



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Meet the teachers from our school where we strive to prepare students to be disciples of Christ through exceptional education with a firm foundation in God's word. Our teachers are committed and qualified to provide both excellent academics and to share the Gospel. We thank God for each of them. Remember the teachers and the school ministry in your prayers. Today we meet our third grade teachers.

Meet Mrs. Apolinar, Third Grade teacher

This is Elisa Apolinar's first year at Trinity. She has taught eleven years in both public and private schools. She took some time off of teaching to enjoy her children and then returned to the classroom. Mrs. Apolinar is a Grand Canyon University alumni and holds a BA in Elementary Education and a M.Ed. in Teaching English as a Second Language. She is a proud military wife and mom of three children: Martin, Gabriel, Thalia, who attend Trinity Lutheran School. Mrs. Apolinar enjoys reading, hiking, and spending time with family. She has experienced firsthand just how amazing Trinity is and feels truly blessed to be a part of the Trinity Lutheran School family. Mrs. Apolinar is enjoying a wonderful school year filled with milestones and special memories!



Meet Mrs. Dominguez, Third Grade teacher

Mrs. Stephanie Dominguez was born in Southern California and moved to Arizona in 2006. She worked in the Litchfield School District where she taught fourth grade for five years and third grade for one. She is excited to be joining the Trinity family. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with an Emphasis in Mathematics from Grand Canyon University. She then went on to earn her Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Northern Arizona University. Mrs. Dominguez married her high school sweetheart, Tom. Together they have two daughters--Sophia, and Isabella. They also have a dog named Daisy, a cat named Chloe, and a fish named Grape. During her free time, Mrs. Dominguez loves working on photography, reading, and watching movies with her family.



Trinity Lutheran School • We're Hiring!

TLS has an opening for a part-time middle school teacher (20 hours/week). Applicants must have a valid teaching certification and fingerprint clearance card. **Please email your resume to ARohloff@trinitylcs.org**



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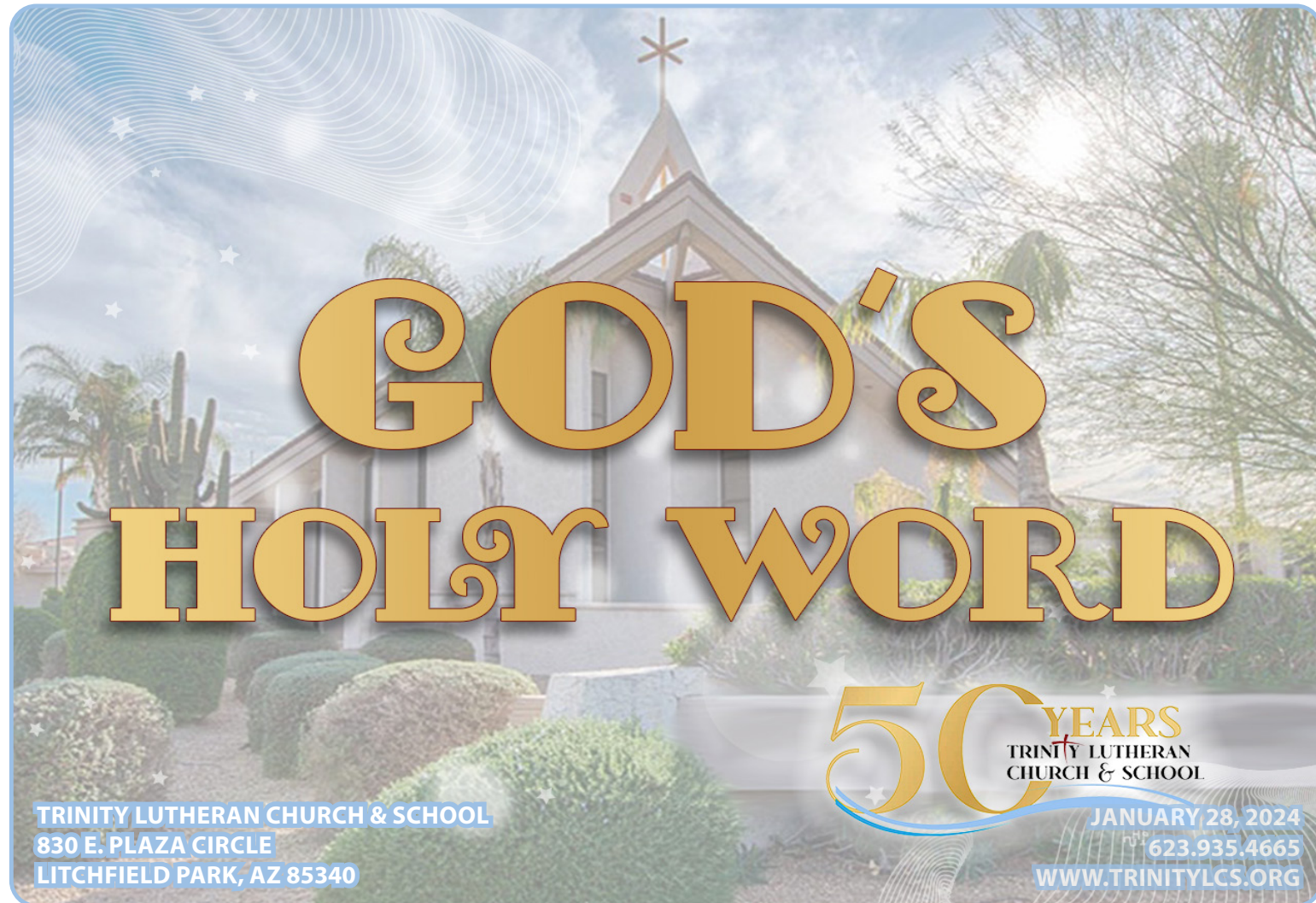
In 1974, seven families from St. Paul's Lutheran Church gathered together to establish a mission church in Litchfield Park, Arizona. [They met in the Ada Bundschuh's living room!] They decided to name the new mission "Village Lutheran Church." (Later, in 1978, they changed the name to "Trinity Lutheran Church.") **This year we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary.** In many and various way, we thank God for this place for our families to worship, to study the Word, to grow in faith, to meet Christian friends, and to serve our neighbor with our gifts!

Meet Our 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
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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>

Women's Bible Study

Our Monday night Bible Study will now be "The Stripes That Heal" by Donna Snow. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7pm. Our next meeting will be Feb. 4th, led by Karen Frusti.

50th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

It's not too late to help us in planning the events of our congregation's 50th Anniversary! Our next meeting is **SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 @12:30pm** in the Church office Board Room!

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

There will be
NO 6:00pm service
on February 11th.



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.)

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.

HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

WHAT IS THE BIBLICAL SUPPORT!

The sermon is based on Holy Scripture; make sure you can identify the Biblical support for what is being preached. Biblically literacy is a key aspect of your life in Christ. Use the sermon as a time to grow in your understanding of the Word of God; learn your way around Scriptures, and identify the Biblical support for the theme of the sermon! It is helpful to take the Scriptures home with you to review; and even find a verse or two to memorize!

AMOS

Calling all seniors! You are invited to a time of great Christian fellowship and fun. We meet every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. We start at 10AM. Activities include devotions, games, and recognition of February birthdays. *Bring your own lunch.*

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.20

FIRST AND CHIEF ARTICLE

The first and chief article is this, that Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, "was put to death for our trespasses and raised again for our justification" (Rom. 4:25). He alone is "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).... Inasmuch as this must be believed and cannot be obtained or apprehended by any work, law, or merit, it is clear and certain that such faith alone justifies us, as St. Paul says in Romans 3, "For we hold that a man is justified by faith apart from works of law" (Rom. 3:28), and again, "that he [God] himself is righteous and that he justifies him who has faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). Nothing in this article can be given up or compromised, even if heaven and earth and things temporal should be destroyed.... On this article rests all that we teach and practice against the pope, the devil, and the world. Therefore we must be quite certain and have no doubts about it. *The Book of Concord, Smalcald Article, II.i*

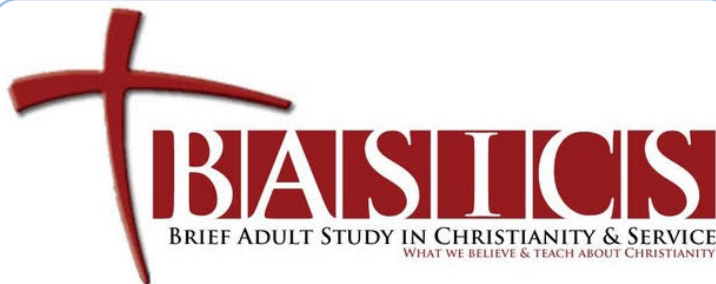
There are many ways to support Trinity Lutheran Church. Take a look!

Electronic Giving: Visit our Website at: Trinitylcs.org and click on the "Giving" tab. There are step by step instructions to help you set up your account.

Bill Pay: This is an automatic online Bill Payment Transaction through your Banking Institution to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Traditional Offering Envelopes: Offering envelopes are a confidential, secure way to give that allows us to keep a record of your giving for personal and tax purposes. The 2024 Offering envelopes are available for pick-up in the Church Narthex and in the FLC. If you would like envelopes, but have not signed up for them please contact Amy Thursam in the Business Office. 623-935-4665 ext 215 or athursam@trinitylcs.org *Please remember to use black or blue ink to write your checks. Other inks undetectable by our check reader.*

Trinity is hard at work to ensure your generous gifts to share the Gospel are processed accurately and as quickly as possible.



New Member Class: BASICS

Our next New Member Class will be running from Feb 18 - March 24! This 6-week class meets on Sunday afternoons from 4:30--5:30pm in the Adult Classroom. This class is the route to membership here at Trinity. It is a concise review of the key doctrines of the Christian faith, and a good chance to meet new people! Please RSVP Pastor (dbolte@trinitylcs.org) if you plan to attend so he can make sure to have enough resources on hand!



Death of a Christian!

because of our baptism into the living, life giving body of Jesus, the Christian view of death is also radically different from that of the world. Disciples of Jesus die long before they die. Paul expresses it this way: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:3-4). . . . Baptism is therefore our major death, major burial, and major funeral in life. It is "major" in two ways. One, by baptism the father deals with all our major problems: sin, death, shame, guilt, alienation, condemnation. Two, Baptism gives us no minor gift but the major gift of new life, new peace, New Hope, all in Jesus our Lord. . . . Our physical death, therefore, which seems like The End to the world, is simply a minor portal through which we leave this visible world to be with Christ in Paradise, Where we will await "the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come" (Nicene Creed). *Limping with God, Chad Bird, p. 155*

Debbie Blau

Debbie Blau died unexpectedly this past December. A memorial service will be held here at Trinity on **Saturday, February 17th at 10:00am.** Debbie was on our school faculty since 2017, and very active in the congregation. A reception will be hosted by the school faculty following the service.



Men of Faith

Our men's group is studying the official teachings of the Lutheran Church in the "Book of Concord." It is a casual time of study and friendship! You are welcome to join us; we meet on **Tuesdays at 630pm** in the Adult classroom just off the narthex of the sanctuary.

Prayer of the Week

Holy Spirit, we thank you for the Holy Scriptures, which you breathed out through the Prophets and Apostles. Grant us faith to recognize your Holy Word, to Believe and trust it, and to put it into practice. Use your Law to convict us of our sins, and comfort us with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. As Your people, sanctify us by Your Word, teaching us how to live as Your people. We pray this to the glory of the Father, and in the Name of the Son, Amen!

YOU HAVE MAIL!

Six men in prison are receiving our weekly sermons, worship folder, and Sermon notes. They are used in two groups for worship. We supplied coffee and brownies for the special Christmas service and party for these groups. This is an outreach event to get more men involved in the worship. **Requested prayers:** Two men who receive our weekly sermons are up for a parole hearing. We pray that God's will be done and that they will be prepared to go back into the community. One of these men is serving in the Wild Land Fire Crew.

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

Rev. Daryl Robarge

Pastor Robarge died last fall at his daughter's home on the east coast. The family is having a memorial service for him at Apostle's Lutheran Church (7020 W Cactus Rd, Peoria, AZ) on **Friday, February 16th at 5:00pm.** Prior to retiring and coming to Trinity, Pastor Robarge was Apostle's long time pastor. Pastor Bolte is officiating the service, and you are welcome to attend.



OASIS BIBLE STUDY & CONFIRMATION

Every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:45pm thru May. Pastor will lead the **Adult Bible Study** in the Church.

CONFIRMATION

Mondays, 6:30pm-7:30pm • 8th grade
Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:45pm
4th/5th grade, 6th grade, and 7th grade

The reason His Church gathers together in worship each week is because the risen Christ comes to teach and feed His People. What He did visibly in the 40 days between His resurrection and ascension He now does invisibly until His second coming.

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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.**

Sunday Morning - 8:45 Bible Study

The Book of Acts 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.

2024 Offering Envelope

The 2024 Offering envelopes are available for pick-up in the Church Administration Office. If you would like envelopes, but have not signed up for them please contact Amy Thursam in the Business Office. Envelopes are helpful in streamlining the counting process and ensuring proper donation credit. *Thank you for supporting Trinity Lutheran Church.*

