

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.

The Bronze Serpent

MARCH 5, 2023

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JOIN US FOR A
Bar-B-Q

TRINITY
LUTHERAN
SCHOOL

Sunday, March 5th
Worship and K-8 Sings
10:15 am Service

BBQ & Fun 11:15 am

All church families
are welcome!



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 worshipping 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

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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

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



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

Look for Ms. Laura during Lent!

Daily Video Devotions are BACK!

- **Children & Families:** My Devotions
Each day we'll read the Bible and pray together!
--> 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
- **Everyone:** Promised Treasures
Each week of Lent, we'll journey to concretely see, smell, touch, and taste several biblical elements.
--> www.bit.ly/40B8C3N



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. Discipline yourself to listen.

Arrive at church eager to learn.

Mission Moment

Where is God in my week?
Did I leave Him at church?!
Or do I let Him open my heart to hear Him all day/week long?!
How am I listening to His Word?
How could I talk to God throughout the day?



Portals of Prayer

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



Suitcases for Africa!

Pastor Bolte is looking for 3 suitcases to take to Africa (and leave there!). If you have an old suitcase that you'd like to get rid of, here's an opportunity! **Please let him know!**

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. 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



KNOW THE FACTS - MAKE A PLAN

Coming Saturday, March 11, 10:00-12:00

"Staying In Your Own Home"

Blair Sapeta from HOME INSTEAD is our guest speaker

- Your family may be saying, "Assisted Living Facility." You want to stay in your own home.
 - You find yourself lonely and would like someone to stop in and chat or play cards or a board game-just company for a few hours.
 - You are on a "fact finding" mission for help with a Loved One with Dementia, and the Care Giver needs a break, too!
- The above issues will be addressed AND there will be time for a "Q&A" for specific questions.

Join us on **Saturday, March 11.**

Goodies and Registration begin at 9:45

A RSVP is always appreciated, but not required. Questions? JReynolds@TrinityLCS.org 623-523-1158

Want to serve on the Board of Elders?

We have openings on the Board of Elders! This is a 2-year term that will be elected at the congregation meeting on June 4, 2023. If you are interested in serving and want more details, please see/email Pastor Bolte (DBolte@tTrinityLCS.org). We will set up a meeting to go over the work of the Elders!

A Message from the LWML

Attention Ladies, our next LWML meeting will be March 18th. Guest speaker will be from Thrivent.

If you plan to attend -- YAY -- please RSVP with Martha Mueller MMueller@TrinityLCS.org

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.

B.A.S.I.C.S. Classes Continue

Class meets from 4:30-5:30 PM on Sundays and will discuss the doctrines of the Christian church and the Mission and Ministry here at Trinity. This B.A.S.I.C.S class is the route to membership.

Want to know more?

Speak with Jan between services or email her at JReynolds@TrinityLCS.org

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 on March 11, 18, 25 (*you need to be at least one of these*).

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 13, 20, 27 if you let Juliann know to expect you.

Come help us celebrate Christ's resurrection in song!



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)

Prayer of the Week

God the Father, we thank you for your great love for us that you sent your Son to be our Savior, knowing that He would be lifted up on a cross and crucified for us and our salvation.

Send us the Holy Spirit so that we may look to Christ in faith and believe. Deepen our conviction and confidence so that we can live with assurance and peace throughout our lives.

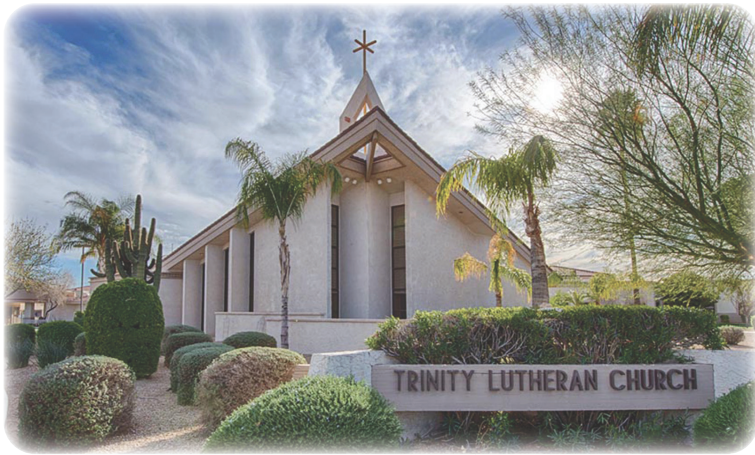
Grant us faith in the Means of Grace that you have provided for us. We ask this in the Name of Jesus who is lifted up for us, Amen.

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.



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This is a
YUM(FUND)-RAISER!

THANK YOU for supporting the Mission and Ministry of our Youth here at Trinity Lutheran Church and School!

Our goal with this YUM-raiser is to raise money equal to the cost of one youth attending to Champ Camp this summer, \$950

- 1 Eat M&Ms
- 2 Fill with Quarters
- 3 Return to Trinity Youth

or Ms. Laura/Trinity Staffer by March 5

Each time you put a quarter in the tube, or eat some M&M's, say a prayer for our youth and chaperones attending Champ Camp this summer.

If you choose not to return your container that is Okay!!! Enjoy your mini M&Ms -- YUM!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!

NEW UNIT! Lesson 9: THE POOLSIDE SIGN
Jesus Heals at Bethesda • John 5:1-17

BIBLE TRUTH: God heals us.

LAW & GOSPEL: In my sin, I fail to recognize and ask for what I need most: forgiveness. Christ knows I need forgiveness and freely bestows this gift.



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

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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