

# Wave Your Palms!

**50 YEARS**  
TRINITY LUTHERAN  
CHURCH & SCHOOL

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## OPEN POSITION at Trinity Lutheran School

TLS has a part-time teacher opening for the 24/25 school year, teaching our pre-algebra and algebra courses.

Requirements: Must have a valid 7-12 grade math teaching certificate, a valid fingerprint card, and experience working with students. Contact Assistant Principal, Amanda Beaver by email [abeaver@trinitylcs.org](mailto:abeaver@trinitylcs.org)



## OASIS BIBLE STUDY & CONFIRMATION

Every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:45pm thru May. Pastor will lead the **Adult Bible Study** in the Church.

### CONFIRMATION

**Mondays, 6:30pm-7:30pm** • 8th grade  
**Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:45pm**  
4th/5th grade, 6th grade, and 7th grade

## Calling God's people to prayer!

Prayers for our leaders of the church,  
of our cities, states and nation.

We shake our heads at all the problems and evil in the world. Turn your worry or disgust or sorrow into a prayer every time when you watch the news or see another act of violence on your newsfeed. Let's live Hebrews 4:16 **"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."**

## Worship and Praise Opportunities

- Trinity is looking for some pianists and/or organists to help lead the church services. Please contact Juliann at the church office if you play or know someone who does.
- We need volunteers to learn to run the soundboard in the FLC during some (not all) Sunday services and to help with the outdoor 6pm Easter service. Contact Juliann or Don Buth with any questions. We will train you!
- The Easter Praise choir rehearsals have started! They will sing with the Praise Team and Handbell choir at the 9:00 & 10:15am services on Easter. Let Juliann know if you are interested!

## Sunday Morning – 8:45 Bible Study

Rev. Les Self is leading a study of The Book of Acts in Founders Hall across from the Sanctuary. Coffee, donuts & Christian community abundantly offered.

## 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.**

## Looking for Lenten Devotional Videos?



Trinity Lutheran Church & School has a rich archive of **27 playlists containing over 1,269 daily devotional videos.** These offer guided help as you observe this penitential season & reach out to your community with the Gospel in preparation for Easter.

[TrinityLCS.org/category/lent-devotion-library/](https://TrinityLCS.org/category/lent-devotion-library/)

## NEWS from the LWML



Thank you to all who helped set up, cooked, our meals, and cleaned up for our Lenten Suppers. Thank you to all who attended the Lenten Suppers. *Thank you to everyone who donated to the Missionary Brunch and Lenten Suppers. We raised \$3,000.00.*

Our next LWML meeting will be April 27 th at 1:00. It will be an Ice Cream Social and elections for President and Treasurer. If you are interested in running for one of these please contact Martha Mueller: [MMueller@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:MMueller@TrinityLCS.org)

## Men of Faith

### RESUMES THIS WEEK!

Our men's group is studying the official teachings of the Lutheran Church in the "Book of Concord." It is a casual time of study and friendship! You are welcome to join us; we meet on **Tuesdays at 630pm** in the Adult classroom just off the narthex of the sanctuary.

## 1517.org Event!

Sign-up for the Bible Seminar and 50th Anniversary Celebration event with Rev. Erick Sorensen from 1517.org is OPEN!



The theme for the weekend is "Scandalous Stories: A Weekend in the Parables." The event is Friday night, Saturday Morning on April 19-20, 2024.

There are two ways to sign up:

- 1) Go to our website [www.trinitylcs.org](http://www.trinitylcs.org)
- 2) Come into the Church office M-W, 8-11am. The cost is \$25/person; a great deal for 4 study sessions, 3 eating events, great fellowship, and participating in this special celebration of our 50th Anniversary as a congregation! If \$25 is difficult for you, we have scholarships available – talk to Pastor Bolte. **SIGN UP NOW!** We have limited space. On April 1, we will open it up to the community.

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

**Electronic Giving:** Visit our Website at: [Trinitylcs.org](http://Trinitylcs.org) and click on the "Giving" tab for instructions.

**Bill Pay:** This is an automatic online Bill Payment Transaction through your Banking Institution to TLC.

**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.

## Upcoming Memorial Service

### Rev. Paul Lohse

Pastor Lohse died on March 14 after a short struggle with cancer. Pastor Lohse served our congregation in many ways, he was a gift to the Church and he is now home safe with His Lord! A funeral service will be **THIS SATURDAY**, at 11:00am here at Trinity.



## Lent/Easter Services @ Trinity Lutheran Church!

### Palm Sunday

March 24  
Regular Sunday Schedule

### Maundy Thursday

March 28  
12 noon / 6:00 / 7:30

### Good Friday

March 29  
12 noon / 6:00 / 7:30

## EASTER SUNDAY

March 31  
6:00am Sunrise outdoor  
7:30am Traditional Easter  
9:00am Praise Band/Handbells  
10:15am Praise Band/Handbells  
11:30am Easter Service  
6:00pm Sunset outdoor

## 50th Anniversary Shirts!

As part of Trinity's 50th Anniversary, the celebration committee is making available for purchase T-Shirts and Polos that feature this 50th Anniversary logo



embroidered on them. These shirts come in multiple styles: Men's, Ladies, Youth, Infant & Toddler in a wide assortment of colors and sizes. The shirts are of good quality material and depending on the style you choose, the shirts are either 100% wring spun cotton, or 65/35 poly/cotton pique, all are pre-shrunk so the size you pick will stay the size you wanted after washing. The prices start at \$15.99 and are offered "at cost", there is no profit to the church if you order. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our 50th Anniversary throughout the year! Click on the link below to see style the shirts and options, and to order.

<https://bit.ly/50AnniversaryShirts>



Pastor Nathan Grefrath was the first Called Pastor to Trinity. Here he is laying the cornerstone in the brand new sanctuary that we still worship in today!

Prior to 1985, Trinity was meeting in various homes and renting from area churches to have worship and meetings.

Over the past 50 years, Trinity has been served by 12 Pastors, 2 Deaconesses, 3 Directors of Christian Education, a Deacon, and 5 Vicars. In addition, in the last 25 years, we have been blessed to have lay staff serve faithfully and with great dedication to our congregation. Also, the Lord has raised up for us excellent and gifted leaders to guide and lead us in both prosperous and very difficult times. For all who serve, support, encourage, and give faithfully to this congregation, THANK YOU!

### Angel Tree Committee

Trinity's Angel Tree Committee is looking for a treasurer! Responsibilities include keeping tract of receipts, processing reimbursements, and collecting funds. This individual will be the liaison for communicating with Trinity's LWML. Simple ledger keeping to show income and expenses for Angel Tree is also expected. We would love to welcome our new teammate by August 2024.

Next we need an event co-coordinator for the Craft Fair. Main responsibility is to be the liaison with the vendors. This person would walk through the process with the current coordinator for the 2024 event then be the primary vendor contact for the 2025 event. On-boarding for this position is urgent as Craft Fair plans are starting.

Additionally we are seeking additional members who have a heart to "help those in our community who are in need at Christmas."

To learn more, please contact Ruth Fisher  
RFisher@TrinityLCS.org

### Portals of Prayer

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

### Welcome Back!



We welcome Andi McDonald back to our Church staff as our new **Ministry Coordinator!**

Andi was previously on staff for 21 years prior to taking a short hiatus. This is a transition time for our ministry staff, as Jan Reynolds has recently retired, Laura Nelson moved to Iowa, and Ruth Fisher will be moving to parttime this summer. We are currently working with the Concordia's and the Pacific Southwest District of the LCMS to find a "Children, Youth, and Family Ministry" person. Please keep us in your prayers as we navigate these changes! **Welcome back, Andi!**

### AMOS

**Calling All Seniors!** Our next AMOS meeting will be March 27th, at 10:00am, in Founders hall. Come and join us for Bible Study, games and sack lunch. Bring a friend.

### Prayer of the Week

*Jesus, you are the promised King,  
the Son of King David, who rules forever.*

*We thank You for Your grace  
that brought us into Your Kingdom;  
we praise You for Your Holy Word  
which teaches us about Your Kingdom;  
and we ask for your Holy Spirit  
so that we may live faithful lives that glorify  
You and Your Father in Heaven.*

*As we begin Holy Week, grant us a deep  
faith and understanding of your great love and  
sacrifice for us, and let us rejoice in your resurrection  
from the dead on the Third Day! Amen!*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**CROSS TRAINING**  
Sunday school for all ages

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**



# Trinity Lutheran Church

CHRIST-CENTERED • BIBLE-BASED • FAMILY-FOCUSED



**At Trinity Lutheran School our children learn to be disciples of Christ through exceptional education and a firm foundation in God's word. The Gospel is shared daily as the staff works to prepare children for this life and for the next. We have introduced the teachers from pre-school through grade 5. We now move on to Middle School (grades 6-8). This is a critical time of development for these children. We are privileged to have the opportunity to not only offer a safe and nurturing environment but to provide a lifelong foundation of Scripture that will guide them through these adolescent years and the future. The teachers are key to carrying out this mission.**

### Meet Mr. Toth, Sixth-Grade teacher

Mr. Kris Toth is an experienced middle school science teacher, serving six years at Prince of Peace Lutheran School in Fremont, CA, and later at a charter school in Arizona. Prior to teaching, he worked as a scientist in a laboratory setting and brings that background to the classes he teaches. Mr. Toth and his family moved to Arizona in 2021 to be closer to family. His daughter attends Kindergarten at Trinity Lutheran School and his son is a junior at Valley Lutheran High School. Mr. Toth's love for teaching has truly shown him that it is impossible to teach true science without teaching about God. He is excited to be moving back to a Lutheran school where he can share this with the students in his classroom daily.



### Meet Mr. Koehne, Seventh-Grade teacher



Mr. Robert Koehne is excited to be part of the Trinity Lutheran faculty as the 7th grade homeroom teacher. Mr. Koehne teaches Social Studies for grades 6th-8th as well as 8th Grade Faith Development and a SEL/Leadership elective class. Mr. Koehne is also the Girls Basketball coach at Trinity.

Before coming to Trinity, Mr. Koehne spent 23 years in Lutheran high school education. He served for 12 years at Walther Lutheran High School in IL followed by 11 years as the Principal at Valley Lutheran High School in Phoenix. Looking for a chance to get back into the classroom to work directly with students, Mr. Koehne accepted the call to Trinity Lutheran in the summer of 2021 and enjoys serving at Trinity Lutheran.

### Meet Mrs. Mahon, Eighth-Grade teacher

Mrs. Mallory Mahon has been a member of Trinity since childhood! She began her career working in Trinity's Childcare Program when she was just 17 and continued until she began student teaching. After Mrs. Mahon finished her elementary education studies at ASU in 2011, she taught Trinity High School Prep math and K-8 Technology classes. Mrs. Mahon has two beautiful daughters, Rylie and Raygan, both of whom attend Trinity. Mrs. Mahon loves teaching at Trinity, a place that is near and dear to her heart.



### Meet Our Staff

**Rev. Dave Bolte**  
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### Questions about Trinity School?

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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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