



Beautiful Words of Death and Life

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Trinity's Deaf Ministry

Led by Jeremy & Lindsey Wright, Trinity's Deaf Ministry serves the community through multiple endeavors. Jeremy provides volunteer sign language interpretation for the 9AM service and Oasis Bible study, serving Trinity's deaf members. Through them, Trinity's weekly deaf ministry video content has nearly 18,000 views since 2020. While previously offering general sign language classes, they now focus on teaching those who wish to interpret to families in need, specifically those directly and indirectly affected by hearing loss. Even Rebecca and Athena have joined to co-teach the class. Finally, most impactfully, Lindsey conducts home visits to deaf families, shining God's light into homes where there may be no communication at all.



TODAY is ALL SAINTS DAY

We are celebrating "All Saints Day" TODAY Sunday, Nov. 3. The word "saint" is from the Latin word sanctus and means "holy". The Bible teaches us that a "saint" is one "set apart (holy)" through faith in Jesus Christ (see 2 Timothy 1:9). In faith, we all are "saints"! [There is no such thing as the Roman Catholic idea of "sainthood" where someone has more good works than they need to enter heaven and you can pray to them to help you.] On All Saints Day, we will remember our fellow brothers and sisters who have died this past year here at Trinity.

NEWS from the LWML

LWML is selling 2025 calendars after each service. They make great gifts.

Please continue to save plastic grocery bags for mats for the homeless. You can give to Martha Mueller or Gayle Roberts.

The ladies have been busy with another mat for Orphan Grain Train.



"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*

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.

Desks for Lutheran Schools

Bishop Peter Anibati recently wrote to tell us that some of our mission support was used to make desks for students in a Lutheran school. They made 45 desks out of heavy Teak wood, which is grown in the Yambio area. Education of the children is one of the top priorities of the parents in South Sudan, and Lutheran schools are one of the main ways that this happens. In those schools, like our Lutheran School here at Trinity, the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is taught each day as part of the curriculum. Thank you for your faithful giving, a part of which enables us to help Christians on the other side of the world!



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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!

Prayer of the Week

God the Father, we thank You for Your Son and His Resurrection from the dead. Send the Holy Spirit, so that we may firmly believe in Christ and place our hope in His Promise of the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting. Be with us through the changes of life, even when death and dying approach, so that we may remain faithful to You by trusting in Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. It is in His Name that we pray, Amen!

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

Electronic Giving: Visit Trinitylcs.org and click on the "Giving" tab at the top of the page; scroll down to- How to Give At Trinity; click on- \$ Give Online. 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. If you would like offering envelopes, please email Amy Thursam to request.

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 any assistance please call our Business Manager, Amy Thursam at 623-935-4665 ext. 215.

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

Valley Lutheran High School presents

DREAMWORKS THEATRICALS

SHREK THE MUSICAL

Students/Seniors - \$8.00
Adults - \$12.00

Nov. 15 @ 7:00 PM
Nov. 16 @ 2:00 PM
Nov. 16 @ 7:00 PM

From Harriet and Duane Quail

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Trinity Lutheran Church and School as you celebrate 50 years as a congregation in Litchfield Park, AZ.

We consider ourselves blessed to have spent the past thirty (30) winters worshiping with you. We enjoyed the wonderful worship services and bible studies which we were able to attend as well as the many friendships we made and now miss. Blessings for another fifty years.

[Lutherans] approve of honoring the saints in three ways.

1. The first is thanksgiving. We should thank God because He has shown examples of mercy, because He wishes to save people, and because He has given teachers and other gifts to the Church. These gifts, since they are the greatest, should be amplified. The saints themselves, who have faithfully used these gifts, should be praised . . .

2. The second service is the strengthening of our faith. When we see Peter's denial forgiven, we also are encouraged to believe all the more that grace truly superabounds over sin (Romans 5:20).

3. The third honor is the imitation, first of faith, then of the other virtues. Everyone should imitate the saints according to his calling.

Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, Article XXI. 14-8

One of the blessings we have here at Trinity is the faithfulness of its people to give their tithes and offerings. We rarely have to speak about money, because of your faithfulness. THANK YOU! Pledge Card Sunday will be Sunday, December 1st.

Thoughts on Death

[Martin Luther writes:] St. Paul exhorts the Thessalonians [I Thess. 4:13-18] not to sorrow over the dead as others who have no hope, but to comfort each other with God's Word as having a certain hope of life and of the resurrection of the dead.

It is little wonder if those are sad who have no hope. Nor can they be blamed for it. Since they are beyond the pale of faith in Christ, they must either cherish this temporal life as the only thing worthwhile and hate to lose it, or they must expect that after this life they will receive eternal death and the wrath of God in hell and must fear to go there.

But we Christians, who have been redeemed from all this by the dear blood of the Son of God, should by faith train and accustom ourselves to despise death and to regard it as a deep, strong, and sweet sleep, to regard the coffin as nothing but paradise and the bosom of our Lord Christ, and the grave as nothing but a soft couch or sofa, which it really is in the sight of God; for He says, John 11[:11], "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep," and Matthew 9[:24], "The girl is not dead but sleeping." Thus, too, St. Paul in I Corinthians 15:42-44, bans from his sight every ugly aspect of death in our mortal body and brings to the fore a wholly delightful and joyous picture of life when he says: "What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable... It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body."

Writing from Martin Luther, "Preface to the Burial Hymns," pp. 325-26 in vol. 53 of Luther's Works, American Edition

Well, here we are at the beginning of the next 50 years! While we don't know everything the future holds, we know we can count on God's faithfulness for all time. Most of us probably won't be here for the next 50 Year Anniversary celebration, but for those of us who have been able to look back and celebrate the past 50 years, we are again reminded of the goodness of God's grace throughout Trinity's history. Our dinner celebration was a fun way to bring together elements of Trinity's history through worship, fellowship, memories, and thankfulness. A very special thank you to all who helped us celebrate, especially to the 50th Anniversary Committee for their planning throughout the year; to Martha Mueller for your attention to detail; to our decorating crew: Catherine Hendricks-Stefan, Martha Mueller, Gayle Roberts, Sandi Simon, Carol Thompson, and Cheryl Wagner; to Amy Thursam and Tina Steill for putting the gift baskets together so nicely; to Steve McDonald for making the beautiful charcuterie board; to Roxanne Bolte and the maintenance staff – Randy Mueller, Sterling Ford, Eric Snell, and Martin Ramos – for transforming the patio into such a beautiful space; to Jan Reynolds for running numerous errands; to Catherine Hendricks-Stefan for making the beautiful banner and paraments; to Juliann Dolge for leading us in song and putting music to our favorite table prayer; to Felix and Leann Quinones for "selfishly" traveling to wine country to provide the evening's fine wine; and Pastor Bolte for gathering facts and stats and keeping the focus "All About Jesus." You are all current examples of what has made Trinity so special throughout the years!

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LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Gift planning can ensure that your charitable intent is honored in your overall estate plan. An estate plan addresses many concerns with intent of bringing the process of administering your estate into conformity with state law. There are many rabbit trails to follow during the estate planning process. If we aren't careful, we may lose the opportunity to dig into how gifts to ministry can be important for the sharing of the Gospel into the future. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you keep your family and ministry in focus throughout the process.

Contact LCMS Foundation Senior Gift Counselor Brian Hyde at 209.613.2125 or brian.hyde@lfnd.org; or Harley Britton at harleyanddeb@msn.com or call the Church office 623.935.4665 to get started!

JR and SR Youth (Grades 5-12) and Families

Let's get together and fellowship at the Pumpkin Patch! We will have games, food, fellowship and family photo opportunities.

Saturday, November 9, 5 pm to 7 pm.

Meet at the Rocker 7 Farm Patch
19601 W Broadway Rd.
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(On south side of Broadway Road,
just west of Jackrabbit Trail)



Fill out the pumpkin insert and give it to Janet Sienkiewicz following the service.

Email Janet at jsienkiewicz@trinity.lcs.org or text at 623-341-6482 with questions.

Questions about Trinity School?

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Meet Some of Our Staff

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AMOS

Calling ALL seniors to attend **AMOS [A Ministry Of Seniors]** AMOS meets twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday. We spend time in Bible Study, prayer, playing a spirited game of dominoes and lunch. We monthly recognize birthdays of seniors in the Trinity community. If you have never tried **AMOS**, now is a good time. A new study, authored by Rev Richard Bimler called "Joyfully Aging" is being started. Ed Rupprecht will be the leader. We promise good Christian fellowship, camaraderie, good humor, and fun. See you Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 10AM in Founders Hall. Don't forget your sack lunch! See you all there! PS. Bring a joke.

"There is no such thing as standing still in Christianity. Whether a believer marches forward or merely marks time depends much on his connection with God's Word. Regardless of how hectic our life is or how fast each day flies by, we need to find regular opportunity for serious Bible study." Hebrews, R.E. Lauersdorf, PBC, p.54

Who: all children ages 3-8th grade
Performance date: 6:00 pm Sunday, Dec. 22
Practice: Sundays, 1:00 pm beginning Sunday, November 17.

Dear Parents! This is such a great tradition! I would love to help your children deliver the Christmas Good News of Jesus!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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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