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# ORIGINAL SIN

## Look for Ms. Laura during Lent!

Lenten Season #8 of Daily Video Devotions

- **Children & Families:** My Devotions  
Each day we'll read the Bible and pray together!  
--> [www.bit.ly/3I13sGK](http://www.bit.ly/3I13sGK)
- **Tweens & Teens:** Man of Sorrows, People of Joy  
This Lenten season, behold the man—the man who suffered, died, and rose again for you.  
--> [www.bit.ly/3X2Pp80](http://www.bit.ly/3X2Pp80)
- **Everyone:** Promised Treasures  
Each week of Lent, we'll journey to concretely see, smell, touch, and taste several biblical elements.  
--> [www.bit.ly/40B8C3N](http://www.bit.ly/40B8C3N)

**Lent 2023** —Trinity Lutheran Church and School  
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

**Lent**

This is the time of fulfillment.  
The Kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent and believe in the Gospel.  
MARK 1:15

**Midweek Lenten services  
continue each Tuesday at 7pm**

Pre-service meals will be served by  
Trinity's Teens from 5:45-6:45. Join Us!

**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.

## PRE-SERVICE MEALS IN LENT

# YOU'RE INVITED TO DINNER!

EACH TUESDAY IN LENT • 5:45PM - 6:45PM

## FREEWILL DONATION

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS OUR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH WHO WILL BE ATTENDING CHAMP CAMP THIS SUMMER IN COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO

## MEET US IN FOUNDERS HALL

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
830 EAST PLAZA CIRCLE, LITCHFIELD PARK

## Prayer of the Week

*Lord God Almighty, we thank you for revealing our sinful nature to us, and for giving us a new birth of water and Spirit in Holy Baptism. Empower us to live this new life You have given to us, a life of love towards You and service to our neighbor. Help us to put to death our sinful nature through repentance, and to live holy and godly lives of faith. In Jesus' name, amen!*

## Thrivent Financial Members: Please Read

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial who is eligible to direct Choice Dollars? Did you know **you can direct your Choice Dollars to Trinity Lutheran Church or School?**

Directing Choice Dollars is easy, simply go to [Thrivent.com/thrivenchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thrivenchoice) or call 800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

*A heartfelt thank you to all of you who direct your choice dollars to Trinity. Your support is greatly appreciated.*

## Part-Time Positions Available

Are you looking for a part-time job and love working with God's little ones? Trinity Lutheran Church and School has options for you! We are looking for staff members in our preschool, child care, and nursery. Hours range from very part-time (3-6 hours per week) to 20 hours per week.

If you are interested, please email Heather Chapman our Early Childhood Director & Nursery Coordinator [HChapman@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:HChapman@TrinityLCS.org)

*We look forward to meeting you and seeing what God has planned!*



**"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. God's deep truths are not revealed to the casual, careless reader but to the careful, constant one. 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*

## Make a Joyful Noise this EASTER

**You are invited to come sing with the Praise Team and Bells on Easter Sunday at the 9 and 10:15am services.**

Rehearsals with the band will be on Saturdays at 8:30am in the FLC. The Last of these rehearsals is on March 25 (*if you haven't attended the others, you must attend this one*). There will be a combined rehearsal with the handbell team at 8:00am on April 1 & 8 (*you need to attend at least one of these*).

There is also an option to work on vocals on Mondays at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary on March 20 and 27 if you let Juliann know to expect you.



**Come help us celebrate Christ's resurrection in song!**

**"A man ought to be able to say in every circumstance of life — whether sickness, poverty, or even in the midst of death — that 'I know I have a gracious God; God is no longer wrathful toward me, but rather God loves me as a father loves his child.' "** *What is Christianity? Francis Pieper, p.23*

## SPLASHING WITH JOY OVER BAPTISM!

One of my joys here at Trinity is to talk with families and 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 and maybe I can give you ideas. Call me:

Ruth Fisher 480-235-1473 or [RFisher@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:RFisher@TrinityLCS.org)



## 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*

## Women's Monday Night Bible Study

Join Us! We are studying the book of Psalms on the first and third **Mondays at 7 pm in Founders Hall**. All women are welcome and invited to join!

For more information call Karen Onstad at 623-935-4589 or Karen Frusti at 602-828-2268.

## AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

AMOS meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. Meet us in Founder's Hall from 10am-1pm. Our next AMOS meeting will be on March 22 in Founder's Hall from 10am-1pm. It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. *Bring a sack lunch.*

## OASIS BIBLE STUDIES & CONFIRMATION

Every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:45pm thru May 10. 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

## Portals of Prayer

The Portals of Prayer for the April-June Quarter are in the entryway at both worship centers.

## Sunday Morning-- 8:45 Bible Study

The Gospel according to St. Luke is being 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.

### The AV team is looking

for people to help run the slides during our services on Sunday. We will train you! *Contact Juliann at the church office or between services on Sunday.*

### 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*

### The Importance Of The Book Of Concord

To embrace the freedom of truth means rejecting the slavery of error. That is why the [Book of Concord] uses two phrases to capture the essence of Biblical confession: "We believe, teach, and confess" and "we reject and condemn." One cannot believe, teach, and confess the truth without also rejecting and condemning everything that endangers or contradicts the truth. This spirit of "confessional Lutheranism" is what continues to enliven people today who hold to this collection of affirmations, professions, and confessions of faith. *Concordia, The Lutheran Confessions, "Introduction ... with intrepid hearts", p.10 [slightly adapted]*

## Let's Go!

Mexico welcomes us back into their hacienda (restaurant) south of the border this March. We hope to see you at **Manuel's Mexican Restaurant** on the last Thursday of the month, March 30.

The time is the usual 6:30, bring your sombrero and join us at *Manuel's Mexican Restaurant!* The address is: 13319 W. McDowell Rd., Goodyear.

Please RSVP to Wilma Rupperecht by March 29, phone: 630 888 4233.

## Mission Moment

### NOW is the Time!

### EASTER is great time to invite people to church!

Almost everyone on earth has thought about death in the last two years. Show the LIFE GIVER!! Show them JESUS!! There are 2 easy ways you can invite friends and family to church. On the Usher's Table, there are two cards with Easter service times. One is to pass person to person. Tuck them in your neighbors' doors or hand to a friend over coffee. Deliver to family with treats for the children! The 2nd card is a postcard with space for an address and a letter stamp so you can mail it. Or write a short note: "Meet ya at Church!" "I would love to have you come with me!"



## 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)

## Ask our SR Youth about...

**...their upcoming Summer Servant Trip: CHAMP CAMP**  
In June of 2023, Trinity's High School Youth will discover true worth and potential; gain confidence through positive friendships, new life skills and growing passions; and most of all, deepen their faith in God through the love of Jesus at Camp Lutherhaven's Champ Camp in Couer d'Alene, ID.

Champ Camp is a chance for children and youth with special needs to come and experience all that camp has to offer. The Champ Campers our teens will work alongside have a wide variety of special needs and are looking for caring servant friends during their time at camp.



# Trinity Lutheran Church

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**Chad Bird**

April 21-22, 2023

Walking Backward to Bethlehem  
How Christ Permeates the Old Testament

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## SAVE THE DATE!

We are hosting a special Bible Seminar on April 21-22, 2023! Chad Bird from 1517.org will be with us to lead us in a Christological look at the Old Testament! Chad is an LCMS seminary caliber teacher who has written several books and hosts two podcasts. This will be a Friday night/Saturday morning seminar and it will be excellent!

Plan NOW to Attend • MARK IT DOWN ON YOUR CALENDAR

**Register today at [TrinityLCS.org](http://TrinityLCS.org)**



## Friends of Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Ministry Celebration!

Join Shepherd's Canyon Retreat for their annual Friends of the Ministry Celebration at their Standing Stones location. **The Saturday, March 25th event begins with lunch at noon**, followed by a program that will include testimonials from 3 past retreat clients, music from Dave Anderson and Roger Walck and Kevin and Tawn Bueltmann plus a few "surprise guests" having to do with the 30th anniversary of The Rescue (from the Bering Sea).  
Go to: [www.shepherdscanyonretreat.org/events](http://www.shepherdscanyonretreat.org/events) for more details and to register

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

# CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

### JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!

**Unit 7, Lesson 11: A WATER WONDER**  
Jesus Walks on Water • Matthew 14:22-33

**BIBLE TRUTH:** Jesus shows power over His creation.

**LAW & GOSPEL:** In fear, I doubt God's promises & lose my focus on Him. When I sink in unbelief, Jesus' faithful hand grabs me and pulls me up, and He forgives me.

## Questions about Trinity School?

<b>Astraea Rohloff</b> Principal <a href="mailto:ARohloff@TrinityLCS.org">ARohloff@TrinityLCS.org</a>	<b>Heather Chapman</b> Early Childhood Director <a href="mailto:HChapman@TrinityLCS.org">HChapman@TrinityLCS.org</a>
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## Meet Our Staff

<b>Rev. Dave Bolte</b> Senior Pastor <a href="mailto:DBolte@TrinityLCS.org">DBolte@TrinityLCS.org</a>	<b>Juliann Dolge</b> Director of Music <a href="mailto:JDolge@TrinityLCS.org">JDolge@TrinityLCS.org</a>
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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](http://TrinityLCS.org)  
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