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Lead us NOT into Temptation

SERMON SERIES ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL SAINTS DAY

We will be celebrating "All Saints Day" on Sunday, November 5, 2023. The word "saint" is from the Latin word sanctus and means "holy". The Bible teaches us that a "saint" is one made "holy" by the blood of Jesus Christ (see 1 Corinthians 1:2 for one of many examples). In faith, the blood of Jesus makes us all "saints"! On All Saints Day, we especially remember and thank God for those who have died in the faith and whom we look forward to seeing in the Kingdom of Heaven. If you would like a loved one remembered on All Saints Day, please email Pastor Bolte (dbolte@trinitylcs.org) their name and relationship to you before Monday, October 30. You are also invited to submit a photo of your loved one for the screens that day. Please email the photo to Pastor Bolte, or bring it into the church office and we can scan it for you. If you email, **BE SURE THAT YOU GET A CONFIRMATION EMAIL BACK** to make sure Pastor received your email.

TODAY: 50th Anniversary Committee Meets

Next year, in 2024, Trinity Lutheran Church will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary as a congregation! It is a time to rejoice in God's goodness and grace to us! If you would like to be on our 50th Anniversary Committee, contact Pastor Bolte (dbolte@trinitylcs.org)! Our first brainstorming meeting will be **TODAY October 22, at 12:30pm** in the Church office board room. Come and join us in planning this great milestone in our congregation's history!

Sunday Morning – 8:45 Bible Study

The Book of Acts is being studied with Ed Rupprecht as the leader in the Founders Hall across from the Sanctuary. Coffee, donuts & Christian community abundantly offered. All are welcome.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

Join Us on the first and third **Mondays at 7pm in Founders Hall**. All women are welcome and invited.
For more information call Pat Paulson at 623-935-1485!

Children and Youth worker!

We are starting the search for our new children and youth worker. We are looking for a person who has a passion for the Word of God and is apt and eager to teach. This position will work with our congregation's children and youth, leading those ministries with an emphasis on making disciples through the Word of God. The position will also include Family Ministry, Outreach and Evangelism, and oversee our Social Media and Internet presence. This is a full-time position with benefits. If you are interested in discussing this, please e-mail Pastor Bolte (dbolte@trinitylcs.org) to set up a time to meet. OR, if you know a LCMS Called worker who might be interested, please let Pastor know!

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.

GOOD NEWS FROM OUR PRISON MINISTRY!

Two of the men have completed their prison sentences. They have returned to the community! Please pray for them as they re-adjust and find work, that they also will find a Bible believing church and continue to grow in faith in Jesus!

Also, the prisoner who qualified for **Wild Land Fire Crew was out with his group of firefighters near the 303 highway on the west side of Phoenix.**

He realized that Trinity was not that far away. He was grateful to God that he had a chance to protect our end of the valley, thus helping those who prayed for him!

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.)

Portals of Prayer

The Portals of Prayer for October - December are available in both worship entryways!

Come and Study God's Holy Word with us!

It is important to study God's Holy Word! If you need a Bible, any staff will give you one for free. If you have any questions, please talk to or email the leader of the study or any staff member!

Pastor Bolte's Bible Studies Fall, 2023

You are invited to study God's Holy Word with us as we strive to be Biblically literate and Doctrinally sound disciples. Below are the Bible studies that Pastor Bolte will be teaching this Fall.

The Nicene Creed

This class meets during OASIS on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, in the Sanctuary. We say the Nicene Creed together in worship regularly: but what does it mean and why was it created? We will study this "Ecumenical Creed" that has united the Christian Church for almost 1,700 years!

The Book of Galatians

This class is held on Tuesdays@11am in Founder's Hall. This short book is one of the most powerful studies of the Law of God and the Gospel of Christ. This study will help you become biblically literate and doctrinally sound as a Lutheran disciple of Christ!

MEN OF FAITH

This Men's Group is designed to form Christian friendships, and to study the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord). Books are only \$20 (a steal!), and you can join us at any time! As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another! PROV. 27:17 MEN OF FAITH meets every Tuesday@ 6:30pm in the Adult Classroom.

SENIOR CONFIRMATION CLASS

This class is held on Mondays@6:30pm in the Church Boardroom. If your son/daughter is in 8th grade (or older) and not confirmed, this class is for them. Contact Pastor Bolte for more details

Oktober Let's Go!

Willkommen! 'Let's Go' announces it's Oktober International Dinner! To celebrate Oktoberfest we will be gathering for German cuisine at **Haus Murphy** in Glendale on Oktober 26.

We meet at our usual 6:30 for some 'gemuetlichkeit' und 'speissen'. (Relaxed atmosphere and good food) **Haus Murphy** is located at 5739 W Glendale Ave; Glendale 85301. **Please RSVP by Oktober 20!**
Call Wilma Rupprecht: 630 888 4233

To submit an article for the newsletter, email to Newsletter@TrinityLCS.org NEW deadline for article submission is **Tuesday at 5pm.**

Prayer of the Week

God the Father in heaven, we thank you for your son Jesus who was tempted on our behalf, and resisted the devil and stood firm on Your Word. We thank you for His presence and power in our lives so that we too may resist the devil and stand firm on Your Word. Please send us the Holy Spirit so that we may learn, know, and apply Your Word when we are tempted. Give us the strength so that we may do the right thing and glorify you in all that we do. Our Father in Heaven... lead us not into temptation! Amen!

"Nothing in all the world even comes close to the importance of gathering each week in the presence of the risen Christ to receive His gifts and respond in prayer and praise. The Word made flesh is present to teach us through His Word. The Word made flesh is present to feed us with His body and blood. This is where God, Who is everywhere, is present for us to bring forgiveness, life and salvation directly to us."

The Blessings of Weekly Communion, Kenneth W. Wieting, p.21

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

Good News!

All 1st graders and above! We have a special gift for you! Pastor would like to give you your very own Bible to keep!

This special **BIBLE PRESENTATION** for first graders and older will be Sunday, October 29th at 11:30am worship in the church. Pastor will call you up front to talk about the Bible and then give each one of you a free Bible!

After worship, we will take a photo of each child with their Bible, Pastor and family. **This event is for any first grader and above as they are starting to read! The Bible is the most important book you will ever read!**

AND Yes, friends and neighbors are welcome! Grandparents, bring your grandchildren! Trinity members, bring your children's friends and the neighbor children and families!

Please give Ruth Fisher a quick call, text, or email to let us know that you are coming! **See ya Oct. 29th at 11:30am!** 480-235-1473 OR rfisher@trinitylcs.org

NEWS from Our LWML

Calendar sales have begun and are sold after each service (\$10.00ea) They are beautiful!

OUR THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE HAS BEGUN!

We will focus first on filling the blue bags with the food items on the list needed for the Agua Fria Food Bank. If you would like to be in on blessing others, then grab a blue flyer and a blue bag. When you have completed the list, please bring the bags back to Trinity and place in the Thanksgiving boxes, in the church or Family Life Center. Our Amazing LWML Ladies will add bookmarkers. Volunteers will a little Gospel of John in Spanish and English.

Hoping turkeys will start to fly to Trinity so we can help hungry families have a lovely Thanksgiving! Bring turkeys on Sunday morning or call the church office to coordinate delivery. Call turkey wrangler Ruth Fisher 480-235-1473 -- she is happy to help you!

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

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!



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

Traditional Offering Envelopes:

You may participate in our traditional offering that is collected weekly at each service. Offering envelopes are available through the church office as a confidential, secure way to give that allows us to keep a record of your giving for personal and tax purposes. We no longer use envelope numbers. Your offerings are associated with your name. **Please, please remember to write your name on the envelope.** This is the only way to track your offering! If you would like offering envelopes, please email Amy Thursam (AThursam@TrinityLCS.org) to request.

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. This is a free service through your bank and it alleviates the hassle of writing checks or buying stamps or having to use envelopes.

Trinity is hard at work to ensure your generous gifts to share the Gospel are processed accurately & as quickly as possible. If you need any assistance please call Amy Thursam, our Business Manager, 623-935-4665 ext. 215. Thank you for your support and your prayers.

AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

Amos will meet on Wednesday, October 25 in Founders Hall from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

ALL seniors are welcome for great Christian fellowship, Bible Study and games. Bring your own sack lunch. October birthdays will be specially remembered at this October 25 gathering. AMOS meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month.

We look forward to seeing YOU (senior) at our coming time of fellowship.



Trinity Lutheran Church

CHRIST-CENTERED • BIBLE-BASED • FAMILY-FOCUSED

Trinity Lutheran School is a ministry of our church committed to preparing the students to be disciples of Christ through exceptional education with a firm foundation in God's Word. The Gospel is shared daily as the staff works to prepare children for this life and for the next. The teachers are key to carrying out this mission. Each week one or more of the teachers will be introduced via the newsletter. Take a moment to thank God for them and pray for them.



Laura Dickerson, Preschool Prep Teacher



Laura began her journey with Trinity as a substitute teacher and then became full time in 2019. Currently, she teaches the 2-year old class and finds it her favorite age group. Ms. Laura is a graduate of Bible College and served in a variety of ministries for over 25 years. Laura is excited and pleased to be at Trinity where she can guide 2 year olds in their educational and faith development. Keep Laura, her family, and class in your prayers.

Mrs. Melissa Kruse, Preschool Teacher



From Mrs. Kruse-- *It is a true blessing to be given the opportunity to teach God's little ones! My prayers are with each child and family I serve. I look forward to a wonderful, exciting and blessed year! I firmly believe the words of Proverbs 22:6— "Train up a Child in the Way of the Lord and they will not depart from it."*

Questions about Trinity School?

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Meet Our Staff

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Music Opportunities

If you are looking for a way to use your musical talents, please consider joining one of our groups.

- **Handbell Choir** Mondays @6:30pm in the Sanctuary
- **Sanctuary Choir** Tuesdays @6:30pm in the Sanctuary
- We also need volunteers to **run the soundboard**; we will train you!
- If you are interested in joining the **Praise Team**, contact Juliann to set up a time to meet.
- We are looking to start a **Praise Choir** to sing one Sunday a month at the Praise services. Rehearsals to be determined once we get enough people.

Contact Juliann at the church office with questions or to let her know you are interested!

CONFIRMATION HAS STARTED Wednesdays 6:30pm – 7:45pm

Calling all 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders!
You are at a new age and stage!

You have a lot of questions about yourself and life! Confirmation classes bring together the teachings of the Bible giving you a framework for life. You are ready for a deeper understanding of the Christian faith!

- **5th & 6th graders** meet with Charlene Nichol in the Adult Classroom in church digging deeper into the New Testament this year and the Old Testament next year!
- **7th graders** explore the Ten Commandments and Apostles Creed with Ms Ruth. It's all about real life!
- **8th graders** meet **MONDAYS** 6:30pm -7:30pm with Pastor as they prepare to receive Holy Communion.

Are you getting emails from Pastor?

If you are not getting our weekly email each week now, then we do not have a good email address for you. **Please send your email to Pastor & he will get you on the list: DBolte@TrinityLCS.org**

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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