

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL  
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# 2 & 3 John



thank you

*As the Church staff, we want to thank you for your generous support over the years! At our recent staff retreat, we reflected on how much of a joy it is to serve here at Trinity.*

*The reason is because of your ongoing encouragement, your loving kindness, your genuine friendship, and your faithful financial support. It is easy for us to see the Body of Christ at work in our congregation!*

*Thank you for accepting us, loving us, and encouraging us!*

*Pastor Bolte  
Jan Reynolds • Juliann Dolge  
Ruth Fisher • Ms. Laura*

## Help Wanted!

Trinity's facilities department is looking for a part time maintenance person to work with us 20 hours per week. You would be doing repairs, moving items, installation, putting things together, keeping track of inventory, & work orders through a computer program. If you are interested, please contact Roxanne at [RBolte@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:RBolte@TrinityLCS.org) or 623-935-4665 ext 214.



## OASIS BIBLE STUDIES & CONFIRMATION

Campus Wide Wednesday Night Bible is BACK starting September 7th from 6:30pm-7:45pm 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 Ms. Laura. Our **5th, 6th, and 7th-grade students** will dig deeper into the Christian faith. *8th grade confirmation meets on Monday nights from 6:30pm-7:30pm.*

**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.

## Adult CROSS Training

ADULT CROSS Training will join the children & youth on Sept 11 th at 10:15am in the Founder's Hall for Sundaes on Sunday! We will wish summer goodbye and get to know each other better!

Starting Sept 18th, adults will meet in the Board Room in the church office with Janet Sienkiewicz guiding as Elijah teaches us in God's Holy Word.

Questions: Contact Ruth Fisher 480-235-1473 or [RFisher@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:RFisher@TrinityLCS.org)

## Calling All Moms!

Gather together for an enriching, empowering, and fun time with women who are experiencing the crazy, heart-rending and heart touching journey of mothering! This year's first get together will be on Friday, September 9th! Call Ruth Fisher to reserve FREE childcare for your child during the parenting group 480-235-1473 or [RFisher@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:RFisher@TrinityLCS.org)

## AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

AMOS meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. Our next AMOS meeting will be on Sept. 14 in Founder's Hall from 10am-1pm. It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. *Bring a sack lunch.*

## THE WORD

"Therefore you must always have God's Word in your heart, upon your lips, and in your ears. But where the heart is idle, and the Word does not sound, the devil breaks in and has done the damage before we are aware. On the other hand, the word is so effective that whenever it is seriously contemplated, heard, and used, that it is bound never to be without fruit, but always awakens new understanding, pleasure, and devoutness, and produces a pure heart and pure thoughts. For these words are not lazy or dead, but creative, living words."

*The Book of Concord, Large Catechism 1:100-101*

## Handbells

Trinity's Handbell Choir is looking for ringers for the Fall/Winter season. Contact Juliann at the church office with any questions. [JDolge@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:JDolge@TrinityLCS.org)



## Women's Monday Night Bible Study

Women's evening Bible Class meets the first and third Monday evenings at 7 pm in Founders Hall beginning Sept. 19 in Founders Hall. We will begin our study of Psalms. All women are invited to join us! For more information call Pat Paulson at 623-935-1485 or Karen Onstad at 623-935-4589.

## Prayer of the Week

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the Apostle John and his writings in Holy Scripture. Help us to take them to heart and to learn from him. Help us to hold fast to the truth about You, the Christ, the Son of God, and the Savior of the world. Defend us from the false teachers, and ever deepen our faith and conviction in Who You are and what You have done for us. Please send us the Holy Spirit so that we may live holy and godly lives loving our neighbor as You have loved us. We pray this in Your Name, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and for the glory of God the Father, Amen

**"Nothing in all the world even comes close to the importance of gathering each week in the presence of the risen Christ to receive His gifts and respond in prayer and praise. The Word made flesh is present to teach us through His Word. The Word made flesh is present to feed us with His body and blood. This is where God, Who is everywhere, is present for us to bring forgiveness, life and salvation directly to us."**

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

## 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).

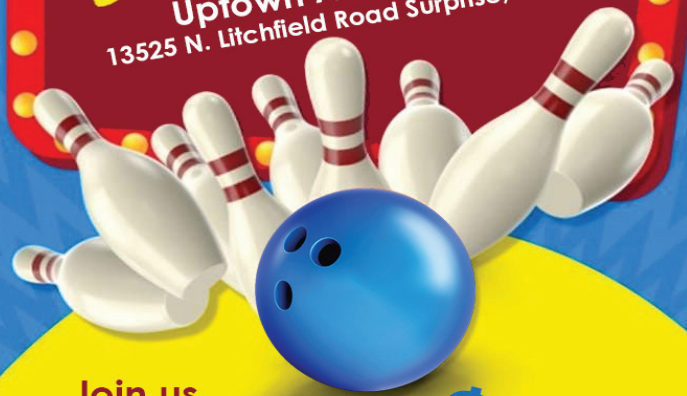
Absolution is the Lord's life-giving, sure and certain word that does for us what no surgery, medicine, therapy, counseling, or advice can do for us. The Lord's Word of Absolution doesn't cover up or hide our sin. Nor does it give us only a temporary relief that soon fades away. Our Lord's word of absolution reconciles us to God the Holy Trinity.

*What About Confession and Absolution? Dr. A .L. Barry, President The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

## Trinity Lutheran Confirmation Students & Friends

Grades 5-8 + Friends!

**STRIKE UP SOME FUN!**  
Uptown Alley Surprise  
13525 N. Litchfield Road Surprise, AZ 85375



Join us  
**Sept. 24**

Please RSVP by September 19

Drop off at Trinity at 4pm  
Sign in with Ms. Laura

**BOWLING & LAZER TAG • 4pm-7pm**

Pick up at Uptown Alley at 7pm  
Sign out with Ms. Laura

**\$20** per person

Includes  
• 1.5hrs of Bowling  
• Pizza + Drinks + Cookie Supper  
• \$10 Game Card  
• Lazer Tag Token

2022 Harvest to Holiday

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

November 12th  
8 am to 2 pm

**CRAFT FAIR**

CRAFTERS, VENDORS, FOOD & FUN

• **NOW ACCEPTING VENDOR RESERVATIONS** •

Sign up early for inside booths  
\$60.00 includes 10'x10' booth space  
Contact Sue at 315-269-7938 to reserve your spot

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Long time Trinity member, Suzanne Suarez died August 2 at home with family around her. Suzanne served as a Sunday School teacher, Adult Bible Teacher, Board member, leader of Prayer Chain, and one that shared her faith in Jesus as her Savior with many.



Memorial services will be held on Saturday, September 4 at 10:30am

**OASIS Bible Studies and Confirmation**

CONFIRMATION classes are on OASIS night too!  
**5th & 6th graders** will be in the Adult Classroom by church digging deeper into the New Testament!  
**7th graders** explore the Ten Commandments and Apostles Creed with Ms Ruth in Room 404.  
**8th graders** meet Mondays 6:30pm -7:30pm with Pastor as they prepare to receive Holy Communion.

**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

**Rally Sunday**

Sundaes on Sunday

September 11  
10:15am

GOOD TIMES

Wow!

BUILD YOUR OWN SUNDAE BAR!

CROSS TRAINING  
Sunday school for all ages

**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 & maybe I can give you ideas. Call me Ruth Fisher, 480-235-1473 or RFisher@TrinityLCS.org*



**B.A.S.I.C.S.**

**New Member Classes**

The next session of classes is:  
**October 16 - November 20**  
Sundays, 4:00-5:15pm

Please RSVP Jan Reynolds  
if you think you will attend or  
if you have further questions:  
[jreynolds@trinitylcs.org](mailto:jreynolds@trinitylcs.org)

**Calling Parents of 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th graders!**

Contact Ruth Fisher if you missed the Parent Student Meeting for Confirmation. Ruth will be happy to explain the path for youth to go deeper into Scripture, growing in faith and wisdom for life. Even more important in today's world! This program prepares students for Holy Communion by 8th grade.  
Contact Ruth Fisher at 480-235-1473 or RFisher@TrinityLCS.org! Let's talk!



# Trinity Lutheran Church

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## Sunday Morning Bible Study

**8:45AM Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study continues to meet in Founder's Hall**

You are welcome to this Bible class as we continue to study Exodus. We will continue with our study through the Summer. *This group is truly a great Christian Community, encouraging one another and serving boldly. Join us!*

## Looking for a few helping hands!

We would love to supply hot coffee and cold punch each Sunday morning!



You have likely seen Ms. Ruth setting up and serving Coffee & Punch on Sunday Mornings. However, when Ms. Ruth is handling details of setup and cleanup, we are missing opportunities for meeting visitors, caring for those who are struggling, and answering questions about Trinity's many activities. If you would like to join a team to set up coffee and punch one Sunday a month or clean up once a month, please contact Ruth Fisher by phone 480-235-1573 or email [RFisher@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:RFisher@TrinityLCS.org) today!

## Questions about Trinity School?

**Astraea Rohloff**  
Principal  
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**Heather Chapman**  
Early Childhood Director  
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## Meet Our Staff

**Rev. Dave Bolte**  
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**Deaconess Ruth Fisher**  
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**Jan Reynolds**  
Director of Care Ministry  
[JReynolds@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:JReynolds@TrinityLCS.org)

**Laura Nelson**  
Dir. of Children & Youth Ministries  
[LNelson@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:LNelson@TrinityLCS.org)

## 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](http://TrinityLCS.org)  
School: 623.935.4690 • Church: 623.935.4665

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**CROSS TRAINING**  
Sunday school for all ages

**REGISTRATION is OPEN!**

**CROSS Training starts September 11**

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**