

The Shedding of Blood



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SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 4-5, 2025

Sharing the faith can be intimidating. What if I say something wrong? What if I don't know the answers to their objections? How would I even get the conversation started? Pastor Erick Sorensen spent years talking to strangers about the gospel as a church planter in NYC, and he's coming to share some tips he learned so that you too can share a cup of coffee with skeptics and share the gospel.



Tickets are available on Trinity's website at www.trinitylcs.org (follow the link on the picture). Ticket sales will be available to Trinity members and friends only until March 10th when we will open registration to other circuit congregations.

Registration deadline is March 27th.

For \$25/person, tickets include a wine and cheese reception Friday evening from 6pm - 7pm, Session 1 (7-8pm). Breakfast and juice bar Saturday morning (8-9am), Sessions 2, 3, and 4 (9am-12pm). Catered barbecue chicken and pork with cornbread, all the fixin's, and dessert for lunch at noon!

Plan now to attend this special seminar & bring a friend (or two)!

Got kids? Need childcare? Contact Andi to make arrangements amcdonald@trinitylcs.org or 623.935.4665 ext 213.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!

Give your children the benefit of knowing the timeless Bible stories that teach them who God is, what God's love has done for them in Jesus Christ and what their purpose in life is!

CROSS Training!
NEW LESSONS...SAME WORD
NEW BIBLE DISCOVERIES...SAME FAITH



Welcome! We are glad that you are worshiping with us this morning. We consider you an honored guest and pray that you enjoy your worship experience. If we can help in any way, please see an usher.

The Season of Lent

March 11, 18, 25, April 1 & 8
Lenten Dinners at 5:30pm

Tuesday Worship
7pm in the Sanctuary

Lenten Devotions available from Ms. Laura on YouTube

LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. Part of that tension flows from immediate needs versus long-term needs in our lives. Sometimes God's people hesitate to plan because we don't know what that future will look like. It is true that if the Lord wills for you to live thirty more years, your goals or needs might change. But that should not stop you from planning today. Your estate plan is a snapshot in time, guiding things as you currently know them. You may need to adjust your plan in the future, but that shouldn't keep you from having a plan today. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact LCMS Foundation Senior Gift Counselor Brian Hyde at 209.613.2125 or brian.hyde@lfnf.org; or Harley Britton at harleyanddeb@msn.com or call the Church office 623.935.4665 to get started!

Join us for Lenten Meals hosted by SR Youth every Tuesday at 5:30 PM! Come together for a delicious and meaningful time of fellowship during this season of reflection. Here's the tasty lineup:

March 18: Chili
March 25: Baked Potato Bar
April 1: Salad Bar
April 8: Pulled Pork Sandwiches



*Mark your calendars and bring your appetite
See you there!*

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

SPLASHING WITH JOY OVER BAPTISM!

One of our joys here at Trinity is to talk with families and individuals about baptism! What a miracle God has prepared for us! We would love to answer any questions you or a friend has about baptism!

Contact Pastor Bolte or Andi McDonald to chat more!



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*

Family
GAME NIGHT
FRIDAY MARCH 28, 2025
5:00-7:00PM

- Mini golf
- Lawn Games
- Refreshments
- Raffles
- Silent Auction
- Food Trucks

**THIS FREE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL AGES
JOIN ALONE OR BRING YOUR FRIENDS**

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

Prayer of the Week

*God the Father, we thank you for sending
Your Son Jesus to be the sacrifice for our
sins. We thank You that He shed His blood
for us so that we can live eternally with You.*

*Deepen our faith in His once and for all
sacrifice, and allow us to respond with
sacrificial lives of praise and thanksgiving.
Help others learn of Jesus through us and
our words, so that they too can know and
believe that Jesus is the Lamb of God who
takes away the sin of the world.*

In His Name we pray, Amen!

Whoever believes and holds to Christ's Word, heaven stands open to him, hell is shut, the devil is imprisoned, sins are forgiven, and he is a child of eternal life. That is what this book teaches you -- the Holy Scripture -- and no other book on earth. *Martin Luther (WA 48:155)*

Somebody Got the Wiggles?

While we love little ones in worship with us, sometimes they just need a change of scenery. Child care is available for children 3 and under at all morning services and for other events as well (Oasis, BASICS, etc), just give us a heads up, and we'll schedule it! Contact Andi (623.935.4665 ext 213 or amcdonald@trinitylcs.org)

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*

HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

HOW CAN YOU LIVE A HOLY LIFE?

In the sermon, you will hear how the Gospel of the Lord Jesus changes your life and motivates you to live a holy and godly life. This is called "sanctification", and it is a fruit of the Gospel. What application point is being made for your life? How does the Scripture apply to your life? How does the love of Christ show itself in your vocations? How can you live a sanctified life, set apart and holy through faith in Christ? Be sure to learn how to live a sanctified, Christian life.



TODAY Sunday, March 16 @1:00pm

The SR Youth are hosting a kick-off for their March Madness Bracket Challenge Fundraiser.

Thanks for planning attend to support and/or join in the fun!

Free Throw Contest, Knockout Game, Three Point Shooting Contest, dribbling races.

!!*TRIVIA*!!

The Tournament of Champions is set!

Congratulations to the "Lucky Guessers" who guessed their way into the lead to edge out "The Hopefuls" at the last Trinity Trivia event! They will advance to the Tournament of Champions where they will face "Luther's Brewmasters" from December's challenge and "The Trinity Cruisers" who won the January challenge. If you were on any of the three winning teams, this is your time to show up and shine! March 22, 6pm on the FLC patio. If you missed out on any of the previous rounds or just want to join us, feel free to come and join any of the teams (they're all winners!). If you just want to come and enjoy some wine and cheese and sit back and watch or cheer on your favorite team, you are MOST welcome!! Sign up at the Welcome Center or online at <https://www.trinitylcs.org/event/trinity-trivia-night/> Questions? Contact Andi on Sunday mornings, at amcdonald@trinitylcs.org, or call 623.935.4665 ext 213!



Monday Night • Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to our new study on Psalm 139 is called "I Surrender" by Donna Snow (an LWML Publication). We meet the 1st & 3rd Monday nights 6:45-8pm in Founders Hall. We hope you can join us!



Trinity Lutheran Church

CHRIST-CENTERED • BIBLE-BASED • FAMILY-FOCUSED

You're Invited to sing with the Praise Team and the Handbell choir on Easter Sunday!

Our first practice will be March 22 in the FLC at 8am & continue every Saturday morning until Easter.

We will be leading worship on Easter Sunday at the 9:00am and 10:15am services in the FLC and the 6:00pm service outside in the courtyard by the sanctuary. Let Juliann know you are interested so she can have music prepared for you!

AMOS

Calling ALL seniors to attend **AMOS** [A Ministry Of Seniors] *SENIOR: Definition: a person older than another.* Trinity's ministry to 'people who are older than another' is called **AMOS**. **AMOS** will meet, Wednesday, 3/12/25 at 10am in Founders Hall. Hope to see you all there. Bring your lunch & a friend.

Portals of Prayer

The April-June Portals of Prayer are available in the entryway of both worship centers.

Let's Go is going Irish in March!

Mark your calendar for March 27 at 6:30 PM. Tim Finnegan's Irish Restaurant and Pub (17045 N 59th Ave, Glendale) is a classic Irish pub with appropriate surroundings and classic Irish fare. Whether it's corned beef or Lamb Shepherds pie, you will be satisfied! **May God hold you in the palm of His hand! (an Old Irish saying!)** RSVP by phone or text message to Wilma Rupprecht at 630-888-4233 before March 26.

Questions about Trinity School?

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This week in

Pastor Bolte's Bible Studies!

tuesday



What does the "Ode to the Seasons" mean?

(We are studying King Solomon's book "Ecclesiastes")

Tues@11am in Founder's Hall



Wednesday Night Bible Study
Living Water in the Middle of Your Week

Why is the Lord's Supper so important that Jesus waited to institute it "on the night He was betrayed?"

(We are studying the Gospel of Mark)

Wednesday@630pm in the Sanctuary

→ Come And Join Us! ←

*This is an opportunity for you to become ever more
Biblically literate and Doctrinally sound!*



Are you a member of Thrivent Financial who is eligible to direct Choice Dollars?

Did you know that you can direct your Choice Dollars to Trinity Lutheran Church or School? Directing Choice Dollars is easy. Simply call 800-847-4836 and say "thrivent choice" after the prompt or logon to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice and make your selection or Choice Dollars charitable funds can make a big difference to Trinity.

A heartfelt thanks to all of you who direct your Choice Dollars to Trinity. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mission Moment

**We come to God with empty hands.
We have nothing to give as sinners.
Jesus fills us up with forgiveness,
love, mercy, peace, and joy!**



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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