



# Jesus the Prophet

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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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## **Bible Classes**

See the flyer on the Information Center for all the Bible studies and information for each class. Come and study with us as we strive to be ever more Biblically literate and Doctrinally sound! Here are two of many...

### • THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

This class meets from 6:30-7:45pm during OASIS on Wednesdays in the Sanctuary.

### • 1,2,3 JOHN AND JUDE • Tuesdays@11am

This class is held in the Sanctuary. In 1,2,3 John, the Apostle John is writing to his congregations of the importance of remaining faithful to Christ as false teachers were trying to lure them away from the church. There are many lessons for us today!

## **Read the Book of Concord**

Rev. Dr. C.F.W. Walther wrote . . . If a person isn't familiar with the Book of Concord, he'll think, "That old book is just for pastors. I don't have to preach. After working all day, I can't sit down and study in the evening. If I read my morning and evening devotions, that's enough." No, that is not enough! The Lord doesn't want us to remain children, who are blown to and fro by every wind of doctrine; instead of that, he wants us to grow in knowledge so that we can teach others. Concordia, The Lutheran Confessions, "Introduction ... with intrepid hearts", p.11-12 [slightly adapted] *Men, come and join us on Tuesdays @6:30pm as we study the Book of Concord! See Pastor Bolte for more details!*

## **KNOW THE FACTS – MAKE A PLAN**

**Coming Saturday February 11, 10:00-12:00**

*"Storm Clouds on the Horizon"*

1. Learn about Life Changes that are inevitable
2. Identify these changes-which are often very subtle
3. Learn about the greatest issues for Loved ones and Caregivers
4. Know where to Find Resources when it's time to make adjustments.

**ALSO BEING DISCUSSED**

The value of having a Will and Power of Attorney - Young Families- need these tools also!

*Registration and Refreshments begin at 9:45.*

## **SUPER BOWL SUNDAY 6PM**

There will be NO 6pm service on February 12th. Last year, we had 9 people, 7 of those were associated with helping in the service somehow! Therefore, we will not have a 6pm service on February 12th.

**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.**



### Back to South Sudan

Pastor Bolte has been asked to return to Concordia Lutheran Institute of the Holy Ministry (CLIHM) in Yambio, South Sudan this coming summer! CLIHM is the name of the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sudan and South Sudan.

Seminary is a 4 year program; this is their second year, and there are 19 in the class. This will be Pastor's ninth trip to South Sudan, and this year, he has been asked to teach The Gospel of John and to review the Doctrines of the Church. *Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement – it is greatly appreciated.*

More information to come we get closer to the trip!

### Sunday Morning-- 8:45 Bible Study

The Gospel according to St. Luke will be 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.

### CROSS Training for Parents & Adults!

**Sundays at 10:15am, ADULT CROSS TRAINING** meets in the **Board Room** in the church office with **Janet Sienkiewicz** leading. Adults study the same stories as the children to encourage family faith sharing! (Questions? Ruth Fisher 480-235-1473 or RFisher@TrinityLCS.org)

### HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

#### TAKE THE SERMON WITH YOU!

Don't let the sermon be a 12 minute event that Satan quickly snatches away from you 20 minutes later. Take it with you: ponder it, meditate on it, talk about it with your spouse; discuss it with your children, listen to the online and email video, or re-read and study the hardcopy. Take the sermon with you, and think it through. Don't let it fall on the "hard path" where Satan easily steals it away from you a few minutes later.

- Feb. 17: SR Youth Midnighter (starts at 6pm)
- TBD: SR Youth GameR Night

### 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



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### 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*

## Women's Monday Night Bible Study

Women's Monday Night Bible Study has resumed their study of Psalms on **Mondays at 7 pm in Founders Hall**. All women are welcome and invited to join! For more information call Karen Onstad at 623-935-4589 or Karen Frusti at 602-828-2268.

### Prayer of the Week

*Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Messiah of the Old Testament, the Savior of all the world.*

*We thank you for setting us free from our sin.*

*Grant us faith so that we know, understand, and believe this throughout our lives. Help us to live our lives in the freedom we have in you. Help us to live free from sin, free from guilt, and free from the fear of death and dying. Help us to live courageous and bold lives of faith, helping others to know and believe in you as their Lord and Savior. Amen!*

## 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]

## CHILDREN WELCOME!

Children are always welcome at worship! If you are concerned that your little one needs to run off energy, our Church Nursery would be happy to help during Sunday worship services! At the sanctuary, the nursery is by the Lamb sign. At Family Life Center, nursery is Preschool Rm 109.

### 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*

**"God bestowed new life on us in Holy Baptism. He now comes to feed and nourish us. We cannot go back to the cross, but because the risen and ascended Christ possesses all the authority of God's Right Hand, He can and does bring the fruits of the cross to us."**

*The Blessings of Weekly Communion, Kenneth W. Wieting, p.21*

## AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

AMOS meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. Our next AMOS meeting will be on January 25 in Founder's Hall from 10am-1pm. It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. *Bring a sack lunch.*

## January 'Let's Go' International Dinner

'Let's Go' launches into the New Year celebrating the success of the International Dinner ministry! In the last seven years the attendance at the dinner events has grown from 6 to nearly 40! There have been 56 International Dinner Nights at 31 different restaurants and experienced 21 different cuisines/countries!

**'Let's Go' announces it's first 2023 International Dinner!** We will start the New Year with some Southern Soul Food. Head with us to 'Flavors of Louisiana' for Cajun style Southern Soul Food and great fellowship. The date is January 26, the time is 6:30 PM. Flavors of Louisiana is located at 13025 W. Rancho Santa Fe Blvd, Avondale, between Dysart and McDowell. Please make your reservations by January 25! Call Wilma Rupprecht: 630 888 4233.

### Death of a Christian

**Because of our baptism into the living, life giving body of Jesus, the Christian view of death is also radically different from that of the world. Disciples of Jesus die long before they die. Paul expresses it this way: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:3-4). . . Baptism is therefore our major death, major burial, and major funeral in life. It is "major" in two ways. One, by baptism the father deals with all our major problems: sin, death, shame, guilt, alienation, condemnation. Two, Baptism gives us no minor gift but the major gift of new life, new peace, New Hope, all in Jesus our Lord. . . Our physical death, therefore, which seems like The End to the world, is simply a minor portal through which we leave this visible world to be with Christ in Paradise, Where we will await "the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come" (Nicene Creed).**

*Limping with God, Chad Bird, p. 155*

## OASIS BIBLE STUDIES & CONFIRMATION

Every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:45pm thru May 10. Pastor will lead the **Adult Bible Study** in the Church. Trinity's **teens in grades 8-12** meet in the LIGHT Lounge youth room to study God's Word with Ms. Laura. **Prepare your youth for life & Holy Communion!**

### CONFIRMATION

**Mondays, 6:30pm-7:30pm**  
8th grade - Pastor Bolte, Adult Classroom

**Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:45pm**  
5th & 6th grade - Charlene Nichol, Adult Classroom  
7th grade - Ruth Fisher, Room 404



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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

# CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

**JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!**

**3s-Kinder:** Julie & Daniel Dodson and Elli Guiney, Marshall Cantrell, & Ms. Laura (Room 106)

**1-3-grade:** Zack Nelson (Founder's Hall)

**4-6-grade:** Bruce Rogers (Adult Classroom)

**7-8-grade, High School/SR Youth:**

Travis & Lindsey Guiney (The LIGHT Lounge)

**Adults:** Janet Sienkiewicz (Boardroom)

**NEW UNIT! Lesson 3: AN ANGEL ANNOUNCES**  
Jesus' Birth Foretold -- Luke 1:26-56

**BIBLE TRUTH:**  
God promised to send His Son.

**LAW & GOSPEL**  
Like Mary, I deserve nothing from God because of my sinfulness. God gives me unmerited grace and favor because of His Son.

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*

### Questions about Trinity School?

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### 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

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