Practice, 4:30 - 6 p.m.
- A-Team Girls B-ball Game vs. Eagles, 6:30 p.m. (HOME)

#### Looking Ahead:

##### Saturday, January 16

- A-Team Boys B-ball Game vs. St. Martins, 10 a.m. (HOME)
- A-Team Girls B-ball Game vs. St. Martins, 11 a.m. (HOME)
- GPLHS Quad vs. North Central, 1 – 7 p.m. (TLS Gym)



##### **Monday 1/11**

Burritos, fruit & veg.

##### **Wednesday 1/13**

Spaghetti, breadstick, fruit & veg.

##### **Friday 1/15**

Ham & cheese sliders, chips, fruit & veg.



### MAPS Testing

Grades K – 8 will be participating in the MAPS standardized testing next week. Eating healthy and getting enough sleep can help your students be alert and prepared to do their best.

### Christmas Donation Project (Thank You!)

Thank you to all who contributed to this year’s Christmas donation project. The money we received was used to get coffee and treats for health care workers at Avera and Sanford. Please continue to keep our health care workers in your prayers.

### Sports at Trinity

For students participating in volleyball and/or basketball this school year, there is a \$20 fee per student (for each sport). These fees go towards gym expenses and referee costs. Please pay Kathy for the sports fees (or you can also pay online if you see an invoice show up in your TADS account).

Scheduled practice and game times for basketball and volleyball are listed on the monthly calendar, and also on front of the weekly newsletter.

The following basketball games will be held at Trinity’s gym next **Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**:

- 10 a.m.      A-Team Boys B-ball Game vs. St. Martin’s
- 11 a.m.      A-Team Girls B-ball Game vs. St. Martin’s
- 1 – 7 p.m.    GPLHS Quad vs. North Central



### Volunteers Needed for Concession Stand

Volunteers are needed to work concessions during the basketball games on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet will be emailed to families in the near future. Please sign up for a timeslot (from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.) if you are able to help. Proceeds go to the PTO, benefitting our school. Also, if you have Messenger and do not get PTO notifications (on PTO Messenger group), or have questions on signing up, please text/call Trista at 605-228-1346.

### Cold Weather Clothing

With the colder weather, we ask that you please remember to have your children dress accordingly since they will be outside for recess. Thanks for your help with this.



### Apparel Store Online

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