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AMEN!

SERMON SERIES ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

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but most importantly your prayers.*

TODAY: ALL SAINTS DAY

We are celebrating "All Saints Day" TODAY 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).

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!

Christmas Memorial Service

Sunday, December 17 we will host our Christmas Memorial Service. This service gives you the opportunity to remember your loved ones who are with Jesus this Christmas season. The service is designed to be quiet and reflective. Plan now to join us for the familiar Christmas hymns and scriptures. There is a special time included in this worship service for individuals to remember their loved ones. Contact Jan at JReynolds@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.

The Small Catechism

Tucked in the middle of the [Book of Concord] is the most widely used of all the Lutheran Confessions: Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Luther wrote this document not simply as a resource for the church and school, but, first and foremost, for the head of the household. Luther intended this little book to be used by laypeople, daily, to help them remain anchored in the solid teachings of God's holy word, the Bible.

So keep this important fact in mind: The book of concord exists because of the faith and conviction of lay people, who risked their very lives in order to have these confessions produced, published, and distributed. The Book of Concord is a book for all Christians, church workers and laypeople alike.

Concordia, The Lutheran Confessions, "Introduction ... with intrepid hearts", p.12 [slightly adapted] **Men, come and join us on Tuesdays@6:30pm as we study the Book of Concord! See Pastor Bolte for more details!**

STUDY THE WORD

God alone can create and preserve faith in us. God creates faith in us through the Word. He increases, strengthens and confirms faith in us through His Word. Hence the best service that anybody can render God is diligently to hear and read God's Word. On the other hand, nothing is more perilous than to be weary of the Word of God. Thinking he knows enough, a person begins little by little to despise the Word until he has lost Christ and the Gospel altogether. *Commentary on Galatians, Martin Luther Chapter 1:11-12*

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

AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

Amos will meet on Wednesday, November 8 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. 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.*

WHAT DO WE DO HERE AT TRINITY?

"...We bring the cross to sinners. Every sermon is like a basket full of life-giving fruit picked from the cross tree and passed out to everyone who hungers for grace. Every hymn and song is like a pitcher of water, filled from the fountain of the cross, taken to those fevered by evil, to slake their thirst. Every Lord's Supper is a feast of the Lamb of God, which brings the food of the cross to starving sinners that they might taste and see that the Lord is good.

The church doesn't take people back to the cross but takes the cross to where people are now. On mountaintops of laughter or vales of tears. Happily married or shattered by divorce. Free or incarcerated. Moral or immoral. One day or a hundred years old.

We determine to know one thing and one thing only: Jesus is the answer to every human hurt, every human failure, every human shame, every human desire. He and he alone is what the church has to offer: a crucified God for a dying humanity, a risen God who breathes life back into the world, a reigning God who wields power over creation by loving us into a state of re-creation." *Chad Bird, 2/16/23 Facebook post, from his book Upside-Down Spirituality*

Likewise, those fussy spirits are to be rebuked who, after they have heard a sermon or two, find hearing more sermons to be tedious and dull. They think that they know all that well enough and need no more instruction. For that is exactly the sin that was previously counted among mortal sins and is called akadia (i.e., apathy or satisfaction). This is a malignant, dangerous plague with which the devil bewitches and deceives the hearts of many so that he may surprise us and secretly take God's Word from us. *Luther's Large Catechism, 3rd Commandment.*

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.)

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!

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!

WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY

[There are many activities to do on Sunday], and each of these activities in themselves may be a blessing, but they become deadly when they choke out the space where the Word publicly works in our lives [see Luke 8:11-15]. To be perfectly blunt: to hold the Word sacred and to gladly hear it and learn it means at minimum that any Sunday you are physically able, you will be found with your brothers and sisters attending to the Word of God. This is not to fulfill some "holy day of obligation" as our medieval ancestors erroneously imagined; rather, it is to safeguard space for the privilege and joy of the Word of God doing its great work in your life. *Thank, Praise, Serve, And Obey, W.C. Weedon, page 14*

Prayer of the Week

LORD GOD, we thank you that you are the Lord of Life and we celebrate the life you have given us in Jesus Christ! Send your Holy Spirit so that we may believe in our heart and confess with our mouths the promises of eternal life that we have in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead. Give us a deep conviction and a bold confession of the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting. With hearts full of faith, empower us to respond with our own hearty AMEN!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

NEW LESSONS...SAME WORD
NEW BIBLE DISCOVERIES...SAME FAITH



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.

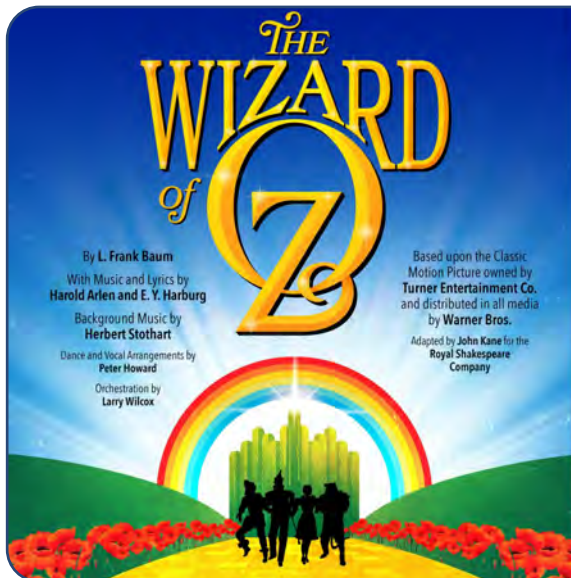
Hoping turkeys will start to fly to Trinity so we can help hungry families have a lovely Thanksgiving! Bring turkeys on Sunday morning or call the church office to coordinate delivery. Call turkey wrangler Ruth Fisher 480-235-1473 -- she is happy to help you!



Card Shower!

Our dear friends, Don and Dorothy Hasbrouck have moved to California to live with her daughter. Don and Dorothy were longtime members here at Trinity, nearly 30 years! There are also some of our oldest members at 91 and 90 respectively. Let's send them cards of greeting and encouragement as they make this transition in their life, letting them know that we care and are praying for them. Cards and address are in the entryway if you need them! Please join us in this, even if you didn't know them!

Don and Dorothy Hasbrouck
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Meet another teacher 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.

Meet one of our Pre-K teachers Mrs. Darla Healey

Mrs. Healey started her career in the secretarial field but was unable to continue due to an arm injury. She now sees how God had another plan when He led her to Trinity. His plan was so much better than mine. Mrs. Healey says, "God's plan is always better. Teaching fills my heart with joy. I can't help but smile when a child has an "ah-ha" moment, such as writing their name for the first time all by themselves. When I hear the kids talking and they say we have to add one more because Jesus is always with us. Hey - they WERE listening. They grow each and every day in academics and spirituality. And I GET to be there alongside of them, not just guiding them, but enjoying the ride." Keep Mrs. Healey and her colleagues in your prayers!



From Last Week: Sandy Valdez Pre-school teacher

Mrs. Valdez was born and raised in Arizona and has been teaching at Trinity in the Early Childhood Program since 2012. Mrs. Valdez knew at a young age that she wanted to work with children and feels that there is nothing more inspiring than to see the face of a child who has mastered a new skill. Her mission is to instill the love of Jesus and learning within each child she teaches and is dedicated and committed to her family, students and Jesus. She has been married to her high school sweetheart, Ted, since 1999. They have three children, Xavier, Brandon, and Mariah.



Questions about Trinity School?

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HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

PAY ATTENTION TO THE LAW OF GOD

The Law of God will expose your sin and lead you to confession. It is not pleasant nor easy to hear — but you need to hear it and believe it! The Law of God convicts you of sin and exposes your pride, rebellion, disobedience and immorality. Let the Law of God work in your heart, turn from your sin, and confess it to God. Then believe that the Lord forgives you in His Son Jesus Christ! (This entire process is called "repentance".)

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**. We are using "Mountaintop Journeys with Jesus" by Rev. Robert Selle as our study guide. All women are welcome to join us at any time. For more information call Karen Frusti at 602-828-2268

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**

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

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