

It is Finished!



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This week in Pastor Bolte's Bible Studies!

tuesday
@11
bible study!

**What is twisted that cannot be
straightened and lacking that
cannot be counted?**

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

Tues@11am in Founder's Hall

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

**What hard words did Jesus
have for Judas Iscariot?**

(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 thank you to all of you
who direct your Choice Dollars to Trinity.
Your support is greatly appreciated.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

NEW LESSONS...SAME WORD
NEW BIBLE DISCOVERIES...SAME FAITH



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.

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

Join us for Lenten Meals hosted by SR Youth every Wednesday 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 11: Tacos
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!

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. Many seniors are concerned about the high cost of nursing home care and believe their only estate priority is protecting assets. But there are many other legal and financial issues that should be considered, including how to bless family with inheritance and support ministries that the Lord has laid on the heart. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can broaden your consideration.

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!

"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



Blessings and
Thank You for the
Surprise 80th
Birthday Party
last Sunday!
Love ya!
~Valerie

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

Valley Lutheran High School

is Hiring!

Join our growing dynamic ministry team!

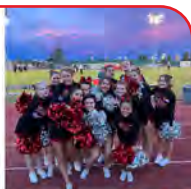
We're hiring for the following
2025-26 school year positions:

- Admissions & Marketing Director
- Math Teacher



Learning, Serving, Sharing Christ

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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 to do the work of salvation for us.
As we begin our Lenten journey, keep us mindful
of our sin and its terrible consequences, how it
separates us from You and disrupts our relationships
with others. Humble us, and lead us to repentance,
and true faith in Your Son Jesus Christ, who on the
cross proclaimed "It is Finished!". We pray in His
Name and by the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

NEWS from the LWML

We would like to again thank everyone for coming out
and supporting our Missionary Brunch. **Big thank you
to Sharman Hickman for her donation of eggs.**

Our next LWML meeting will be
March 15 th at 1 pm. in Fellowship Hall.

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 com-
mand and the promise of the Lord Jesus Christ. Be-
sides 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.



Save the date! Sunday, March 16 @1:00pm

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

Please mark your calendars and plan to 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 wel-
come!! 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

God bestowed new life on us in Holy Baptism. He now comes to feed and nourish us.

We cannot go back to the cross, but because the risen and ascended Christ possesses all the authority of God's Right Hand, He can and does bring the fruits of the cross to us.

*The Blessings of Weekly Communion,
Kenneth W. Wieting, p.21*

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 and a friend.

WE'VE GOT
EXCITING
NEWS!!

**Workout and Word with
Janet Sienkiewicz**

- Mondays: 2:45–3:45 PM
- Wednesdays: 7:45–8:45 AM

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). Tickets will be available on Sunday, if you prefer to purchase in person. Ticket sales will be available to Trinity members and friends only until March 10th when we will open registration to other circuit congregations.

For \$25/person, tickets include a wine and cheese reception Friday evening from 6pm - 7pm, Session 1 from 7pm until 8pm. Breakfast and juice bar Saturday morning from 8am - 9am, Sessions 2, 3, and 4 from 9am until noon and catered lunch at noon.

Plan now to attend this special seminar and bring a friend (or two!) as Pastor Erick Sorensen leads us through this excellent Bible study.

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

Newsletter Articles

To submit an article for the newsletter, email to newsletter@trinitylcs.org. The deadline for article submission is Wednesday at noon.

Questions about Trinity School?

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Meet Some of Our Staff

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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!**



There are so many empty hearts out there in the world! Pass on God's love on to them! Tell your friends that Jesus always listens and can fill their empty hearts and lives.

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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