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Words from Our Pastor | The Season of Lent



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GREETINGS!

We find ourselves in the season of Lent, the period of 40 days leading up to Easter Sunday. Each year we journey through the season, preparing our hearts for the events of Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday, reflecting upon the significance of the death and resurrection of Jesus.



As part of the journey, many people choose to add a new discipline or remove a habit from their daily life. Removing a habit might help you grow closer to the suffering of Jesus, as well as learning to resist temptation. Adding spiritual disciplines can reflect the growth and change that come in Jesus' sacrifice for our sins.

This Lent season, I want to point out and reflect on the journey of Lent. The period of 40 days has many reflections in the Bible: the 40 days of

Noah enduring the flood, the 40 days Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, and the 40 years Israel spent in the wilderness. Periods of enduring through sufferings, resisting the temptation to take matters into their own hands at the expense of trusting

in God, or giving up and giving in. These stories also show us how God led and guided, how God protected and provided. At the end, Noah,

Israel, and Jesus successfully reached the end of these dark journeys, having seen the fruit of trusting in God during their seasons.

The wilderness, and even floodwaters, can be an accurate description of the life in which you find yourself. It's hard to see where you are heading, not knowing where the destination is or what you will find. Maybe you are concerned about your immediate future, what tomorrow will

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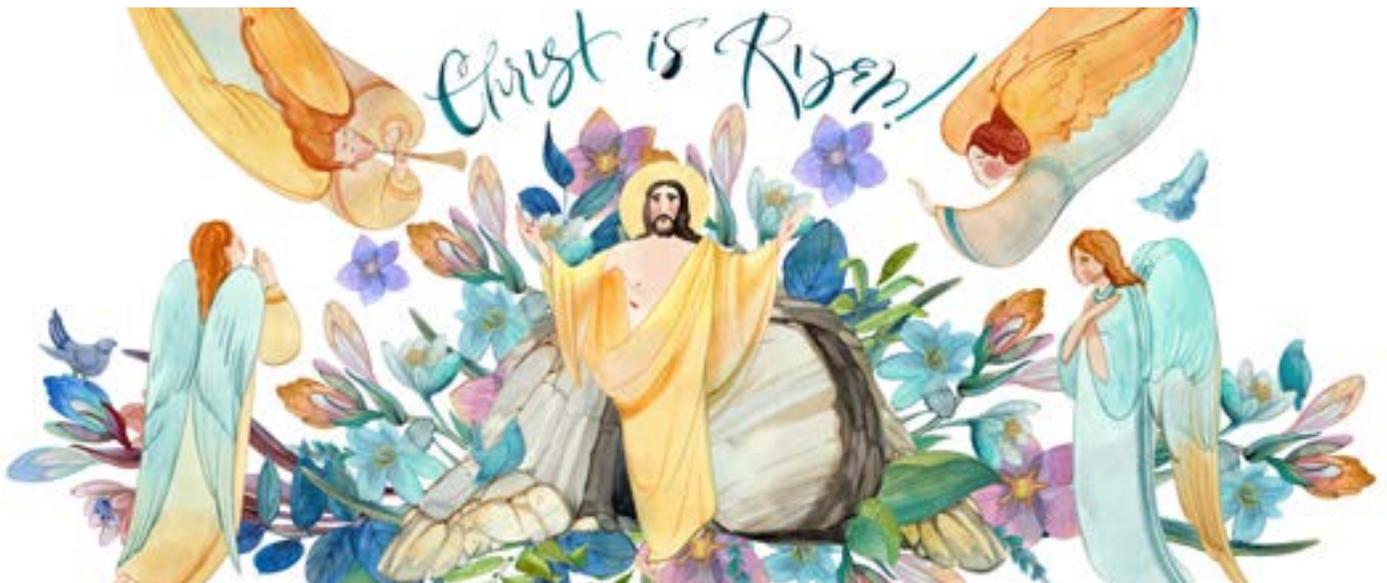
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bring, or even when it will come. When will your prayers be answered? When will your conflicts be resolved? Maybe the season you are in has no end in sight, and your prayer is that God leads you through it, and soon!

The beauty of Lent is that we can see the end, we can see Easter Sunday, and the end of the suffering we live under, thanks to the sin of the world and the sins of our hearts. We know God is leading us towards the cross and the empty tomb, and we are being led into the eternal presence of God, thanks to what Jesus did on the cross.

As you journey through your seasons of wilderness, with an unknown tomorrow filled with unlimited fears and worries, look to Jesus and what Jesus did at the cross. Look to the empty tomb, and the proclamation that it is finished! Your future is set and secure, the forgiveness of your sins, and the Heavenly dwelling that Jesus has prepared for you.

Blessings,
Pastor Brent



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Children's Ministry | The Story of the Bible

What a privilege to be in the Kingdom of God! We get to follow and serve a perfect King – the Great I Am. To start 2026, we learned about what the Kingdom of our good God is like. Recently, we all made crowns and pretended to be kings and queens.

We have been focusing on the **Bee-attitudes** in Matthew 5 to understand what we are to look like as salt and light in this world. To begin, our Sovereign King desires us to come to his throne, recognizing our need for him to be our Daily Manna. Next, he is there with us as we cast our cares on him. He catches every tear, and as our good, good Father, he provides comfort. Furthermore, as the meek, we bow before our King and submit to his authority. In addition, in our relationship, we want to please him, following all of his commands. The Holy Spirit helps

us choose the narrow path because our hearts want the Living Water. Moreover, we are able to show mercy because we are filled with his steadfast love and unending grace. Continuing on, we are called to be peacemakers, and how different we will look from the world when we always seek peace with others. Finally, we will read about how the early church lived with persecution. We will see how God used faithful men like Paul and Silas in powerful ways as their hearts of worship and obedience brought light to dark places, and many believed in Jesus by their testimony.

All in all, the Kingdom of Heaven is a blessed life because we walk daily in the Light, living for our Eternal King Jesus. Although our priorities look different, my prayer is that these children choose to follow the Light.

Lydia Barclay

Interim Children's Ministry Director



Trinity Christian School | 100 Days of School and More!

As we reflect on the last two months, we are overwhelmed with joy and love, having been privileged to see God move in mighty ways here at Trinity Christian School (TCS). As always, our school calendar is packed with exciting events that will have a lasting impact on our students and families for the rest of their lives.

Father/Daughter Dance

Our annual Father/Daughter Dance, themed “Candy Land,” was filled with laughter, dancing, and heartfelt moments. Our Parent/Teacher Fellowship (PTF) truly went above and beyond, ensuring fathers and daughters shared precious time, strengthened their bonds, and created cherished memories.

Fifth Grade Chapel

Our fifth graders presented a chapel message inspired by 1 John 3:16:

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our own lives for our brothers and sisters.”

Father/Hero Chapel

Our TCS community had an unforgettable morning at our Dads and Heroes Chapel! It was a special time as we celebrated the incredible Dads and Heroes of our TCS students. The theme of this year’s chapel was “Dad Jokes”. The atmosphere was filled with love and laughter as our students sang heartwarming songs in honor of these amazing role models. Our talented music teacher, Mr. Joshua Edwards, not only put together a wonderful chapel with performances from all grade levels, but he also wrote the song for the middle school presentation. Pastor Jake McDonnell shared a Spirit-filled message about a father’s or hero’s role as a hero, which was full of truth and encouragement.

100 Days of School

The 100th Day of School Celebration for Kindergarten through second grade was a joyful milestone, celebrating God’s faithfulness through the first 100 days of learning, growth, and friendship. Students marked this special day by participating



Above: Fifth Grade Chapel

Father/
Daughter
Dance



Below: Kindergarten through second grade celebrate 100 Days of School!



in hands-on activities centered around the number 100. Students participated by wearing 100 of a particular item, dressing like they are 100 years old, or writing about where they would be when they are 100 years old.

Valentine's Day

Students had a wonderful opportunity to show kindness, appreciation, and love for one another during their Valentine's Day celebrations. Classrooms were filled with laughter and heartfelt exchanges of Valentine's cards, messages of friendship, and sweet memories. It was a perfect reminder of God's infinite love for us and how we are called to spread love and kindness in the name of Jesus in our world. Our eighth-grade students got to share homemade valentines with their first-grade buddies. This is such an impactful program we run here at TCS, allowing older students to pair up with younger students.

Biz Town

Our fourth- and fifth-graders recently had the exciting opportunity to visit BizTown, where they stepped into real-world roles and experienced running a city for a day. In the weeks leading up to the trip, students worked hard, learning about financial literacy, economics, budgeting, resumes, and job responsibilities. They practiced interviewing, managing money, writing checks, and understanding how businesses operate. By the time they arrived at BizTown, they were well-prepared and ready to lead with confidence. It was incredible to see their hard work come to life as they collaborated, problem-solved, and applied everything they had learned in a hands-on, meaningful way.

Rainy Day Schedules

We have been blessed to experience some rain these last few weeks. On rainy days, our school follows a modified schedule for preschool through

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Above & below: 100 Days of School



Above & below: Valentine's Day - Eighth-graders and their first grade buddies.



Above & below: The fourth- and fifth-graders attended Biz Town



Clippers



Ahoy mates!

Trinity Clippers is happy to announce its upcoming programs for 2026 until our summer break in July and August.

On March 21st, harpist Marina McClain will present a program of classical and sacred music. This is a delightful presentation you will not want to miss.

For April 18th, we are hoping for a confirmation by the Martin Luther King Jr. choir, led by Ken Anderson. For those of you who have heard the this exceptional

choir in the past, you know what a treat it is. You will be tapping your fingers and toes along with their music.

On May 16th, our own Trinity Christian School (TCS) principals, Lindsay Gonzales and Sandra Martinez, will take the microphone to discuss the experiences of their first year as TCS principals. It will be exciting to hear their perspectives and plans for the direction of the school.

The week of June 15th-20th will be dedicated to the preparation, setup, and actual rummage sale, held annually to raise money for Trinity Church missions.

Yer trusty first mate,
Melanie Plett



Have a joyous Easter!

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eighth grade to ensure students stay safe, engaged, and active indoors. While outdoor recess may be limited, teachers plan a variety of age-appropriate indoor activities allowing students to move, learn, and connect with one another. From structured games and creative play in preschool to interactive lessons, group activities, and quiet breaks for older students, the rainy day schedule helps maintain routine while offering flexibility. These days provide an opportunity for creativity, cooperation, and patience as we make the most of our time together inside.

Upcoming Events

As the school year approaches its final stretch, a full calendar of events is bringing energy and anticipation to campus. From March 23rd–25th, fourth- and fifth-grade students will travel to Sacramento for an educational trip designed to bring their studies to life. Just days later, on March 27th, the school community will welcome families for its annual Grandparents' Chapel, a special time of worship and connection across generations.

Following these events, students and staff will observe Spring Break, reflecting on the significance of the Easter season. When classes resume, activities will continue at a lively pace. Sixth-graders are preparing for their upcoming camp experience, while the school community looks ahead to hosting its annual Serve-A-Thon, an event highlighting service, fellowship, and school spirit. Excitement continues to build as students and families prepare for a memorable close to the academic year.

We are truly feeling blessed by the opportunity to partner with Trinity Church to further the kingdom of God. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

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Rainy day fun!



Above: This year, we chose to do something a little different. Instead of the Speech Meet, each class is hosting a “showcase.” This is a time when students present their projects, papers, or speeches to other classes, thereby strengthening their public speaking skills. Kindergarten and first grade did their showcase on January 28th. Each kindergarten student went on stage and shared what they would like to be when they grow up. In the first grade, as shown in the pictures above, each student created a block or grid of a city. They got to choose from residential, civil, or commercial. Once the students each presented their block, they put them together to create a whole city. Second and third grade will be presenting on March 18th.

OUR EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY • March 29th

**GOOD FRIDAY • April 3rd – 5:30 p.m.
in the Sanctuary**

EASTER SUNDAY • April 5th
Sunrise Service – 6:15 a.m. at the rocks
**Regular Service – 10:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary**

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