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OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

SERMON SERIES ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

NEW study starting September 18!

Join Us on the first and third **Mondays at 7pm in Founders Hall**. All women are welcome and invited.

For more information call Karen Onstad at 623-935-4589 or Pat Paulson at 623-935-1485!

September Let's Go

For great Christian fellowship and camaraderie, **Let's Go International Restaurants**, will visit **The Sicilian Butcher** in September. **The Sicilian Butcher** features world renown Sicilian and Italian foods such as cannoli, Italian breads & all things citrus.

The date is Thursday September 28 at 6:30. **The Sicilian Butcher** is located in Peoria at 9780 W Northern, in the Park West Plaza, just West of 101 on Northern Avenue.

Please call Wilma Rupprecht 630-888-4233 to RSVP by September 27! *See you there!!*

Are we praying for you?

Do you remember loving your church youth group?! Do you love working with teens?! Or maybe you wished you had someone to help you navigate your teen years? We are praying for High School Bible Study Leaders for Wednesday night and Junior High Youth Group & High School Youth Group Leaders.

Are we praying for you?! Let the fun and growth begin! Contact Ruth Fisher 480-235-1473 or rfisher@trinitylcs.org

CROSS TRAINING PARTY!

It's a PARTY! An ICE CREAM SUNDAE PARTY!!
!!*TODAY TODAY*!! Sept. 10 th at 10:15–11:15am.

Join us in the Founder's Hall across from the church!! Children ages 3 through seniors in high school AND their parents are invited to enjoy a fun Build Your Own Ice Cream Sundae!!! You will meet your CROSS TRAINING teachers, students in each class, and get to know other families at Trinity.

Register your children today at the tall table!

Questions? Contact Ruth Fisher at 480-235-1473 or rfisher@trinitylcs.org



What is CROSS TRAINING?

CROSS TRAINING is our Bible exploration using age appropriate teaching methods each Sunday at 10:15 starting Sept. 10. The most important things we can teach our children is who Jesus, our Savior is, and His deep love for us! BONUS: Each week, the Adult Bible Class studies the same Bible Story as the children, enabling families to easily discuss the meaning of God's truth for our lives!

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.

Mission Moment

This is a perfect time to Invite a friend!
Grab the card with all the service times.

Oh! *But what to say?* Here are a few ideas!



"I would love to have you join me for my church's Christmas Service. It really is a beautiful service. I think God would fill your heart!"

"I think you would really enjoy the bells at our Christmas worship. It is a beautiful service. Which time would be best for you?"

"Let's go to Christmas worship at this time, have some hot cocoa and cookies, then head back to my house to open presents."

"Want to join me for church on Christmas Eve? It's the place God gives me strength and peace."

"Look at all these service times! Would one of these fit your schedule? I sure would love it if you came with me!"

Do NOT let a little shyness stop you from inviting someone to church. ALL the people in our lives need our Savior, Jesus, just like we do!!

New Member Class is scheduled!

B.A.S.I.C.S is a 7-week Bible study that includes the basic teachings of the Lutheran Church. It is the route to Membership here at Trinity.

The Fall classes will meet on Sunday evenings, Oct. 1 - Nov. 12. We will meet from 4:30-5:30 PM in the Narthex just outside the Sanctuary.

Please RSVP with Pastor Bolte --> DBolte@TrinityLCS.org

Church Nursery

We love your little ones! Children are welcome in worship! If your little one needs to burn off some energy, the Nursery is available at all of our Sunday worship services, except 6pm. (If you would like childcare during our Sunday 6pm worship, please contact Ruth Fisher at 480-235-1473.)

Sunday Morning – 8:45 Bible Study

The Book of Acts 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.

Men's Group

Pastor Bolte leads the Men's Group • Tuesdays - 6:30pm in the Adult Classroom. Together, the men are studying the Book of Concord.

Upcoming Funeral

The Dusenbery family grieves the death of Nancy. The service for Nancy will be Saturday, September 16th at 11:30am.

Please keep Bob and their family in your prayers. *We thank God for our hope in Christ and the comfort of the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting!*

To submit an article for the newsletter, email to Newsletter@TrinityLCS.org NEW deadline for article submission is **Tuesday at 5pm**.

Upcoming events for LWML

Sept 23rd • meeting at 1pm
followed by Amy Formella talk at 2pm



October 1st • NOISY Mite & Mite Box Sunday

LWML is excited to welcome AMY FORMELLA

Amy will be speaking on **September 23, 2023** about her mission work in **Sierra Leone, West Africa** with Lutheran Bible Translators. You have supported her through the Missionary brunch.



SIX YEARS IN SIERRA LEONE
AMY FORMELLA

The Congregation is Invited!! EVERYONE!!!
Founder's Hall 2 pm.

She will also be available after services on Sept. 24th

2023 Harvest to Holiday CRAFT FAIR
CRAFTERS, VENDORS, FOOD & FUN
September 30th 8 am to 2 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
Southwest Corner of
Dysart & Indian School
Litchfield Park

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 September 13. It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. *Bring a sack lunch.*

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*

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.

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



Prayer of the Week

Our Father who art in Heaven, we thank you for the access to You that we have through prayer. We thank Jesus for giving us the Lord's Prayer, and teaching us how to pray. Help us to pray in faith, trusting in your Son, knowing that You love and care about us as adopted sons and daughters. Send Your Holy Spirit to give us a hunger and thirst for prayer, and grant us the peace and confidence that comes from praying to You. We pray this in Jesus' Name, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

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

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



*The Bible is not a novel to be read,
but a sacred text to be studied!*



Are you getting emails from Pastor?

If you are not getting our weekly email each week now, then we do not have a good email address for you. **Please send your email to Pastor & he will get you on the list: DBolte@TrinityLCS.org**

Trinity's Prison Ministry

God works in wonderful ways!

The same sermon you will hear today, will be read by six prisoners this next week or so. It all began with a Trinity member who knew someone sentenced to prison. She also knew where real hope comes from and the power to change – it comes from our Savior from sin, Jesus! So she prayed for him and sought ways to get the Gospel to him. Every prison/jail has very strict regulations on what can be mailed to prisoners. All things are examined. She asked the prison if she could send Trinity's sermon. The man who received the sermons began a prayer circle with two others. She sent a worship service. The men began to use Trinity's worship service every week in the Prayer Circle. Behind locked gates, they use the same sermons and worship service we use each week! Please pray for these men.



Trinity Lutheran Church

CHRIST-CENTERED • BIBLE-BASED • FAMILY-FOCUSED

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

Traditional Offering Envelopes:

You may participate in our traditional offering that is collected weekly at each service. 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. We no longer use envelope numbers. Your offerings are associated with your name. **Please, please remember to write your name on the envelope.** This is the only way to track your offering! If you would like offering envelopes, please email Amy Thursam (AThursam@TrinityLCS.org) to request.

Electronic Giving: Visit our Website at: TrinityLCS.org and click on the "Giving" tab. There are step by step instructions to help you set up your account.

Bill Pay: This is an automatic online Bill Payment Transaction through your Banking Institution to Trinity Lutheran Church. This is a free service through your bank and it alleviates the hassle of writing checks or buying stamps or having to use envelopes.

Trinity is hard at work to ensure your generous gifts to share the Gospel are processed accurately & as quickly as possible. If you need any assistance please call Amy Thursam, our Business Manager, 623-935-4665 ext. 215.

Thank you for your support and your prayers.

"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

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

School: 623.935.4690 • Church: 623.935.4665

Music Opportunities

If you are looking for a way to use your musical talents, please consider joining one of our groups.

- **Handbell Choir** begins Monday, Sept. 11 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary
- **Sanctuary Choir** begins Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary
- We also need volunteers to **run the soundboard**; we will train you!
- If you are interested in joining the **Praise Team**, contact Juliann to set up a time to meet.
- We are looking to start a **Praise Choir** to sing one Sunday a month at the Praise services. Rehearsals to be determined once we get enough people.

Contact Juliann at the church office with questions or to let her know you are interested!

CONFIRMATION HAS STARTED

6:30pm – 7:45pm

Calling all 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders! You are at a new age and stage!

You have a lot of questions about yourself and life! Confirmation classes bring together the teachings of the Bible giving you a framework for life. You are ready for a deeper understanding of the Christian faith! These classes will prepare you for receiving God's gift of Holy Communion at the end of your 8th grade year.

- **5th & 6th graders** meet with Charlene Nichol in the Adult Classroom in church digging deeper into the New Testament this year and the Old Testament next year!
- **7th graders** explore the Ten Commandments and Apostles Creed with Ms Ruth. It's all about real life!
- **8th graders** meet Mondays 6:30pm -7:30pm with Pastor as they prepare to receive Holy Communion.

Questions about Trinity School?

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