



Connected: "I am the vine; you are the branches."

December 2023

At this time of year, as is typical in a Lutheran school, students and faculty are in preparation mode. The end of the calendar year is near, so what is in the works for next year? Christmas vacation is just around the corner, so what exciting adventures await us in our days of rest and relaxation? Most importantly, as the first Sunday of Advent begins our new church year, how do we get ready for Christ's coming?

John the Baptist answers our last question. He instructed sinners to repent because the kingdom is at-hand. The treachery of our sins is severe. It is impossible we could ever be good enough or act as our own redeemer. Christ's incarnation, suffering, death, and resurrection bring healing for the transgressions which so easily beset us. Jesus came the first time to take care of sin. When He comes again, it will be as Judge. Repent. He is coming back, just as He promised. *"But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy...so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."* Titus 3

Speaking of preparation...Trinity Lutheran School is busy rehearsing hymns and songs as well as taking directions to learn this year's Christmas Service, *"This Is My Son."* All are invited to join the children, faculty, and staff **Tuesday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m.** as we bring glad tidings of great joy telling of our Savior's birth, news of the Infant King. A special thank you goes to the faculty and staff for their work and devotion to teach and lead the children in this worth endeavor. We are grateful to Mrs. Pat Perez for her willingness to oversee and direct the service.

Blessings,

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