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# MORNING & EVENING PRAYER

## ALL MORNING SERVICES IN FAMILY LIFE CENTER!

**On Sunday, November 26th, all morning services will be held in the Family Life Center** so that sanctuary Advent decorating can begin. Note that you are invited to help with Advent decorating on the 26th at 8:30am! Come and join us make our worship area beautiful for the holiday season!



**Sunday, November 26 at 8:30 AM.** We will be decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season and will need enough people to help decorate trees, fluff & hang garland and wreaths! This takes a lot of man hours and all help is appreciated!!

**Friday, December 1st at 6PM!** We will be decorating the FLC for the Christmas season and will need enough people to set up 12-14 trees, pipe and drape, banners on the drape, and place bows on the chairs. This takes approximately 80 man hours and all help is appreciated!!



## AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

**Amos will meet on Wednesday, November 22 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.*

## 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 worshipping 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.

## FAITH AS A CONTINUAL GIFT

St. Paul writes in Romans, "faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ. (10:17)" notice that St. Paul intentionally used the present tense. Faith *comes*. Not that it came once upon a time; but that it comes -- and continues to come. Thus, **faith is a constant gift that the Holy Spirit delights to give us as we hear the Word of Christ.** But we cannot possess it any more than we can possess air or food. Faith is something that we have the joy of constantly receiving. Just as it does not arise from within us but comes to us as a gift from outside, through the Word, even so it is not sustained by anything within us; rather it continually comes to us, ever new, from the outside.

*Thank, Praise, Serve, And Obey, W.C. Weedon, pages 2-3*

## HOW THE FATHER DRAWS YOU TO HIMSELF

Out of His immense goodness and mercy, God provides for the public preaching of His divine eternal Law and His wonderful plan for our redemption, that of the holy, only saving Gospel of His eternal Son, our only Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. By this preaching He gathers an eternal Church for Himself from the human race and works in people's hearts true repentance, knowledge of sins, and true faith in God's Son, Jesus Christ. By this means, and in no other way (i.e., through His holy Word, when people hear it preached or read it, and through the Holy Sacraments when they are used according to His Word), God desires to call people to eternal salvation. He desires to draw them to Himself and convert, regenerate, and sanctify them. *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions FCSD II.50*

## 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

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

**Electronic Giving:** Visit our Website at: [Trinitylcs.org](http://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.

**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. *Please remember to use black or blue ink to write your checks. Red, pinks and purple inks are 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. If you need assistance, please call our Business Manager, Amy Thursam at 623-935-4665 ext. 215.

*Thank you for your support, but most importantly your prayers.*

## THE CHURCH AND THE WORD

The Holy Spirit's normal way of bringing people to faith is through the Church. He works through the Office of the Ministry in the Church to proclaim that Word and administer the Sacraments (which are other forms of that Word). He brings hearers together to give and strengthen the faith that binds their hearts to the Lord Jesus. Hearing the Word starts in a community whom the Holy Spirit calls together through that Word and gathers around that Word. In that community, the Word is read aloud and preached. The community knows that it is able to continue as a community of faith only because it devotes itself to listening to the Word. The world never ceases to be amazed that Christians can continue to exist, always listening to a book whose last bits were written 2000 years ago. Christians know the reason their community exists at all is precisely because they do exactly that --- always listen to God's Word. *Thank, Praise, Serve, And Obey, W.C. Weedon, pages 4-5*

## 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!

"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*

## CHRISTMAS EVE PRAISE CHOIR

You are invited to sing in the Praise Choir on Christmas Eve at both the 7:00pm & 8:30pm services with the Praise band and the Handbell Choir. Attend at least two of the rehearsals held at 8:30am on Nov 18, 25, and Dec 2, 9 and you are required to attend at least one of the combined rehearsals of all the groups at 8:00am on Dec 16 & 23. Contact Juliann between services or at the church office to let her know you are interested!



## 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](mailto:DBolte@TrinityLCS.org)**

## 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.)

## Prayer of the Week

*Lord God, our Creator, Savior, and Comforter, create within us a desire to spend time with you, to long for Your Word and to look forward to prayer. We thank You for the evening and the morning of our days, which remind us of your grace and mercy which are always new for us. We pray this in Jesus' Name, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, amen!*

## LWML "GIVING TUESDAY"

**November 28, 2023  
For District Mission Grants**

### Three Giving Options to Choose from

- 1) Online at [psdlwml.org](http://psdlwml.org) (Donate tab)
- 2) Online using Vanco Mobile App
- 3) Send check payable to LWML PSD (memo Giving Tuesday)

to: Barb Virus, LWML PSD Fin. Sec'y.  
542 E. Lomita Ave., Orange, CA 92867-6848



## 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 WORSHIP EACH WEEK

You don't "come to church" in order to do something for God. That's completely backwards. He doesn't need a thing you've got or can do; But you need Him. You need His Word. You need it more than you need food or water, light and air. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4) . . . We realize that our loving Heavenly Father assembles us together first and foremost so that He might do something for us, to impart to us a share in real life, the life that is in His Son. He assembles us to fill us with His joy and His peace and to let us bask in His amazing love. That is, He gathers us together as the Church in order to speak His Word to us; and that Word, alive with the power of the Holy Spirit, changes absolutely everything. *Thank, Praise, Serve, And Obey, W.C. Weedon, pages 12-13*

## Advent Begins Sunday, December 3

soon Soon SOON all of us will again be heading to the manger during the season of Advent, but we are not making this journey alone. Trinity Lutheran Church & School has a rich archive - **7yrs worth** - of Daily Advent Devotional Videos that offer guided help to find the gospel message in what is going on all around us, even in preparations that can get hectic at times.

Start browsing our library now to choose an Advent series so that you are ready to "click play" on Dec. 3, the first day of Advent. Please share these with your students, families, friends, and use them in your classrooms if they fit into your day!

[TrinityLCS.org/category/advent-devotion-library/](http://TrinityLCS.org/category/advent-devotion-library/)

*Brightest Blessings as you center in on what is most important not only at this time of the year, but every day -- our Savior, born to set us free from sin and death, born the King to rule in our hearts, born the Brother to love us, born the Friend who will never leave us.*



# Trinity Lutheran Church

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We continue getting to know the teachers of our school who daily share the love of Jesus in words and actions. They not only provide an excellent education but are a key factor in little ones learning of Jesus. Keep them all in your prayers.

## Meet Paige Laney, a pre-school teacher

Mrs. Paige Laney was born in Florida. As a young military child, she was blessed to be able to live all around the world and experience many different cultures. She received her teaching degree from Kennesaw State University in Georgia. Shortly after graduating from college, she met her husband, Thomas, who is active-duty Air Force. Mrs. Laney has two wonderful children, Easton and Carolina, who also attend Trinity. She feels so blessed being able to be on campus with her children! In her free time she loves to swim, read, and craft with her cricut. Mrs. Laney is grateful to be teaching at Trinity. She has always loved working with children and can't wait to see what God has in store for her family and class!



## From Last Week: Mrs. Darla Healey, Pre-K teacher

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!



## Trinity Lutheran School • Job Opening!

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](mailto:ARohloff@trinitylcs.org)**

## HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

### LISTEN FOR THE GOSPEL

The number one thing to listen for in a sermon is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. How is the Gospel being proclaimed? What has God done for you? How does it apply to you? Do you believe what is being proclaimed to you? The Gospel is what creates and strengthens your faith. Be sure to listen for, identify, and apply the Gospel to your own life! The Gospel creates and strengthens your faith!



## 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](http://TrinityLCS.org)  
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