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Thy Kingdom Come

SERMON SERIES ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

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!

- **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.



2023 Harvest
to Holiday
CRAFT FAIR
CRAFTERS, VENDORS, FOOD & FUN

Trinity Lutheran Church
Southwest Corner of
Dysart & Indian School
Litchfield Park

September 30th
8 am to 2 pm

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.

Come and Study God's Holy Word with us!

It is important to study God's Holy Word! If you need a Bible, any staff will give you one for free. If you have any questions, please talk to or email the leader of the study or any staff member!

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

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

Upcoming event for LWML

Oct. 1st • NOISY Mite & Mite Box Sunday

Oct. 21st • Potluck and Thanksgiving
box craft, 1-3pm Founders Hall

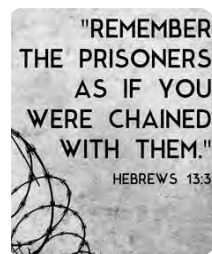


Have you ever considered being a Lutheran Pastor or a Lutheran Teacher?

Many LCMS pastors, deaconesses, commissioned church workers, and teachers held other successful careers before pursuing a second career in service to Christ's church. You could do the same! Have you been praying about a full-time vocation in the church? You can use your experience and skills from your current work as a second-career church worker. Ready to learn more about opportunities to pursue a second career in full-time church work? Our seminaries and Concordia universities are happy to answer your questions. Visit lcms.org/sas for more information. There is a flyer in the information counter as well!

Prayers for Those in Prison

Please pray for those in Arizona prisons, those working there, & our prisoners Prayer Meetings. If you know someone in prison and would like for them to have the weekly sermon mailed to them, contact Ruth Fisher by email RFisher@TrinityLCS.org Please get permission from the person first.



Prayer of the Week

God the Father, we acknowledge you to be our King, and pray that your Kingdom comes in this world and in our lives. We ask that you use your power and authority for the good of the One, Holy, Christian, and Apostolic Church. And Father, we ask that you use Your gracious power and authority in our lives, to continually forgive our sins, to continually give Your Holy Spirit, and to continually guide us in our Christian faith and life. For we know that without You we are nothing. We pray this trusting in Your Son Jesus as our savior, and thanking you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

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

LISTEN FOR THE GOSPEL!

The number one thing to listen for in a sermon is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

How is the Gospel being proclaimed? What has God done for you? How does it apply to you? Do you believe what is being proclaimed to you?

The Gospel is what creates and strengthens your faith. Be sure to listen for, identify, and apply the Gospel to your own life! The Gospel creates and strengthens your faith!

Portals of Prayer

The Portals of Prayer for October - December are available in both worship entryways!

You -- YES! YOU! -- are INVITED and Welcome to any Trinity Bible study!

Bring your Bible (but if you forget yours, we'll have extra ones super handy for you). It doesn't matter what your knowledge of Scripture is; and you do not have to talk if you don't want to! If you need a Bible, Pastor will give you one for free! The important thing is to study God's Holy Word! Come study with us and meet new people! If you have any questions, please talk to or email Pastor at dbolte@trinitylcs.org

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



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



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



Pastor Bolte's Bible Studies Fall, 2023

You are invited to study God's Holy Word with us as we strive to be Biblically literate and Doctrinally sound disciples. Below are the Bible studies that Pastor Bolte will be teaching this Fall.

The Nicene Creed

This class meets during OASIS on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, in the Sanctuary. We say the Nicene Creed together in worship regularly: but what does it mean and why was it created? We will study this "Ecumenical Creed" that has united the Christian Church for almost 1,700 years!

The Book of Galatians

This class is held on Tuesdays@11am in Founder's Hall. This short book is one of the most powerful studies of the Law of God and the Gospel of Christ. This study will help you become biblically literate and doctrinally sound as a Lutheran disciple of Christ!

MEN OF FAITH

This Men's Group is designed to form Christian friendships, and to study the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord). Books are only \$20 (a steal!), and you can join us at any time! As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another! PROV. 27:17 MEN OF FAITH meets every Tuesday@ 6:30pm in the Adult Classroom.

SENIOR CONFIRMATION CLASS

This class is held on Mondays@6:30pm in the Church Boardroom. If your son/daughter is in 8th grade (or older) and not confirmed, this class is for them. Contact Pastor Bolte for more details



Trinity Lutheran Church

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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 (AThursday@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

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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!

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

NEW study started 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!

Are we praying for you?

Do you remember loving your church youth group?! Do you love working with teens?! 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*

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

Questions about Trinity School?

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