

LORD. JESUS. CHRIST.



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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Bible Classes

BACK in session on January 5th!

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 three of many...

- **THE BOOK OF GALATIANS**

This class meets from 6:30-7:45pm during OASIS on Wednesdays in the Sanctuary. Remember, at OASIS, we also have our 5th-7th grade Confirmation classes!

- **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!

- **MEN OF FAITH: Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm**

This group is designed to form Christian friendships, and to study Lutheran theology. We are studying "Grace Upon Grace" by Dr. Kleinig (used books are only \$12), and you can join us at any time!

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

We meet the first and third Mondays of each month in Founder's Hall at 7pm. Our study is highlighting Phil. 4:8-9. For more info call Karen Frusti at 602-828-2268 or Karen Onstad at 623-935-4589

ENDOWMENT FUND!

Over a year ago, the congregation approved the establishment of an Endowment Fund!

This fund, once it reaches a principal of \$1,000,000, will be used to support our campus, properties, missions, and special projects with its interest.



ENDOWMENT FUND

This is an important part of Trinity's financial stability for decades to come. If you would like to see the full Endowment policy, please email Pastor and he will send/print it for you.

If you have questions about it, please contact the Congregation's president at TLCPresident@TrinityLCS.org

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.

Thrivent Members: READ THIS!

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial who is eligible to direct Choice Dollars? Did you know that you can direct your Choice Dollars to Trinity Lutheran Church or Trinity Lutheran School? Directing Choice Dollars is easy. Simply go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. A great big THANKS to all of you who direct your Choice Dollars to Trinity. We truly appreciate your support.

CROSS Training for Parents & Adults!

On Break until Sunday, January 8 • 10:15!
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)

"MEN OF FAITH" GROUP

The Men of Faith men's group did not meet during December. We are re-starting on Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30pm in the Adult Classroom.

COME AND JOIN US! We are a small group in an informal study of theology! We are starting the book "Concordia, the Lutheran Confessions" — you can buy it online (\$40), or Pastor may have some used copies you can purchase (\$20). This is good chance to think through the major teachings of the Christian faith; this is one way that you can grow in your Biblical literacy and doctrinal soundness! If you have questions, please contact Pastor Bolte!
Write it down: Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30pm!!

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.

Prayer of the Week

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the faith to know who you are and what you have done for us as the Savior of the world. Give us assurance in your finished work for us and on our behalf, that our sins are truly forgiven and you have given us eternal life. We ask for confidence in faith and a conviction in your love, grace, and mercy.

Send us the Holy Spirit so that we may believe in Your Name and live holy lives to the glory of our Father in Heaven, Amen!

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

Women's Monday Night Bible Study is on break through the Christmas and New Year's holidays. We will resume our study of Psalms on Monday, January 16 at 7 pm in Founders Hall. All women are welcome to join us. *For more information call Pat Paulson at 623-935-1485 or Karen Onstad at 623-935-4589.*

Sunday Morning-- 8:45 Bible Study

On break until January 8

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.

Mission Moment

We come to God with empty hands. We have nothing to give as sinners. Jesus fills us up with forgiveness, love, mercy, peace, and joy!

"God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with."
by Billy Graham



There are so many empty hearts out there in the world! Pass on God's love on to them!

Are you a helper? Tell them why you help!
"Jesus has been so good to me, I want to share this with everyone!!"

Are you a good listener? Tell your friends that Jesus always listens and can fill their empty hearts and lives. **Do you like to tell stories?** Tell others how Jesus has freed you and filled you!

Invite friends to come to be filled by Jesus!
Invite a neighbor or co-worker to church.

HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

HOW CAN YOU LIVE A HOLY LIFE?

In the sermon, you will hear how the Gospel of the Lord Jesus changes your life and motivates you to live a holy and godly life. This is called "sanctification", and it is a fruit of the Gospel. What application point is being made for your life? How does the Scripture apply to your life? How does the love of Christ show itself in your vocations? How can you live a sanctified life, set apart and holy through faith in Christ? Be sure to learn how to live a sanctified, Christian life.

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

New Missionaries

The Rev. Philip and Deaconess Rachel Jaseph

serve the Lord as missionaries of the LCMS in Uruguay. In this role, Philip plants new churches and works with a team of pastors in Uruguay, while Rachel serves as a deaconess and supports the mercy ministry efforts of the Uruguayan Lutheran Church. *Pray for the Jasephs as they live and serve in Uruguay. Ask that God would give them wisdom as they navigate cultural differences and share the Gospel in this secular country. Pray also for the Uruguayan Lutheran Church and her pastors, workers and members, and for the many Uruguayans who are living without faith.*



The Rev. Tyler and Yanela McMiller

serve as missionaries in Eurasia, based in Italy. Tyler is the sole LCMS pastor in Italy, where he provides spiritual care for a number of Italians who discovered Lutheranism online and want to learn more. Tyler also mentors four Italian men who are studying to become pastors through an online Lutheran seminary based in Riga, Latvia, and he provides Word and Sacrament ministry to small groups



AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

AMOS meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. Our next AMOS meeting will be on January 11 in Founder's Hall from 10am-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

UNDERSTANDING THE TITLE

CHRIST

DIVINE TITLE

The Person of Jesus

SON OF GOD

The Second Person of the Holy Trinity

LORD / I AM

The God of the Old Testament Who saves His people is now Incarinate: in flesh

IMMANUEL

God is with us

RESURRECTION

All the miracles testify to His divinity, culminating in the greatest of all: His own Resurrection from the dead

'OFFICE' OF SAVIOR

The Work of Jesus

PROPHET

The Word of God Who speaks Absolution to us

PRIEST

The perfect Sacrifice who lived and died to make atonement for our sins; and now continually forgives our sins at the right hand of God the Father

KING

The eternal King uses His mighty power to set you free from sin, guilt, the devil, and death.

Jesus is the Son of God who is "anointed" by the Holy Spirit to be the Savior of the world. God the Father confirmed this by saying, "This is My Son ...". The word 'anointed' in Old Testament Hebrew is "Messiah"; and in New Testament Greek is "Christ".

"Christology" is the "study of Christ":
Who He is and What He has done for us

OASIS BIBLE STUDIES & CONFIRMATION

BACK in session on January 5th!

Every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:45pm thru May. 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

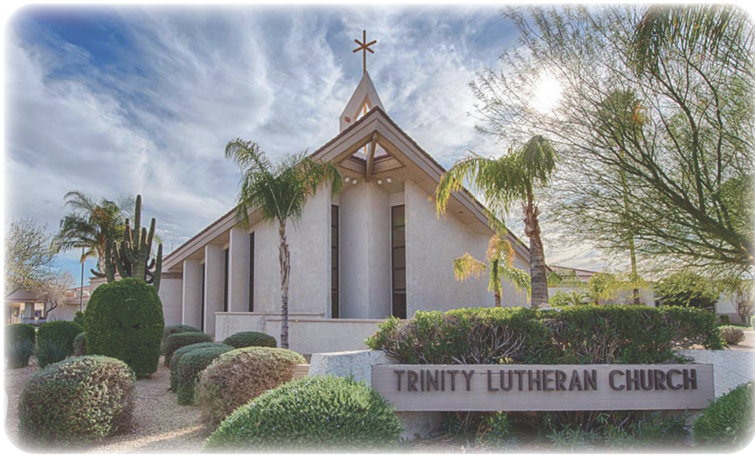
Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:45pm

5th & 6th grade - Charlene Nichol, Adult Classroom

7th grade - Ruth Fisher, Room 404

2023 Offering Envelopes!

The 2023 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex and at the Family Life Center. If you would like envelopes, but have not signed up for them please contact Amy Thursam or Jan Reynolds. Envelopes are helpful in streamlining the counting process and ensuring proper donation credit. Please remember your envelopes are associated with your name, please write your name on it. *Thank you for supporting Trinity Lutheran Church. Many Blessings to you and your families.*



Trinity Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

On Break until
Sunday, January 8 • 10:15!

Give your children the benefit of knowing the timeless Bible stories that teach them who God is, what God's love has done for them in Jesus Christ and what their purpose in life is!

CROSS Training!
NEW LESSONS...SAME WORD
NEW BIBLE DISCOVERIES...SAME FAITH



Portals of Prayer

The Portals of Prayer for the January-March, 2023 are available in the entryway of both worship areas.

PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

MINISTER THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST TO THE Least, THE Last, AND THE Lost

- Jan. 8: Summer Servant Trip Meeting at 12:30 in the LIGHT Lounge
- SR Youth Midnighter: more info coming soon!

Contact Ms. Laura for more information or to RSVP

"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

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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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