

Baptized into Christ



NOV. 27 MORNING SERVICES!

On Sunday, November 27th, 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 27th at 8:30am! Come and join us make our worship area beautiful for the holiday season!

Check It Out: VERY Special Insert this Week!

The Staff here at Trinity have carefully reviewed all the tasks and projects that make Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas special this time of year. Please look through the insert and plan to serve!



Food Collection

We will see what God will do in and through us!

!!*TODAY*!!

Packing Nov. 13th for Aqua Fria Food Bank

Packing on Nov. 20st for our Trinity families



SAVE the DATE

Pre-Holiday
Grief Workshop
Saturday November 26
9:00 – 12:00 noon
Founder's Hall

Are the Holidays hard for you because a loved one is not present to help you celebrate? Perhaps you have had hesitation about the Season for a couple of years or many years? The Holiday Season can be difficult if you are grieving, and grief doesn't magically go away after 1 year. RSVP with Jan (JReynolds@TrinityLCS.org) and come to the workshop to get ideas on how you can plan ahead this year and find joy this Christmas.

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.

CROSS Training for Parents & Adults!

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)

Sunday Morning-- 8:45 Adult Bible Study

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.

AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

AMOS meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. Our next AMOS meeting will be on Nov. 9 in Founder's Hall from 10am-1pm. It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. *Bring a sack lunch.*

HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

STUDY THE DOCTRINE

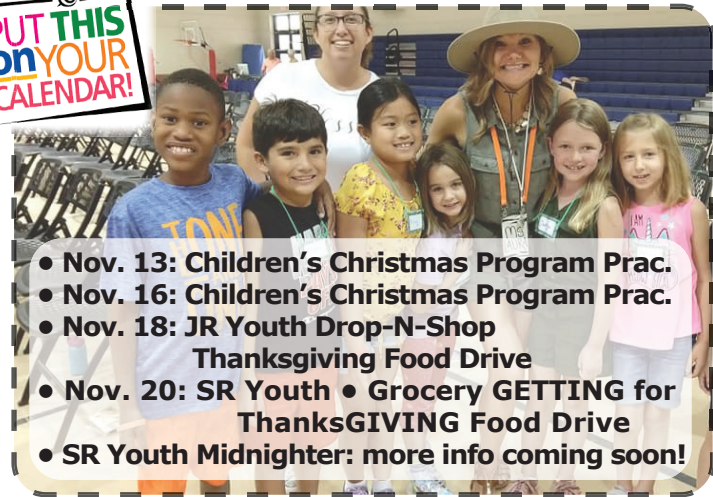
A sermon confesses the teachings of Christ and explains the doctrines of the Christian Church.

What doctrines are being taught this week?

What do you know about these doctrines?

How can you take what is preached and grow in your doctrinal soundness? It is important to know the teachings of Christ and the doctrines of the Christian Church. Listen carefully, and learn those doctrines!

PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!

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- Nov. 13: Children's Christmas Program Prac.
 - Nov. 16: Children's Christmas Program Prac.
 - Nov. 18: JR Youth Drop-N-Shop
Thanksgiving Food Drive
 - Nov. 20: SR Youth • Grocery GETTING for
ThanksGIVING Food Drive
 - SR Youth Midnighter: more info coming soon!

Contact Ms. Laura for more information or to RSVP

SPLASHING WITH JOY OVER BAPTISM!

One of my joys here at Trinity is to talk with families & individuals about baptism!

What a miracle God has prepared for us! I would love to answer any questions you or a friend has about baptism!

Not sure how to talk to someone else about God's gift of baptism? Let's chat & maybe I can give you ideas. Call me, Deaconess Ruth Fisher, 480-235-1473 or RFisher@TrinityLCS.org



"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

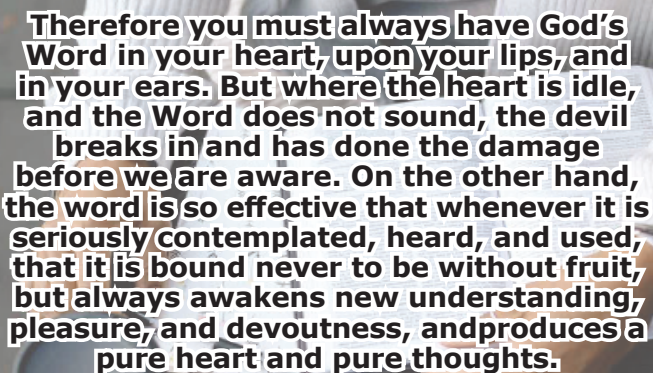
Understanding the Absolution

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



Therefore you must always have God's Word in your heart, upon your lips, and in your ears. But where the heart is idle, and the Word does not sound, the devil breaks in and has done the damage before we are aware. On the other hand, the word is so effective that whenever it is seriously contemplated, heard, and used, that it is bound never to be without fruit, but always awakens new understanding, pleasure, and devoutness, and produces a pure heart and pure thoughts.

For these words are not lazy or dead, but creative, living words.

The Book of Concord, Large Catechism 1:100-101

OASIS BIBLE STUDIES & CONFIRMATION

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

Trinity's Children's Christmas Program

Trinity's Children & Teens will Share the Gospel in a Service that Brings the World-changing Christmas Story to Life!

Parents: Check your emails & expect your children to hand you info from Ms. Laura soon!

Next Practices:
Sunday Nov. 13, 10:35-11:15am
Wed. Nov. 16, 7:30-8:00pm



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE!

Turkeys are gobbling and that means Trinity folks are out gathering food for families in need!

For 15 years, we have responded to God's goodness to us, by blessing others. We have gathered food, turkeys, and personal care items for those who are struggling. Church and School folks have given 100 bags or boxes filled with food for community families through **Agua Fria Food Bank**. We help **our own Trinity families** who are struggling, personalizing their boxes to their needs. Together we give to **Partners in Recovery** who serve those who are severely mentally ill. **TODAY Sunday, Nov 13th, from 2pm - 5pm, we will pack our first 100 bags that go to Agua Fria Food Bank.** On **Sunday, Nov 20th from 2pm - 5pm, we will pack the Trinity boxes.** Needed items are banana and apple boxes from your local grocery store. Flyers are available on the usher's table. We thank Barbara Gaugert has been our amazing lead along with her trusty husband, Alan! We thank them both for sharing their talents with us and these families.



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

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

Women's evening Bible Class meets the first and third Monday evenings at 7 pm in Founders Hall. We we are studying the book of Psalms. Join Us!

Christmas Decorating

We would love to have you help decorate the Family Life Center and Sanctuary for Christmas!

Decorating in the Sanctuary

takes place on Sunday November 27 at 8 AM.

Decorating in the Family Life Center

starts Friday December 2 at 6 PM.

It's a great time to meet people from other services and have some fun together!

Beggars pointing to Jesus, the Bread of Life!

Martin Luther said:
"We are all mere beggars showing other beggars where to find bread."

Tell another beggar how Jesus feeds your heart!
Or bring them to church that they may know Jesus, the feeder of souls!



The Christmas Eve Praise Choir is back in action soon!

We will be starting rehearsals soon to prepare to sing at the two Christmas Eve Handbell & Praise Team services. If you are



interested in joining us for this wonderful evening of music and worship, please let Juliann know at the church office or between church services. We would love to have you sing with us!

Moms: This is for you!

Friday Parenting Group is for you! Join us on Fridays at 8:30am - 10:30am for an enriching, fun, and empowering time for women who are experiencing the crazy, heartrending and heart touching journey of mothering. Call Ruth Fisher at (480-235-1473) or RFisher@TrinityLCS.org

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: HELP!

We are one member short on our Endowment committee! If this interests you, please email Bob Hazlett at robhazaz@gmail.com to setup a meeting to discuss the work and duties of the committee. (It is a three year term, and currently, we are only meeting quarterly on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm.)

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.



Trinity Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!

3s-Kinder: Julie & Daniel Dodson and Elli Guiney, Marshall Cantrell, & Ms. Laura (Room 106)

1-3-grade: Zack Nelson (Founder's Hall)

4-6-grade: Bruce Rogers (Adult Classroom)

7-8-grade, High School/SR Youth:

Travis & Lindsey Guiney (The LIGHT Lounge)

Adults: Janet Sienkiewicz (Boardroom)

Lesson 9: THE RESTORING KING
King Josiah • Text: 2 Kings 22

BIBLE TRUTH:
God speaks through His Word.

LAW & GOSPEL
I ignore God's Word, ashamed of the sin it reveals in my life. God's Word shows me the Gospel message of Jesus, my Savior from sin.



Prayer of the Week

Holy Trinity, we thank you for Holy Baptism, and for washing us clean from our sins, and cleansing our consciences from guilt.

We praise and thank you for the gift of eternal life, and the joy of being part of your family.

Help us to live as your people, ignoring sin and temptation, and pursuing Your Word and Your Will. In Jesus' Name, amen!

LWML News

We would like to thank everyone who purchased a 2023 Calendar!



Upcoming events

November 20th: Welcome reception for new members
December 6th, 13th, and 20th: Advent soup suppers

Questions about Trinity School?

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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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