

6 WORDS & 2 WARNINGS



SUMMER SERIES ON THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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3-minute Mingle

For the next 3 minutes seek out a visitor or a person you don't know well and talk with them, then you can go and talk with your friends.

HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

STUDY THE DOCTRINE

A sermon confesses the teachings of Christ and explains the doctrines of the Christian Church. What doctrines are being taught this week? What do you know about these doctrines? How can you take what is preached and grow in your doctrinal soundness? It is important to know the teachings of Christ and the doctrines of the Christian Church. Listen carefully, and learn those doctrines!

To submit an article for the newsletter, email to Newsletter@TrinityLCS.org. NEW deadline for article submission is **Tuesday at 5pm**.

Sunday Worship on Campus

830 East Plaza Circle • Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

7:30am Traditional Worship

9:00am/10:15am Contemporary Worship

11:30am Blended Worship

6:00pm Casual Traditional Worship

Services are also posted on Facebook and TrinityLCS.org

School: 623.935.4690 • Church: 623.935.4665

The Book of Concord

Lutherans have used the confessions of faith contained in the [Book of Concord] for nearly 500 years as their public witness and testimony of what the Bible teaches.

these confessions give clear, unambiguous, and certain witness to the Christian faith. They unite all those who bear the name Lutheran and wish to be -- and remain -- genuinely Lutheran.

Concordia, The Lutheran Confessions, "Introduction ... with intrepid hearts", p.9 [slightly adapted]

Questions about Trinity School?

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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church!

We are glad that you are worshiping with us this morning. If you are visiting with us, we consider you an honored guest and pray that you enjoy your worship experience. If we can help in any way, please see an elder or usher for assistance.

AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

AMOS meets all summer long. AMOS meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's each month. Meet us in Founder's Hall from 10:00am-1pm. Our next meeting will be June 14, 2023 in Founder's Hall from 10:00am-1pm. It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. Bring a sack lunch.

Friday Parenting Group • Fridays 8:30-10:30am

You are invited to join a merry band of women as together we navigate the wonderful, unpredictable, joyful, exhausting world of mothering! You'll find lots of laughter, support, understanding, and love!

God's Word guides us as we look to our Maker on how to raise our children, and discover we too, are still learning. *Call Ruth to reserve your childcare!*
480-235-1473



Sunday Morning – 8:45 Bible Study

The Gospel according to St. Luke is being studied with Rev. Les Self as the leader in the Founders Hall across from the Sanctuary. Coffee, donuts & Christian community abundantly offered. All are welcome.



FOR INFORMATION ON OUR SUMMER PROGRAMS

CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE
AT OFFICE@TRINITYLCS.ORG ★

www.trinitylutherschoolaz.org ★

Valley Lutheran High School

is Hiring!

Join our growing dynamic ministry team!

We're hiring for the following
2023-24 school year positions:

- Shuttle Drivers (Flexible, Part-Time)
- Spanish Teacher (Part or Full-Time)



Learning, Serving, Sharing Christ

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Our FINAL Summer Servant Trip Fundraiser

How do I sponsor and support our youth?

1. Chose an envelope with the dollar amount you wish to donate. (137 = \$137)
2. Read the letter in the envelope from your youth introducing themselves.

Please pray for this student!

3. Please fill out the index card in the envelope with your name & address.
4. Place the index card and your donation in the numbered envelope.
5. Put the envelope in the standing donation box or hand it to Ms. Laura.

THANK YOU!

SPLASHING WITH JOY OVER BAPTISM!

One of my joys here at Trinity is to talk with families and individuals about baptism! What a miracle God has prepared for us! I would love to answer any questions you or a friend has about baptism!

Not sure how to talk to someone else about God's gift of baptism? Let's chat and maybe I can give you ideas. Call me: Ruth Fisher
480-235-1473 or
RFisher@TrinityLCS.org



Understanding the Absolution

Sometimes visitors in a Lutheran service of worship are surprised to hear in the general confession and absolution our pastors saying: "Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Our Lutheran Confessions help us to understand why our pastors speak this way: "It is not the voice or word of the man who speaks it, but it is the Word of God, who forgives sin, for it is spoken in God's stead and by God's command" (AC XXV.3).

Absolution is the Lord's life-giving, sure and certain word that does for us what no surgery, medicine, therapy, counseling, or advice can do for us. The Lord's Word of Absolution doesn't cover up or hide our sin. Nor does it give us only a temporary relief that soon fades away. Our Lord's word of absolution reconciles us to God the Holy Trinity.

*What About Confession and Absolution? Dr. A.L. Barry,
President The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

Ask our SR Youth about...

...their upcoming Summer Servant Trip: CHAMP CAMP
June 22, 2023, Trinity's High School Youth will discover true worth and potential; gain confidence through positive friendships, new life skills and growing passions; and most of all, deepen their faith in God through the love of Jesus at Camp Lutherhaven's Champ Camp in Couer d'Alene, ID.

Champ Camp is a chance for children and youth with special needs to come and experience all that camp has to offer. The Champ Campers our teens will work alongside have a wide variety of special needs and are looking for **LUTHERHAVEN** caring servant friends during their time at camp.



Thrivent Financial Members: Please Read

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial who is eligible to direct Choice Dollars? Did you know **you can direct your Choice Dollars to Trinity Lutheran Church or School?**

Directing Choice Dollars is easy, simply go to Thrivent.com/thrivenchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

A heartfelt thank you to all of you who direct your choice dollars to Trinity. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Church Nursery

We love your little ones! Children are welcome in worship! If your little one needs to burn off some energy, the Nursery is available at all of our Sunday worship services, except 6pm. (If you would like childcare during our Sunday 6pm worship, please contact Ruth Fisher at 480-235-1473.)

"There is no such thing as standing still in Christianity. Whether a believer marches forward or merely marks time depends much on his connection with God's Word. Regardless of how hectic our life is or how fast each day flies by, we need to find regular opportunity for serious Bible study." *Hebrews, R.E. Lauersdorf, PBC, p.54*

Why go to the Lord's Supper?

But those who are mindful of their weakness desire to be rid of it and long for help. They should regard and use the Sacrament just like a precious antidote against the poison that they have in them. Here in the Sacrament you are to receive from the lips of Christ forgiveness of sin. It contains and brings with it God's grace and the Spirit with all His gifts, protection, shelter, and power against death and the devil and all misfortune. So you have, from God, both the command and the promise of the Lord Jesus Christ. Besides this, from yourself, you have your own distress, which is around your neck. Because of your distress this command, invitation, and promise are given. This ought to move you. For Christ Himself says, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick" [Matthew 9:12]. In other words, He means those who are weary and heavy-laden with their sins, with the fear of death, temptations of the flesh, and of the devil. If, therefore, you are heavy laden and feel your weakness, then go joyfully to this Sacrament and receive refreshment, comfort, and strength [Matthew 11:28].

Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, Large Catechism, Sacrament of the Altar, V.70ff

Are you getting emails from Pastor?

If you are not getting our weekly email each week now, then we do not have a good email address for you. **Please send your email to Pastor & he will get you on the list: DBolte@TrinityLCS.org**

Prayer of the Week

Holy Spirit, you give us faith and teach us the truths of the Kingdom of God. We ask that you work through your Word and Sacrament so that we can have accurate knowledge, strong faith, and a rock solid conviction in Scripture and its doctrines. Guard and protect us from those who would lead us astray. Give us wisdom to know, and the courage to confess, the truth of your Holy Word. In Jesus' Name, amen!

Therefore you must always have God's Word in your heart, upon your lips, and in your ears. But where the heart is idle, and the Word does not sound, the devil breaks in and has done the damage before we are aware. On the other hand, the word is so effective that whenever it is seriously contemplated, heard, and used, that it is bound never to be without fruit, but always awakens new understanding, pleasure, and devoutness, and produces a pure heart and pure thoughts. For these words are not lazy or dead, but creative, living words.

The Book of Concord, Large Catechism 1:100-101

Lutheran Sacrifice

During the years when the Lutheran Confessions (that is, the Book of Concord) Were written and defended, faithful men and women of God, both laypeople and clergy, sacrificed all they had -- in some cases their very lives -- to defend and extend the truths of God's Holy Word as confessed by the Lutheran Church. Men died in battle fighting to defend the right to teach Lutheran precepts in classrooms and preach the Lutheran faith in pulpits. They died defending their cities and towns -- and most important, their convictions -- from armies of political and church leaders trying to stamp out Lutheranism forever. Concordia, The Lutheran Confessions, "Introduction ... with intrepid hearts", p10. [slightly adapted]

Trinity's Prison Ministry

God works in wonderful ways!

The same sermon you will hear today, will be read by six prisoners this next week or so. It all began with a Trinity member who knew someone sentenced to prison. She also knew where real hope comes from and the power to change -- it comes from our Savior from sin, Jesus! So she prayed for him and sought ways to get the Gospel to him. Every prison/jail has very strict regulations on what can be mailed to prisoners. All things are examined. She asked the prison if she could send Trinity's sermon. The man who received the sermons began a prayer circle with two others. She sent a worship service. The men began to use Trinity's worship service every week in the Prayer Circle. That Prayer Circle of 3 has now grown to 20! Behind locked gates, they use the same sermons and worship service we use each week! Please pray for these men.



Trinity Lutheran Church

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THANK YOU!
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Once again, the good Lord Jesus has shined His light through our Vacation Bible School! Please pray that the words of Jesus that were in the ears of the children and families and on their lips would be used by the Holy Spirit to work faith in the heart of each child and their families. Pray that all involved have deepened their faith and joy in the love of God. May Trinity Lutheran Church always be a light to point the way to our Savior!

We want to thank our **Mission Controller**, Laura Nelson, who handles the signup database, sound system, and a zillion other details as well as mentored the amazing **Opening and Closing Team**: returning Dale Waite and Trinity Biswell. These two college students are a bright light to our younger children pointing to Jesus as they proclaimed their personal faith in Christ through songs, skits, & relationships.

Bible Adventure was absolutely amazing as children experienced the Bible true stories! The children will remember these stories and their life saving meaning for them. Expertly led by Beth Speckhard and her terrific team: Thomas Lear, Julie Dodson, and Marshall Cantrell.

Imagination Station was led by two new members: Charlene Lear and Kelly Hogan. Denise Rhodes and Katelyn Hiller & Rebekah Graham helped make it all happen in amazing ways as they explored God's vast universe and all He has made!

Galactic Snacks kept us all fed and was organized by our amazing Martha Mueller with her terrific team: Randy Mueller, Paulette Hill, Barbara Wachholz, Debbie Hauck, Paul Ruermund, Diane Olson and Katherine Paoello

Our crew leaders were loving and caring, great listeners and oh, so patient! Their love of Jesus shined bright as they welcomed young ones, listened and taught, kept them safe, sang, played water games and prayed for and with the children. What a joy it was to watch God work through them!

Our faithful, caring Crew Leaders and Helpers were: Marcella Heath, Bridget, Erin, & Owen Wheeler, Katie Leister, Jonathan Carson, Sue Hemphill, Kenzie Ruermund, Cheryl Wagner, Anna Fisher, Adam & Alex Cervantes, Rebecca Gross, Jessica Vinyard, Lincoln Opsahl, Jeri Nawotka & Ava Wagner, Ruth Fisher, Will Kirschner, Phil & Helen Hudak, Daniel Singh, Ryan Dodson, and Sarah Hendricks-Stefan!

All Star Games were planned and executed by Jeremy Wright and Cody Rhodes and their amazing team: Asa Mros, William Black and Christopher Gilbert. All kinds of crazy water play and lots of running!

Lindsey Wright was Laura's and Ruth's right-hand gal as she shopped & ran errands, while we completed other tasks.

We thank God for our amazing crew for Trinity's Stellar VBS. YOU are included in that! Your prayers, offerings, and donations of crackers, fruit, granola bars, and band-aids all helped our Vacation Bible School be a STELLAR SUCCESS!