

# The Ascension of Jesus

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## 50th Anniversary Merch!

As part of Trinity's 50th Anniversary, the celebration committee is making available for purchase T-Shirts and Polos that feature this 50th Anniversary logo embroidered on them. These shirts come in multiple styles:



Men's, Ladies, Youth, Infant & Toddler in a wide assortment of colors and sizes. An insulated lunch cooler and two styles of bags of bags have been added, also. **By popular demand, ladies dress blouses have been added!**

The prices start at \$15.99 and are offered "at cost", there is no profit to the church if you order. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our 50th Anniversary throughout the year! Follow the link below or scan this QR code to see style the shirts and options, and to order. *Be sure to check sizing information found with the 'Specifications' link for each product.*



<https://bit.ly/50AnniversaryShirts>

"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*

## MAY 12, 19, 26 SERVICES

**Please note that all services for these three Sundays will be in the Sanctuary.**

The styles of worship will remain, just the location is changing. We will return to our regular schedule & locations on June 2. *Thank you for being flexible!*

## TLC MINISTRY PLAN

**The annual TLC Mission and Ministry Review 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 on Sunday, June 2nd at 12:45pm in the Sanctuary.**

In addition, the Slate of Officers are posted in it that will be voted on at the 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.**

## OASIS BIBLE STUDY & CONFIRMATION

### SUMMER BREAK • SEE YOU NEXT in SEPTEMBER

During the school year, we meet every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:45pm. Pastor leads the Adult Bible Study in the Church. CONFIRMATION classes meet Mondays (8th grade) and Wednesdays (5-7th grade)

# CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

### SUNDAY SCHOOL is on SUMMER BREAK TRAVELING THROUGH THE BIBLE!

Recap of Sunday, April 28: Trinity Children and our CROSS TRAINING teachers had an active Outdoor Party to close out our classes for this year. We started at the picnic tables in the pretty courtyard filled with flowers by the cross. Denise Rhodes and Jeri Nawotka had a "revealing" scratch cross craft activity. Each child got a chance to scratch a black cross with their own colorful design to express our joy at Jesus' resurrection! Around the corner, they discovered Peter (also Bruce Rogers), who had a trivia contest to review our Bible stories. They impressed "Peter" with how well they remembered! Next, we found our high schoolers and Travis & Lindsay Guiney near the field. Sitting by the grassy field, Travis reminded us of Jesus teaching a big hungry crowd and the little boy with a little lunch of fish and bread. After a snack of GoldFISH & cookies/loaves of bread, the teens led a game of Minnows and Sharks! Next, Ruth noticed the Roman Soldiers coming to arrest more Christians! We had to run away from the soldiers like the early Christians did when they were persecuted for their faith in Jesus! We finally hid in the Church nursery to get away! But they found us!!

(Who knew sweet Julie Dodson would make a tough Roman soldier?!) Luke was definitely our best "hider!" Ruth shared a true story about her friend and her pastor who were arrested as they tried to sneak Bibles into a Communist country. Her friend was in a jail cell alone that she couldn't even stand up in. We celebrated being free to worship God with sweet Popsicle treats!

*The Word of God is sweeter than honey! Psalm 19:10*

**We are very thankful to the good LORD for our amazing, loving teachers : Jeri Nawotka, Julie Dodson, Denise Rhodes, Bruce Rogers, Travis & Lindsay Guiney, and our faithful adult leader, Janet Sienkiewicz and our cheerful helpers: Kenzie Pederson and Emilee Swagger. What a blessing they all are!**

## STUDY THE WORD

God alone can create and preserve faith in us. God creates faith in us through the Word. He increases, strengthens and confirms faith in us through His Word. Hence the best service that anybody can render God is diligently to hear and read God's Word. On the other hand, nothing is more perilous than to be weary of the Word of God. Thinking he knows enough, a person begins little by little to despise the Word until he has lost Christ and the Gospel altogether. *Commentary on Galatians, Martin Luther Chapter 1:11-12*

## AMOS

**ATTN Seniors!** Our next get together for AMOS is May 22nd. We will have Bible study, play Dominos, and eat a sack lunch. Hope to see you all there.

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) has been an excellent partner with us in mission and ministry throughout our 50 years. They have been instrumental in our mission and vision planning, the construction, and building process, providing our loans, and working with us during some very lean years.

They once told us that we did in 5 years what most churches do over 25+ years. The aerial

graphic shows how we built out our campus. We are currently in the process of selling about 8 acres of our vacant land directly east of our developed land. If you invest in LCEF at LCEF.org, you are helping LCMS congregations! LCEF also operates a bank you can use: <https://www.lutheranfcu.org>



### Prayer of the Week

*Risen and Ascended Lord Jesus Christ,  
we believe that you are at the  
Right Hand of God the Father Almighty,  
working all things for the benefit of Your people.  
Give us a deep faith and constant trust in  
Your goodness and work in our lives,  
grant us stability and peace as we live in  
these last days, eagerly awaiting  
Your return on the Last Day. 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."

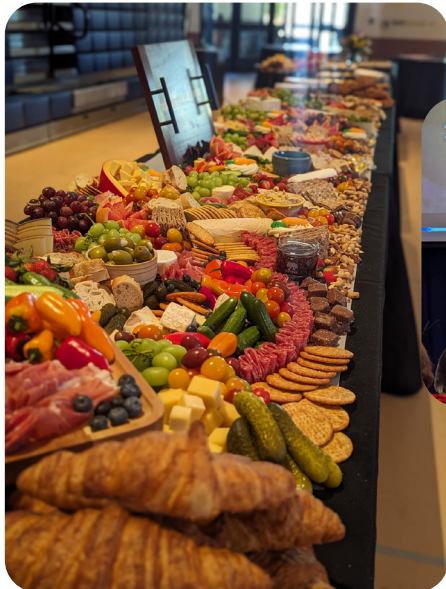
Our Lutheran Confessions help us to understand why our pastors speak this way: "It is not the voice or word of the man who speaks it, but it is the Word of God, who forgives sin, for it is spoken in God's stead and by God's command"(AC XXV.3).

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

**!!\* THANK YOU for JOINING US \*!!**

**ICYMI (in case you missed it), the 1517.org event with Erick Sorensen on April 19th and 20th was a huge success!**



A grateful shout out to all who helped make it a weekend of thought provoking study and enjoyable togetherness. A special thank you to the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee for valuable input and contribution (Cathryn Hendricks-Stefan's 50th Anniversary Banner, Sandi Simon's Mission Maps); to Martha Mueller for keeping track

of countless details (and sampling cupcakes); to Steve McDonald for crafting the charcuterie board gift and to his co-sommelier, Jan Reynolds, for serving at the wine table; to Trinity Lutheran School for providing the beautiful placemats, to Cheryl Wagner for leading the bountiful breakfast bar (and her team, Carol Thompson and Paul and Jan Midkiff); to Beth Spekhard for leading the luscious lunch; to Amy Thursam and Tina Steill for wo-manning the registration table; to the heavy lifting set up and clean up crews—Randy Mueller, Gail and Fran Coulthard, Phil and Helen Hudak, Kenzi Butts, Tom Bonsness, Joe Ellidge, Tally Gilama, Felix Quinones, to those who pulled double duty in more than one area , and to everyone else who quietly pitched in to help make this event such a special time together. Your willingness to serve with joy is part of what makes Trinity such a welcoming place!



**NEWS from the LWML**

TODAY is Mite Box Sunday. Mite box will be outside of the church.

We will Be having a Prayer Service on, Saturday, May 18th at 1:00pm. Everyone is invited. Hope to see you all there!

**COLLECTING OLD TRINITY PHOTOS!**

The 50th Anniversary Team created a shared Google photo album as a "dump" for TLC photos that might be of interest in a photo album. Feel free to add photos you might have of Trinity people, events, correspondence, etc, and please share the link with anyone else who might be interested in contributing! If you need to scan pictures, we can do it! Please let the church office know.



Here is the link for your photos:  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/iaRYkSEF7HYPwk7Y8>

**TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

**SUMMER BIBLE CAMPS**

Each camp runs Monday-Friday from 8:00-11:00. Children should bring a snack and water bottle with them to camp each day.

**\$150/CAMP**



Scan to Register or visit:  
<https://forms.gle/p5Ja6qriBLD2vSmb7>

**Heroes & Stories of the Bible for Primary Students**

July 8-12  
 Ms. Grace

We will look at Old Testament Heroes in the Bible. Our time together will include a discussion of Biblical Heroes, looking at the role God gave them, learning songs, and doing crafts!

**Sports and Indoor Games for HSP Students**

July 8-12  
 Mr. Toth

Join Mr. Toth for intramural sports and indoor games this week!

**Heroes & Stories of the Bible for HSP Students**

July 15-19  
 Ms. Grace

We will look at New Testament Heroes in the Bible. Our time together will include a discussion of Biblical Heroes, looking at the role God gave them and how that relates to our lives, and a service project.



# Trinity Lutheran Church

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Throughout the past months, we have met the teachers of our school. Now meet more of our School Staff as they carry out the mission of making disciples. The following staff members are not classroom teachers but they play an important role in facilitating the effectiveness of the teachers. Their help enhances individualized support and growth for the students. They share the love of Jesus in word and in action. Meet the following:



Gwen Irby- Library & Volunteer Coordinator



Lindsay Shields  
Teacher Assistant



Lara Wooten  
Kindergarten Assistant

When we think of our school, the thought of the students, teachers and administrators comes to mind. There are some very important people that keep the school functioning so that the students, teachers and administrators can be effective. The office staff is the hub of the wheel that keeps the spokes in place and moving. They handle calendar keeping, phone calls, anxious parents, crying little ones, young teachers, busy administrators, storing items collected for various drives, sick children, student records and sudden emergencies -- to name a few of their varied tasks. All of this is done to share the love of Jesus with whomever walks into the office. Their role is a bit like "foot washing."

Meet our school office staff—>



Lisa Stipp  
Office Manager



Ashton Waith  
Office Assistant

Trinity is accepting applications for substitute teachers for the 24-25 school year! If you enjoy working with children and youth and are interested in serving in this capacity, please email your resume to [abeaver@trinitylcs.org](mailto:abeaver@trinitylcs.org). Requirements: Must have a valid fingerprint clearance card flexible; experience working with children is preferred.

## Questions about Trinity School?

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## Meet Some of Our Church Staff

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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](http://TrinityLCS.org)  
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