

Trinity Lutheran School  
Joy Choir Information  
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Dear Parents,

I am pleased to have the opportunity to work with your children through their participation in the **Joy Choir** of Trinity Lutheran School. Please refer to the questions and answers below for information about the choir program at Trinity.

*Q: Do all children participate in choir?*

A: Yes, all children in grades 3 to 5 are members of the Joy Choir.

*Q: Can my child "opt out" of choir?*

A: Since choir is part of the curriculum of Trinity Lutheran School, no student may "opt out" of Joy Choir for the entire year.

*Q: When is my child scheduled to sing?*

A: A schedule was included in the home visit packet you received at the beginning of the year. Additional copies can be downloaded from Trinity's website at [www.trinitysheboygan.org](http://www.trinitysheboygan.org).

*Q: What time should my child arrive to sing?*

A: Choir members should arrive to church at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the service.

*Q: What if my child is late?*

A: A child who is late will have his/her grade lowered to a B or C, depending upon how late they arrive.

*Q: What if my child is unable to sing on a Sunday?*

A: Please send a written note or email at least 24 hours in advance to the choir director ([heinlein@trinitysheboygan.org](mailto:heinlein@trinitysheboygan.org)) explaining the absence and your child will be excused.

*Q: What if my child is ill and a note can't be sent in advance?*

A: Please send a written note when your child returns to school indicating the absence was due to illness.

*Q: What if my child is absent from singing and a note was not sent in advance?*

A: If your child is not present and a note was not sent, the absence is considered unexcused and your child's grade will be lowered accordingly.

*Q: How are choir grades determined?*

A: Choir grades are based on attendance, promptness, participation, attitude, and behavior.

*Q: What if my child needs to leave early?*

A: Choir members are expected to stay for the entire service. If your child cannot stay for the entire service, please inform the director in advance so he can plan accordingly.

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*Q: What if I would like my child to attend communion with me?*

A: Parents are asked to come to the balcony to escort your children if you would like them to attend Communion with you. Please check to make sure the choir will not be singing during the time your child will be gone.

*Q: What if we normally attend the other service?*

A: Every effort has been made to schedule students to sing at an even number of early and late services. While I am aware that most families prefer to attend the late service, I have heard from others who strongly prefer to attend the early service. I sincerely thank you for your flexibility in attending worship even when it is not your preferred service to attend.

*Q: What if I have other questions?*

A: If you have any questions regarding choir policies or any other concerns throughout the year, please contact me at school (458-8248 x311), on my cell phone (226-9202) or via email ([heinlein@trinitysheboygan.org](mailto:heinlein@trinitysheboygan.org)).

Thank you for your continued support and prayers as together we encourage our children to rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

In Christ,

Brian Heinlein  
Director of Music