

# CURSES AND BLESSINGS



JULY 2, 2023

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL



## SUMMER SERIES ON THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

### 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, understanding, support 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 childcare! 480-235-1473*



### HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

#### BE PREPARED AND EAGER TO LEARN

Arrive at church with a teachable spirit ready and eager to learn about God, His Word, and your Christian faith and life. A sermon is both the proclamation of the Gospel and education in the Christian faith. There is always something you can learn and grow from in a sermon. Be ready to learn, and discipline yourself to listen. Use a sermon hard copy or a sermon worksheet if it will help you. Arrive at church eager to learn.

### CHECK OUT: [www.1517.org](http://www.1517.org)

1517 is a nonprofit organization focused on assuring all people that the work of salvation is finished in Jesus Christ. Our mission is to help you hear that you are forgiven and free on account of Christ alone. This is a solid conservative Lutheran resource available for you to study and learn from, including articles, podcasts, and videos.

**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

### 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)



### A TIME TO CONNECT!

**It's a Ladies Lunch for all ages & YOU are invited!** This fun get-together is for us all to get to know each other better! Meet the 3rd Saturday from 1pm - 3pm. (July 15, and Aug 19) We will gather at the Eagle's Nest in Pebble Creek (3645 N Clubhouse Dr. Goodyear, AZ 85395) This is sponsored by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. (Note: Each person will choose their own meal/drink and pay for it only.) **Get your reservation ASAP with Valerie Severino 623-907-9646.**

PSST! Attention all MEN! The men have heard how much fun the ladies were having at these lunches, so the men are going to lunch, too! (Separate tables!) Join the fun!

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.**

**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.



# Trinity Lutheran Church

CHRIST-CENTERED • BIBLE-BASED • FAMILY-FOCUSED

## 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.

## AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

AMOS meets all summer long 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 28, 2023 from 10:00am-1pm. It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. Bring a sack lunch.

## 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*

## Questions about Trinity School?

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## Meet Our Staff

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## Prayer of the Week

*Lord Jesus Christ, the holy and righteous one in heaven above. We thank you for fulfilling the law for us and in our place, something that we could never do on our own. Help us to learn from your law to repent of our sin and to confess it to you. Help us to trust in your gospel of forgiveness and live in peace with you. Guide us in our daily lives by the 10 commandments, so that we may live wholly and godly lives of faith in this crooked and perverse world. 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*

## 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.)

Laura and Zack Nelson are moving back to Iowa and they have created a "Thank You" video. Click here: [youtu.be/8mmh9iUq9xQ](https://youtu.be/8mmh9iUq9xQ)