

ROMANS 7:15

I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT I DO.

FOR WHAT I DO I WANT TO DO I do not do,

BUT WHAT I HATE I DO.

# ACTUAL SIN

MARCH 26, 2023

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

830 E. PLAZA CIRCLE • LITCHFIELD PARK, AZ 85340

623.935.4665 • WWW.TRINITYLCS.ORG

## Look for Ms. Laura during Lent!

Lenten Season #8 of Daily Video Devotions

- **Children & Families:** My Devotions  
Each day we'll read the Bible and pray together!  
--> [www.bit.ly/3I113sGK](http://www.bit.ly/3I113sGK)
- **Tweens & Teens:** Man of Sorrows, People of Joy  
This Lenten season, behold the man—the man who suffered, died, and rose again for you.  
--> [www.bit.ly/3X2Pp80](http://www.bit.ly/3X2Pp80)
- **Everyone:** Promised Treasures  
Each week of Lent, we'll journey to concretely see, smell, touch, and taste several biblical elements.  
--> [www.bit.ly/40B8C3N](http://www.bit.ly/40B8C3N)



This is the time of fulfillment.  
The Kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent and believe in the Gospel.

MARK 1:15

**Final Midweek Lenten service  
Tuesday, March 28 at 7pm**

Pre-service meal will be served by  
Trinity's Teens from 5:45-6:45. Join Us!



*Daily Video Devotions*

TRINITY Lutheran Church & School

**Lent 2023** Trinity Lutheran Church and School  
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

**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.

## PRE-SERVICE MEALS IN LENT

# YOU'RE INVITED TO DINNER!

EACH TUESDAY IN LENT • 5:45PM - 6:45PM

## FREEWILL DONATION

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS OUR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH WHO WILL BE ATTENDING CHAMP CAMP THIS SUMMER IN COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO

MEET US IN FOUNDERS HALL

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
830 EAST PLAZA CIRCLE, LITCHFIELD PARK

## Prayer of the Week

*Holy Spirit, we thank you that you work repentance in our lives. Help us to hate sin and to love righteousness. Allow us to turn from our sin and to trust in Jesus for forgiveness. According to your power and grace, lead us to live lives of holiness and righteousness; lives that abide in Christ, glorify our Father, obey your commands, and serve our neighbor. We pray this in Jesus' Name, Who is our righteousness, Amen!*

## 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.*

## Part-Time Positions Available

Are you looking for a part-time job and love working with God's little ones? Trinity Lutheran Church and School has options for you! We are looking for staff members in our preschool, child care, and nursery. Hours range from very part-time (3-6 hours per week) to 20 hours per week. If you are interested, please email Heather Chapman our Early Childhood Director & Nursery Coordinator [HChapman@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:HChapman@TrinityLCS.org) We look forward to meeting you and seeing what God has planned!

## 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

## Make a Joyful Noise this EASTER

**You are invited to come sing with the Praise Team and Bells on Easter Sunday at the 9 and 10:15am services.**

Rehearsals with the band will be on Saturdays at 8:30am in the FLC. Practice reminder: let's work on vocals on Monday at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary on March 27 if you let Juliann know to expect you.



**Come help us celebrate Christ's resurrection in song!**

**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*

## 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*

## Phil Larsen's New Address

2120 N Monroe St • Arlington, Virginia 22207

## 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)



## Women's Monday Night Bible Study

Join Us! We are studying the book of Psalms on the first and third **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.

## AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

AMOS meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. Meet us in Founder's Hall from 10am-1pm. Our next AMOS meeting will be on March 22 in Founder's Hall from 10am-1pm. It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. *Bring a sack lunch.*

## OASIS BIBLE STUDIES & CONFIRMATION

### **NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES OR OASIS ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5TH**

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

## DO YOU NEED A NAME TAG?

If you would like a Name Tag, please contact Jan **this week**. JReynolds@TrinityLCS.org or 623-523-1158. The cost is \$7.50.

## 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.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Know the Facts Workshop - Jason May, Attorney at Law will return on Saturday, April 29!**

### **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*

### **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]*

## Let's Go!

Mexico welcomes us back into their hacienda (restaurant) south of the border this March. We hope to see you at **Manuel's Mexican Restaurant** on March 30 at 6:30. *Manuel's Mexican Restaurant 3319 W. McDowell Rd., Goodyear.* Please RSVP to Wilma Rupprecht by March 29 • 630-888-4233

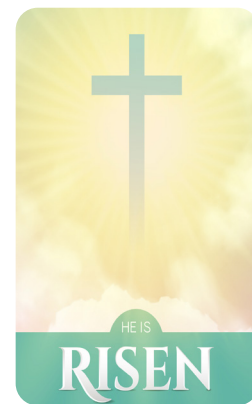
## Mission Moment

### **NOW is the TIME!**

### **Easter is a great time**

### **to invite people to church!**

The world is an unsettled place right now. Show people the LIFE GIVER! Talk to friends and neighbors about JESUS! Tell them He conquered death for us and gives us hope now and forever! There is an easy way you can invite friends and family to church. Just grab a few "HE IS RISEN!" cards on the Usher's Table. You can hand them to your friends, or mail them. Tuck them in neighbors' doors. Deliver to families with sweet treats! Keep a couple in your car to give to others. Hand them to people who help you: landscapers and grocery store. Don't forget those who are lonely! Need more?!! Call Ruth Fisher at 480-235-1473!



## 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! **Jeremy Wright will be leading the ADULT CROSS TRAINING THIS WEEK!** *Thank you, Jeremy, for encouraging family faith sharing!*

## 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.



# Trinity Lutheran Church

CHRIST-CENTERED • BIBLE-BASED • FAMILY-FOCUSED



**LESS THAN A MONTH TO GO!  
RSVP TODAY**

### SAVE THE DATE!

We are hosting a special Bible Seminar on April 21-22, 2023! Chad Bird from 1517.org will be with us to lead us in a Christological look at the Old Testament! Chad is an LCMS seminary caliber teacher who has written several books and hosts two podcasts. This will be a Friday night/Saturday morning seminar and it will be excellent!

Plan NOW to Attend • MARK IT DOWN ON YOUR CALENDAR  
**Register today at [TrinityLCS.org](http://TrinityLCS.org)**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday school for all ages

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

**Unit 7, Lesson 12: A CONFIDENT CONFESSION**  
Peter Confesses Christ • Text: Matthew 16:13-23

**BIBLE TRUTH: Jesus is the Christ.**

**LAW & GOSPEL:** I sinfully doubt Christ's identity as my true God and Savior. The Holy Spirit shows me Christ's true identity as Savior through the Word and Sacraments.

### Questions about Trinity School?

**Astraea Rohloff**

Principal  
ARohloff@TrinityLCS.org

**Heather Chapman**

Early Childhood Director  
HChapman@TrinityLCS.org

### Meet Our Staff

**Rev. Dave Bolte**

Senior Pastor  
DBolte@TrinityLCS.org

**Deaconess Ruth Fisher**

Director of Family Ministry  
RFisher@TrinityLCS.org

**Laura Nelson**

Dir. of Children & Youth Ministries  
LNelson@TrinityLCS.org

**Juliann Dolge**

Director of Music  
JDolge@TrinityLCS.org

**Jan Reynolds**

Director of Care Ministry  
JReynolds@TrinityLCS.org



**Many Thanks & Much Appreciation  
for supporting Trinity's SR Youth during our  
recent M&M YUM(fund)-Raiser!**

Your overwhelming generosity will help make the Miles & Miles Alec, Dylan, Nathaniel, Nick, and adult chaperons need to travel to Camp Lutherhaven's Champ Camp in Couer d'Alene, ID financially possible!

### 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