

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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The Virgin Mary

The Angel Trees are BACK!

The Angel Trees will be going up in the narthex outside the sanctuary & FLC Thanksgiving weekend. There are 2 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. Return them to the box by the Angel Tree. Most requested gift cards are for Target, Walmart, Frys, and Gas cards in increments of \$25.00 or \$50.00. Cash and checks will be used to shop for individuals who's 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 12/11 & monetary contributions please by 12/17. 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."

Christmas Memorial Service Sunday, December 17 th 7:15 PM

The Christmas Memorial Service is designed to allow members and friends of Trinity to worship in a quiet Christmas setting of scripture and special music. During the worship service a time is set aside to give families an opportunity to individually remember their loved ones who are not present for Christmas. Even if it has been a few years since your loved one died, you are welcome to join us for this special evening.

Talk to your friends and family members and then plan to set aside *Sunday evening, December 17 at 7:15 p.m.* and join us. If you have family and friends visiting from out of town, please invite them to come along also. Childcare will be available upon request.

An RSVP is not required but much appreciated. You may contact Jan Reynolds at jreynolds@Trinitylcs.org or 623-523-1158.

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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: 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!



The reason His Church gathers together in worship each week is because the risen Christ comes to teach and feed His People. What He did visibly in the 40 days between His resurrection and ascension He now does invisibly until His second coming.

The Blessings Of Weekly Communion, Kenneth W. Wieting, p.20

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

Prayer of the Week

Father in heaven, we thank you for your grace which so freely flows into our lives from your good hands. We thank you for all the good gifts you give to us because you love us and care about us. We praise you for our election by grace, for Your Son Jesus, for our baptism, and for the hope of glory. Help us to live holy and righteous lives, in the gracious vocations you have given to us, so that we may love you and serve our neighbors throughout our lives. We pray this in your Son's Name, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen

50th Anniversary Committee

The 50th Anniversary Committee will be meeting on **Wednesday, January 3rd @ 11am**. It is not too late to join us in planning the events to celebrate our 50th anniversary! We are brainstorming ideas, sharpening others, and beginning to implement still others. You are welcome and invited to this meeting in the church office boardroom! (If you have any questions, please talk to, call, or email Pastor Bolte.)

VLHS is Hiring!

Valley Lutheran High School is seeking a reliable individual to aid them in their shuttle service from the West side of the Valley. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in this paid/flexible position please contact Mr. Gast at tgast@vlhs.org or 602-230-1600



HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE WEAK IN FAITH

Some Christians have a weak faith and are shy, troubled, and heartily terrified because of the great number of their sins. They think that in their great impurity they are not worthy of this precious treasure and Christ's benefits [in Holy Communion]. They feel their weakness of faith and lament it, and from their hearts desire that they may serve God with stronger, more joyful faith and pure obedience. These are the truly worthy guests for whom this highly venerable Sacrament has been especially instituted and appointed.

Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, FCSD VII.66

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Christmas Programs

All events are in the Family Life Center

Saturday, 12/9 PreK 1:00pm

Wednesday, 12/13

K-1st 9:00am ~ HSP Booths 4:00-5:15pm

Band 5:30pm ~ 2nd-4th 6:00pm

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

Electronic Giving: Visit our Website at: 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: 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. Envelopes are helpful in streamlining the counting process and ensuring proper donation credit. The 2024 Offering envelopes are available for pick-up in the Church Narthex and in the FLC. If you would like envelopes, but have not signed up for them please contact Amy Thursam in the Business Office. 623-935-4665 ext 215 or athursam@trintylcs.org *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.

2023 Year End Giving

We here at Trinity are so thankful for all of your generous support throughout the year. We recognize that some of you may want to offer additional gifts for the 2023 tax year. If you are considering an end of year gift/tithe you will need to do so before December 26th. This will ensure your gift is captured in 2023. Anything after December 26th will be captured in 2024. *This is due to the holidays and our shared branch banking agreement.*

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.

Christmas Services @ Trinity Lutheran Church!

Advent Tuesday Services

December 5, 12, 19 at 7:00pm
LWML dinners starting at 5:30pm

Trinity Lutheran School Programs

Saturday, December 9 PreK
Wednesday, December 13 Elementary
(See Newsletter for details)

Christmas Memorial Service

Sunday, December 17 @ 7:15pm

Christmas Eve EVE

Saturday, December 23
7pm Traditional (Sanctuary)

Christmas Eve Morning

Sunday, December 24

7:30am

9:00am

NO 10:15am service

11:30am

Christmas Eve Evening

Sunday, December 24

4:00pm Traditional (Sanctuary)

5:30pm Traditional (Sanctuary)

7:00pm Praise (Family Life Center)

8:30pm Praise (Family Life Center)

10:00pm Traditional (Sanctuary)

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

8:00am Traditional (Sanctuary)

Holy Communion

NO Children's Christmas Service

ADVENT Pre-Service Meals

Advent Soup Suppers in Founders Hall
Sponsored by Ladies of the LWML

Soup suppers:

- Dec. 12th at 5:30
7 PM Advent Service
- Dec. 19th at 5:30
7 PM Advent Service



Hope to see you all there

MORE from the LWML

- Christmas Caroling at The Groves
Saturday, Dec 16th at 1:45
ALL are INVITED.
2655 N Pebble Creek Parkway, Goodyear.
- LWML Christmas Party
at 12:30pm in Founder's Hall
(note time change)

Daily Advent Videos

As we journey to the manger during the season of Advent, we are not making this *trip* alone. Trinity Lutheran Church & School has a rich archive - **24 playlists containing over 600 daily 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.

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.

AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

CHRISTMAS with AMOS will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 13 in Founders Hall from 10AM to 1PM.

ALL seniors are welcome for great CHRISTmas Christian fellowship, Bible Study and games. Join in our annual Christmas potluck. December birthdays will be specially remembered. AMOS meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. We look forward to seeing YOU (seniors) at our coming time of fellowship and friendship. AND have a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

The Mystery of Holy Baptism

Oh, so do not let your Baptism be taken away! It is your greatest treasure! It is a ship that shall never be wrecked, which leads you into heavenly harbor. It is quite true that the rebirth that happens at Baptism cannot be truly perceived with the senses. But what did Christ say? "Do not wonder at what I have said 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows..." That is, you see the water well, you hear its sound and you hear the Word that is spoken over the baptized one, but the inner working of grace in his soul on account of it, you cannot see. *C.F.W. Walther, Treasury of Daily Prayer, page 947*



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CHRIST-CENTERED • BIBLE-BASED • FAMILY-FOCUSED



The teachers of Trinity are qualified and caring. Even more importantly, they are committed to sharing the Gospel on a daily basis. The seed of God's Word is planted in the hearts of the children and the Holy Spirit creates faith. The teacher may not always see the fruit for some

sow the seed and some water. Our teachers are a blessing to the congregation and the school families. Be sure to keep them in your prayers.

Meet Amanda Acuna, one of the First Grade teachers

Mrs. Amanda Acuna was born in Pasadena, CA and moved to Phoenix in 1992. She graduated from GCU with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and ESL endorsement. She continued her education at NAU, where she received a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education with a reading endorsement. Her teaching career began in 2005 at St. Paul Lutheran Church where she taught preschool for two years. From there, she taught for 16 years in the Cartwright School district, teaching kindergarten, first grade, and serving as a reading specialist and literacy coach. The Acuna family are members of Trinity Lutheran Church and their children attend Trinity Lutheran School. Mrs. Acuna feels blessed to be joining Trinity.



From Last Week: Sherry Haddad, Kindergarten



Mrs. Haddad has been a Kindergarten teacher at Trinity Lutheran School since 2001. Sherry earned her Bachelor of Science teaching certification through the U of Tennessee at Chattanooga and is Arizona State certified to teach Kindergarten-8th grade with an ESL endorsement. Before Trinity, she worked in Chattanooga, TN at Little Debbie Snack Cakes

where her employer offered her volunteer part-time work in a third grade inner-city school. This opportunity set her heart on fire for teaching! She enjoyed doing mission work with her family in Liberia, Africa during high school years. Mrs. Haddad is happiest using the gifts the Lord provided her, teaching His Word & sharing the Gospel with His children every day! Mrs. Haddad feels blessed to do this freely!

Trinity Lutheran School • We're Hiring!

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**

HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

BE PREPARED AND EAGER TO LEARN

Arrive at church with a teachable spirit ready and eager to learn about God, His Word, and your Christian faith and life. A sermon is both proclamation of the Gospel and education in the Christian faith. There is always something you can learn and grow from in a sermon. Be ready to learn, and discipline yourself to listen. Use a sermon hard copy or a sermon worksheet if it will help you. Arrive at church eager to learn.



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
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