

TRINITY TORNADO

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Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?" Matthew 16:24-26

Take Up Your Cross

"Candace! How could you? What did I tell you?" Candace had a very sad and sorry look on her face. She clearly had disappointed her mother. They were just about to eat dinner, but Candace wasn't hungry at all. She had crumbs all over her shirt, chocolate all over her face, and a belly all full of...chocolate chip cookies.

They looked so delicious, so warm and fresh and ooey-goey, sitting there on the countertop. But her mom had told Candace three separate times, "Candace, no cookies before supper. No treats yet. You have to control yourself."

But she didn't, and because Candace couldn't control herself, she had now missed out on the important part of the meal before the treat at the end. Now Candace had a sick feeling in her stomach for two reasons—too much sugar, and even worse, she had disobeyed her mother.

It's really easy for us to think about life the way Candace did about dinner. Wouldn't it be nice to do whatever you want? Wouldn't be nice to have all the fun you want, no matter the consequences? And wouldn't it be nice if we could just skip all the problems of this life and have the glory of heaven right now, kind of like skipping dinner and only eating cookies?

Peter thought that way in the Bible once, too. Jesus told him how he was going to suffer and die for all people, but Peter tried to stop him. He only wanted the good times with Jesus. He only wanted the glory of Jesus. He didn't want to think about suffering. Peter was kind of like Candace, who only wanted to think about chocolate chip cookies.

That's when Jesus spoke the words we heard for today's devotion: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." What Jesus means is that his followers need to learn to spiritually control themselves. We need to learn to put Jesus first, before our sinful desires, before our friends, and before anything else. That's so hard to do! Good thing Jesus came to this world and put us first when he died for us on the cross to bring us forgiveness! Now with a new life in Jesus, his love for us and his strength can help us learn to control ourselves and make good and God-pleasing choices. Be patient, friends! After a short time of taking up our cross in this life, the sweetest dessert is yet to come—better than cookies—eternal life in heaven!

Closing Prayer: *Dear Jesus, sometimes it is very hard to control ourselves and keep away from sin. Give us strength to deny our own desires and put you first. Amen.*

Devotion taken from "wels.net."

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 27

- A-Team Volleyball Practice, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Next Week:

Monday, September 28

- A-Team V-ball Games vs. Warner, @ TLS Gym, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 30

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

Thursday, October 1

- A-Team V-ball Games vs. Northwestern, @ TLS Gym, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Looking ahead:

Wednesday, October 8

- PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Monday – Wednesday, October 12-14

- NO SCHOOL: Teachers' Conference

Thursday, October 22

- Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 23

- NO SCHOOL: Parent-Teacher Conferences



Monday 9/28

Chicken noodle soup, breadstick, fruit & veg.

Wednesday 9/30

Spaghetti, garlic bread, fruit & veg.

Friday 10/2

Chicken strips, French Fries, fruit & veg.

Trunk or Treat

The Trinity Lutheran School PTO will be hosting a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 31 from 2-4 PM in our parking lot. This will be in place of the Fall Festival which is usually held in the gym. We are looking for volunteers from the church and school who would be willing to pass out candy from their trunk/pick-up bed or back end of whatever vehicle you have. Candy and trinkets will be provided by the PTO. Vehicles may be decorated in a Fall/Halloween or fun "theme" but it is not necessary to participate. We will be passing out trinkets and flyers with Trinity Lutheran Church and School information, as well as candy, so this will be a fun outreach event! There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall or you can call the church office at 225-6081 to register. We would appreciate sign-ups by Oct. 18. For more information or if you have a couple hay bales you could spare for our photo booth area please contact Jessica Kjenstad at 380-0548.



Help for Aftercare

Our Aftercare helper, Barb Wietgreffe, will be retiring at the end of December this year. We are looking for someone to fill her position. For information about hours and wages, please speak to Mrs. Sperry.

Cleaning Fee

TLS has taken into account survey results and recommendations to change to a hired cleaning service. Families will no longer be asked to clean school throughout the year. A cleaning fee of \$16/month is being charged per student (K-8). Billing will be monthly, through May (9 months for a total of \$144 per student for the year). You can choose to pay the lump sum of \$144 (per student in K-8) if you prefer. Please contact Mr. Behm or Kathy with any questions.

Hot Lunches – Billing

We have started to bill for hot lunches utilizing the TADS online system. If your students eat hot lunches, you will be billed monthly for lunches eaten (\$2.65 per lunch). The first billing was recently processed and included lunches eaten through September 11. Billing will continue to be done around mid-month with lunch account balances due the 1st of the following month. (Pre-payments on accounts are still accepted, if you prefer). Please ask Kathy if you have questions.

Grocery Receipts

Please save your Ken's and Kessler's grocery receipts, dated *after* September 1, 2020. The proceeds from the receipts are used to purchase special items for our school. Please put your receipts into the box on the bulletin table.

Box Tops

Great news! If you shop for groceries online or have e-receipts, you can now submit your email receipts from many retailers to earn Box Tops for your School. Visit the Box Tops [app](#) or [website](#) for more details and to see a full list of participating retailers. Please continue to save any clippable Box Tops during the school year. There is a box for them on the bulletin table. Also remember to scan your grocery receipts for box top points for our school, or bring them in for Penny or Kathy to scan.



Thank you for your support!