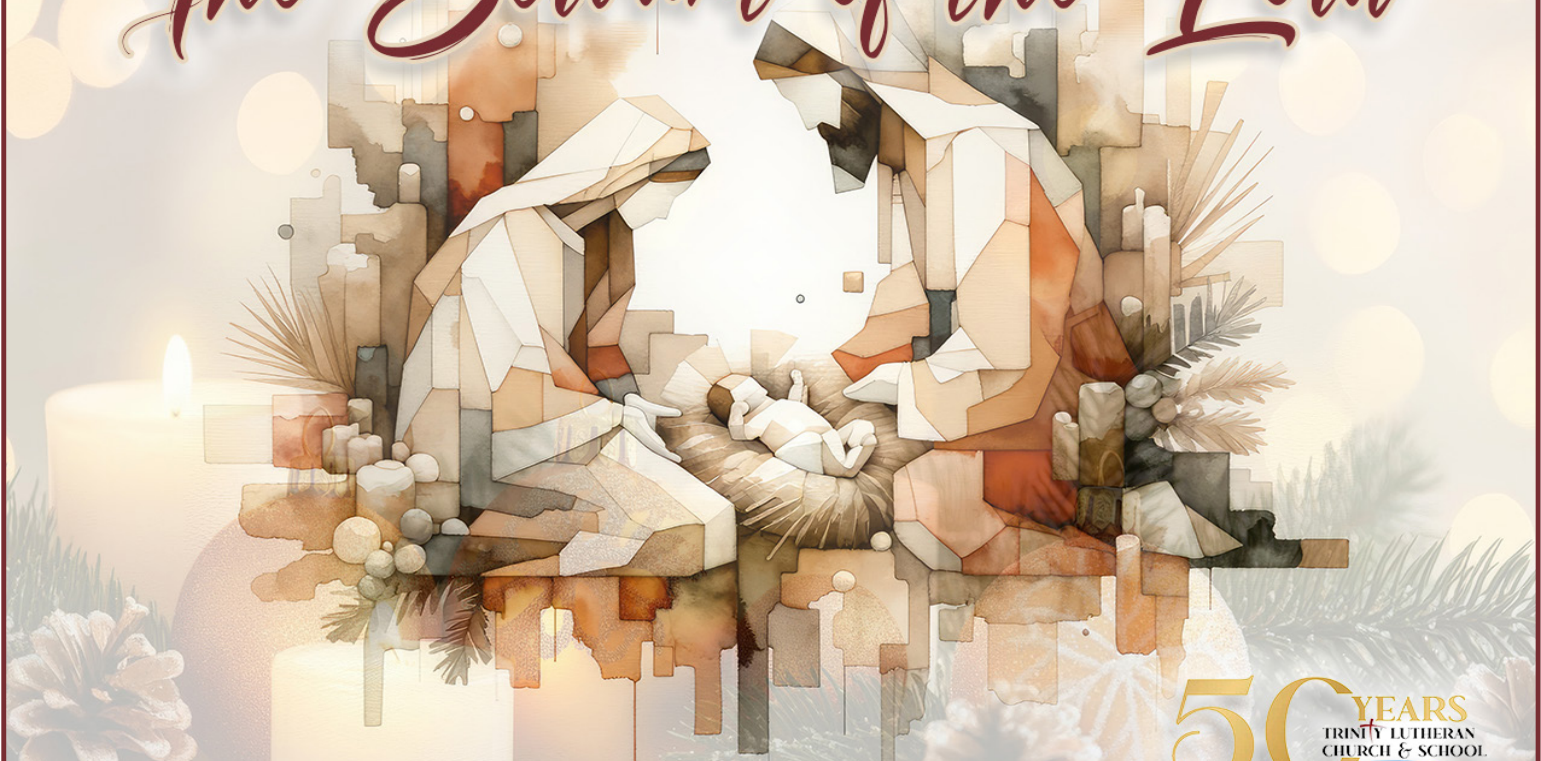


# The Servant of the Lord



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## Today is Pledge Card Sunday!

During the service today you will have an opportunity to bring your pledge card up as a public confession of faith in the Lord. The confession is that you trust the Lord with your money; that you acknowledge everything you are and everything you have is a gift from His good hand, and you want to return some to Him to support the work of His Kingdom here at Trinity.

Please fill out a pledge card, seal it up, bring it forward, and we will mail it back to you unopened in six months!

## Have you ever considered being a Lutheran Pastor or a Lutheran Teacher?

Many LCMS pastors, deaconesses, commissioned church workers, and teachers held other successful careers before pursuing a second career in service to Christ's church. You could do the same! Have you been praying about a full-time vocation in the church? You can use your experience and skills from your current work as a second-career church worker. Ready to learn more about opportunities to pursue a second career in full-time church work? Our seminaries and Concordia universities are happy to answer your questions. Visit [lcms.org/sas](http://lcms.org/sas) for more information. There is a flyer in the information counter as well!

**ALL SERVICES IN FAMILY LIFE CENTER!**  
TODAY Sunday, December 1st, 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 at 8:30am! Come and join us make our worship area beautiful for the holiday season!

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

*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

**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.



**Sunday, December 15th – 7:15 pm**

YOU ARE INVITED to remember your loved ones who are now with Jesus. This Christmas worship service will be in a quiet setting with a special time included for individual remembrance. Join us and be encouraged with scripture and song and take a special gift home. Please RSVP with Jan. jreynolds@trinitylcs.org 623.523.1158

# LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

"There are so many things I wish I could share with my children, but whenever we are together, it seems we are always racing off to a soccer game or dance recital. We never really get to talk." This was the sentiment that Rachel was expressing to her sister as the two were enjoying an unseasonably warm November day on the screened porch. Rachel's husband passed away suddenly about two years ago and since then, these two sisters have spent more time together.

"I know what you mean," said Karen. "But that changed for me a few years ago when Bill and I put our estate plan together. We worked with an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor, and she kept insisting that we create a statement of faith to share with our family and friends. She called it a Family Blessing. The counselor also urged us to meet formally with our kids to share the details of our estate plan with them. It was then that Bill and I both read our Family Blessings to the kids out loud. By the end we were all shedding some tears and hugging. It was the first time in a long time that we had deep conversations about our confidence in Jesus, rather than just talking about attending Sunday service. It was great."

Rachel responded, "You know, since Fred died, I have been needing to review my estate plan. Maybe I'll give the counselor a call and see if she can help me do the same thing."

Your estate plan is not just about money and laws. It is about relationships and sharing Jesus. To get started on your journey & kindle those conversations with the people you love most, 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!

**South Sudan: May 2025**

Pastor Bolte has been asked to return to teach at the ELCSSS Seminary next spring. The students, who are currently finishing up their year-long vicarages, will return to the Seminary for their final year of classes. This will be the 10 th time that Pastor Bolte has gone to Yambio, South Sudan to teach. He will be teaching the final Dogmatic sections, which includes the End Times, heaven, and eternal life; and a general overview of all the key doctrines.

*Thank you for your faithful giving and support; together we are helping to train Lutheran Pastors to serve in one of the poorest, difficult, and most dangerous places on earth!*



**GOING ON NOW • Dec. 1st at 8:30AM**

We will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas and will need volunteers to help with decorating trees, fluffing and hang garland, and wreaths!

*This weekend will be busy, and it takes a lot of time, so all help is appreciated!!*

**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.

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.*

**The 2025 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up** in the Narthex of both the Sanctuary and the Family Life Center. If you would like envelopes, but have not signed up for them please contact Amy Thursam at athursam@trinitylcs.org Envelopes are helpful in streamlining the counting process and assuring proper donation credit. When writing a check use black or navy ink (no colored ink). Please remember your envelopes are associated with your name, please write your name on all envelopes. *Thank you for supporting Trinity Lutheran Church. Many Blessings to you and your families.*

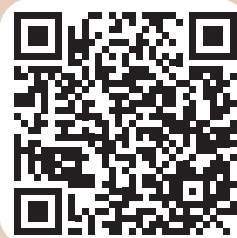
## And just like that, it's Advent!

That means our Christmas celebrations are just around the corner! Christmas worship always bring many guests and visitors to our campus to hear the Christmas Gospel. We try hard to make these Gospel events warm and welcoming with spaces to grab a little something sweet to eat and warm to drink where people can spend a few minutes catching up with old friends and meeting new ones.

### To make that happen, we need your help!

If you are able to include a little extra time here and/or there this year, please:

- email Andi (amcdonald@trinitylcs.org)
- call me (623.935.4665 ext 213)
- send up a smoke signal (:
- www.TrinityLCS.org/Christmas-Eve-Hospitality/
- or scan this code to sign up for an area and time that you are available for.



*Be a part of this special  
Trinity tradition!*

## 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. We promise good Christian fellowship, camaraderie, good humor, and fun. See you Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 10AM in Founders Hall. Don't forget your sack lunch! See you all there! PS. Bring a joke.

## VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

### Christmas Concert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8  
4:00 PM @ CHRIST CHURCH LUTHERAN



## Trinity Quilters

Trinity Quilters will not meet in December. The next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2025 at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome, do you want to learn to quilt or tie a blanket for charity? Call Shirley Helgeson 602-316-9710 or Marie Turkenkopf 623-696-6500 for additional information.

## The Angel Trees are coming BACK!

The Angel Trees will be going up in the narthex outside the sanctuary & FLC TODAY December 1. There are two ways that you can help serve those in our community who are in need at Christmas.



- The little envelopes can be used for cash, checks or gift cards. They can be returned to the box set by each Angel Tree. The most requested gift cards are for Target, Walmart, Frys and Gas cards. Cards in increments of \$25.00 or \$50.00 are the most needed. Cash and checks will be used by Angel Tree to shop for individuals whose gift tags are either not returned or not picked or last minute requests. Please make checks out to LWML and put Angel Tree in the memo section.

- The gift tags will have information for an individual you can shop for, their age and their present wish. Please return the gift UNWRAPPED (gift bags are OK) with the tag securely fastened to the gift.

All gifts need to be returned no later than 12/9 & monetary contributions please by 12/15. This will give the Angel Tree team members time to sort, shop, & return to Ruth in time for Christmas!

Questions? Contact Deaconess Ruth Fisher  
RFisher@TrinityLCS.org

**Share with the Lord's people who are in need.  
Practice hospitality. Romans 12:13**

Angel Tree thanks you for supporting our mission to "Serve those in our community who are in need at Christmas."

## LWML Calendars

Calendar Sales are going on today after each service.

We have a limited supply and they make great Christmas gifts. \$10.00 each

## Monday Night • Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to Study at 7pm the first and third Mondays of each month. We will begin a new study in November as we look at Jesus' divinity in the words he uses for Himself with I AM.

Call Karen Frusti 602.828.2268 or Pat Paulsen 623.935.1485 for additional information.

## 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*



# Trinity Lutheran Church

CHRIST-CENTERED • BIBLE-BASED • FAMILY-FOCUSED

## OASIS Bible Study & Confirmation

Every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:30pm 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 Alec Gnam.

### CONFIRMATION

**Mondays**, 6:30pm-7:45pm

Senior Confirmation - Pastor Bolte, Adult Classroom

**Wednesdays**, 6:30pm-7:30pm

5th/6th grades -Charlene Nichol, Adult Classroom

7th grade - Ruth Fisher, Founders' Hall

### Want to sing with the Praise Team and Handbell Choir on Christmas Eve at both the 7:00 & 8:30pm services?

Saturday rehearsals begin at 8am on November 30 and continue on Dec 7, 14, and 21. Please plan on attending at least two of these rehearsals. Mandatory rehearsal on Dec 21 at 8am with both the Praise Team and the Handbells.

Let Juliann know you are interested at JDolge@TrinityLCS.org so she can put together music for you.



## Trinity Social

Want to get to know your fellow worshippers a little better? (Yes, you do!) Looking for a fun activity to do now and then? (Yes, you are!) Do we have something for you? (Yes, we do!) If you regularly attend the 9 and/or 10:15 service, **save Saturday, December 14 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm for the first round of "Trinity Trivia"!** The night will begin with a social time of appetizers and drinks, and then proceed to the Trivia showdown! This is a great opportunity to get to know other people who worship with you as you show off your useless knowledge in various categories 😊 This will double as date night because the youth are planning a fun night of activities for your kids! Usually attend a different service but think this is right up your alley? We'll do it again in Jan. and Feb. with a final championship round in March. BUT...you are always welcome to come to all of them, including this first one! RSVP with Andi (in person, 623.935.4665 ext 213 or AMcDonald@TrinityLCS.org) or online <https://www.trinitylcs.org/trinity-trivia-night/>



## Prayer of the Week

*God the Holy Spirit, we thank you for inspiring the prophet Isaiah, and for including his book in our Bibles. Grant us faith to trust in the Servant of the Lord and His righteousness. Deepen our faith in the person and work of the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. We thank you for your love and care in our lives, as we live in this sinful and broken world. We ask for your strength, peace, and wisdom as we live as Your people, and trust in Your promises. In Jesus, the Servant of the Lord's Name, Amen!*

## Questions about Trinity School?

**Astraea Rohloff**

Principal

ARohloff@TrinityLCS.org

**Heather Chapman**

Early Childhood Director

HChapman@TrinityLCS.org

## Meet Some of Our Staff

**Rev. Dave Bolte**

Senior Pastor

DBolte@TrinityLCS.org

**Andi McDonald**

Ministry Coordinator

AMcDonald@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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