



Dear Friends,

We are looking forward to an exciting, although a bit different, Sunday School year at Trinity Lutheran Church! Circumstances around us will require a few changes in how we do things, but God's love for us and His Word will never change. Whether you are joining us again or will be coming for the first time, we look forward to learning about God's love for us in Jesus and having lots of fun doing it!

Many parts of our Sunday School morning will remain the same. Children's Sunday School at Trinity is for all kids Pre-K (age 3 & potty-trained) through 8th grade and is held September to May. Children are welcome to join at any time during the year.

We ask that all Sunday School children register yearly to be sure we have the most accurate contact and health information, including emergency contacts. Please go to bit.ly/TLCSS to register your children for the 2020-2021 year. If you are unable to fill out the online form, please contact the church office at 712-225-4332.

The 2020-2021 Sunday School year will begin on September 13th. Each week, following 9am worship, children grades Preschool–5th are invited downstairs to the fellowship hall. **NEW** this year, 6th–8th Grades will gather in the meeting room at the back of the sanctuary (the "cry room"). All children will be required to wash or sanitize their hands before starting Sunday School.

A few other changes being implemented in response to COVID-19 concerns are as follows:

- Social distancing guidelines will be maintained to the best of our ability. Classes have been arranged to be groups of 10 or less. Seating and singing spaces will be set up 6 feet apart.
- Masks are not required, but recommended.
- If your child or a sibling is not feeling well, please keep them home and join us when everyone is feeling their best.

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MUSIC – Music is a great way to worship God with others and to learn His Word. At 10:00am, Preschool–1st Grade will have music in the fellowship hall before going to their classrooms. At 10:30am, Grades 2–5 will meet in the fellowship hall for music.

LEARNING – Each Sunday School lesson is grounded in God's Word, the Bible. Teachers prepare lessons for each age group with fun activities, group building, reading God's Word and exploring how His Word applies to your life.

GIVING – Throughout the Sunday School year, there will be opportunities for children to learn about and experience giving their time, talents and treasure. Along with an optional weekly offering, there will be various service projects, such as Operation Christmas Child, in which your family can participate.

FOR FAMILIES – Students will be given take-home sheets with activities for families to do together so they can grow in Christian faith throughout the week.

DISMISSAL – Sunday School will conclude at 10:45am. Preschool–1st Grades are to be picked up in their classrooms by a parent or guardian. Grades 2–8 will be dismissed as normal.

SNACKS – For the upcoming year, Sunday School will be providing prepackaged, individually wrapped snacks for each classroom. Since water fountains are not in use, children are encouraged to bring individual water bottles from home.

As we start our new year, we'd like to mention a few rules that help make Sunday School work best. These guidelines help us get along with others and keep us safe. Because we value this time for hearing God's Word and learning of His love, each class and student is asked to honor the following.

Because Jesus loves me and I love Him:

- I will listen to others and follow instructions.
- I will not interrupt. I will raise my hand to speak.
- I will participate gladly!
- I will maintain good boundaries.
- I will be courteous, respectful and kind.

Parents, please talk with your kids about the value you see in Sunday School. Rules are important so we all can continue learning God's Word and how much He loves each one of us! If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact us at any time. Email us at kidministry@trinitycherokee.org or call any of the numbers listed below. We welcome your input for the Board of Children's Ministries at Trinity.

It is a blessing to learn and grow together in Christ!

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