

# ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE



## SUMMER SERIES ON THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

JUNE 4, 2023

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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### UPDATE FROM PASTOR BOLTE!



There is a written review of Pastor Bolte's trip to the Concordia Lutheran Institute of the Holy Ministry in Yambio, South Sudan on the information center.

Please pick one up!

Please keep the men studying to be Pastors in your prayers, and thank you for your support and encouragement for this trip!

### 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.

### Worship Schedule Updates

**Please Note!**

June 4 • All services in Sanctuary  
9 & 10:15 services return to FLC  
Next Sunday, June 11

### TODAY --> Congregational Meeting

The annual **Trinity Lutheran Church Ministry Plan** is now available on the information centers of both the Sanctuary and the Family Life Center.

This Ministry Plan is prepared in preparation for the **Annual Congregational meeting TODAY Sunday, June 4th at 12:45pm in the Sanctuary.**

This tool gives our staff a chance to update you on current ministry here at Trinity. In addition, the Slate Of Officers is posted in it which will be voted on at this congregational meeting. **Please take one, read through it, and keep us in your prayers!**

*It is by God's grace alone that we are able to do so much in His Kingdom!*

### 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](mailto:OFFICE@TRINITYLCS.ORG)

[www.trinitylutherschoolaz.org](http://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!

## Prayer of the Week

*Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for choosing St Paul to be an Apostle. We thank you for his writings in the New Testament, and his clarity of thought as he teaches us the truths you have given him. Open our ears and give us faith to believe his words, to recognize him as a genuine Apostle with the authentic Gospel. Grant us a desire to learn more and more of your Holy Word, written by your holy Apostles, inspired by your Holy Spirit. Amen!*

## 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**  
In June of 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 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](http://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](mailto:DBolte@TrinityLCS.org)**

## 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](mailto:RFisher@TrinityLCS.org)



**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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**VBS starts MONDAY**  
**June 5-9**  
**9am-12pm**

**Thank you for praying, providing snacks, and even bandaids for our Vacation Bible School!**  
The Lord has sent us 94 excited Kindergarten through 6th graders. We have an merry band of volunteers!  
We are ready to blast off to Stellar - Shine Jesus' Love VBS! Please pray for the Holy Spirit to work powerfully  
in all our hearts, especially the children and their families, that each would know Jesus as Savior and  
share His love with others their whole lives!

## HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

### PAY ATTENTION TO THE LAW OF GOD!

The Law of God will expose your sin and lead you to confession. It is not pleasant nor easy to hear — but you need to hear it and believe it! The Law of God convicts you of sin and exposes your pride, rebellion, disobedience and immorality. Let the Law of God work in your heart, turn from your sin, and confess it to God. Then believe that the Lord forgives you in His Son Jesus Christ! (This entire process is called "repentance".)

To submit an article for the newsletter, email to [Newsletter@TrinityLCS.org](mailto: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](http://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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