



Epiphany

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Bible Classes

See the flyer on the Information Center for all the Bible studies and information for each class. Come and study with us as we strive to be ever more Biblically literate and Doctrinally sound! Here are three of many...

- **THE BOOK OF GALATIANS**

This class meets from 6:30-7:45pm during OASIS on Wednesdays in the Sanctuary. Remember, at OASIS, we also have our 5th-7th grade Confirmation classes!

- **1,2,3 JOHN AND JUDE • Tuesdays@11am**

Back in Session on January 17

This class is held in the Sanctuary. In 1,2,3 John, the Apostle John is writing to his congregations of the importance of remaining faithful to Christ as false teachers were trying to lure them away from the church. There are many lessons for us today!

- **MEN OF FAITH: Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm**

This group is designed to form Christian friendships, and to study Lutheran theology.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

Women's Monday Night Bible Study is on break through the Christmas and New Year's holidays. We will resume our study of Psalms on Monday, January 16 at 7 pm in Founders Hall. All women are welcome to join us. *For more information call Pat Paulson at 623-935-1485 or Karen Onstad at 623-935-4589.*

HOW DO PEOPLE START ATTENDING CHURCH?

A Friend Invited Me - 86%

Organized Visitation - 6%

Invited by the Pastor - 6%

Advertising - 2%

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.

Thrivent Members: READ THIS!

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 Trinity Lutheran School? Directing Choice Dollars is easy. Simply go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. A great big THANKS to all of you who direct your Choice Dollars to Trinity. We truly appreciate your support.

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)

"MEN OF FAITH" GROUP

The Men of Faith men's group did not meet during December. We have re-started meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Adult Classroom. COME AND JOIN US! We are a small group in an informal study of theology! We are starting the book "Concordia, the Lutheran Confessions" — you can buy it online (\$40), or Pastor may have some used copies you can purchase (\$20). This is good chance to think through the major teachings of the Christian faith; this is one way that you can grow in your Biblical literacy and doctrinal soundness! If you have questions, please contact Pastor Bolte! **Write it down: Tuesdays at 6:30pm!!**

CHILDREN WELCOME!

Children are always welcome at worship! If you are concerned that your little one needs to run off energy, our Church Nursery would be happy to help during Sunday worship services! At the sanctuary, the nursery is by the Lamb sign. At Family Life Center, nursery is Preschool Rm 109.

AmazonSmile

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What is AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is a **simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop**, at no cost to you. Shop at smile.amazon.com (instead of www.amazon.com). Every time you shop Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of whatever you buy to **YOUR** chosen charity.

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Sunday Morning-- 8:45 Bible Study

The Gospel according to St. Luke will be 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.

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?



HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON PAY ATTENTION TO THE LAW OF GOD!

The Law of God will expose your sin and lead you to confession. It is not pleasant nor easy to hear — but you need to hear it and believe it! The Law of God convicts you of sin and exposes your pride, rebellion, disobedience and immorality. Let the Law of God work in your heart, turn from your sin, and confess it to God. Then believe that the Lord forgives you in His Son Jesus Christ! (This entire process is called "repentance".)

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



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*

The Book of Concord

Lutherans have used the confessions of faith contained in the [Book of Concord] for nearly 500 years as their public witness and testimony of what the Bible teaches. These confessions give clear, unambiguous, and certain witness to the Christian faith. They unite all those who bear the name Lutheran and wish to be -- and remain -- genuinely Lutheran. Concordia, The Lutheran Confessions, "Introduction ... with intrepid hearts", p.9 [slightly adapted] *Men, come and join us on Tuesdays @6:30pm as we study the Book of Concord! See Pastor Bolte for more details!*

Prayer of the Week

Savior of the Nations, we thank you for revealing yourself to us through your Holy Word. We thank you that you have given us the faith to know and believe that you are not only the Creator of the world and the King of the Jews, but also the Savior of the world. (1) Give us a zeal to know, learn, and study your Holy Word (2) Empower us to worship You in Spirit and in Truth (3) Grant us generous hearts to bring our tithes and offerings to you (4) Work through us to be the Light of Christ to the people in our lives Lord Jesus, we ask this with faith in You as our Creator, King, and Savior, amen!

Lutheran Sacrifice

During the years when the Lutheran Confessions (that is, the Book of Concord) were written and defended, faithful men and women of God, both laypeople and clergy, sacrificed all they had -- in some cases their very lives -- to defend and extend the truths of God's Holy Word as confessed by the Lutheran Church. Men died in battle fighting to defend the right to teach Lutheran precepts in classrooms and preach the Lutheran faith in pulpits.

They died defending their cities and towns -- and most important, their convictions -- from armies of political and church leaders trying to stamp out Lutheranism forever. Concordia, The Lutheran Confessions, "Introduction ... with intrepid hearts", p.10. [slightly adapted]

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



- **TODAY: Summer Servant Trip Meeting**
12:30 in the LIGHT Lounge
- **Feb. 17: SR Youth Midnighter (starts at 6pm)**

New Missionaries

Rev. Gustavo & Ruth Maita

Please pray for the Maitas as they serve in Puerto Rico. Pray that God would grant them steadfastness as He guides them in their service. Ask God to give them



opportunities to connect students with the church. Pray also for their daughter Mikhaela, born in 2019, who works alongside them and brings joy to many. Let us give thanks to God for Ruth and Gustavo's service to God's children in this part of the world.

AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

AMOS meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. Our next AMOS meeting will be on January 11 in Founder's Hall from 10am-1pm. It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. *Bring a sack lunch.*

Prayers for Those in Prison

Please pray for those in Arizona prisons, those working there, and 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 and get us the full address & prisoner number.*

OASIS BIBLE STUDIES & CONFIRMATION

Every Wednesday 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.

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

2023 Offering Envelopes!

The 2023 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex and at the Family Life Center. If you would like envelopes, but have not signed up for them please contact Amy Thursam or Jan Reynolds. Envelopes are helpful in streamlining the counting process and ensuring proper donation credit. Please remember your envelopes are associated with your name, please write your name on it. *Thank you for supporting Trinity Lutheran Church. Many Blessings to you and your families.*



Trinity Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

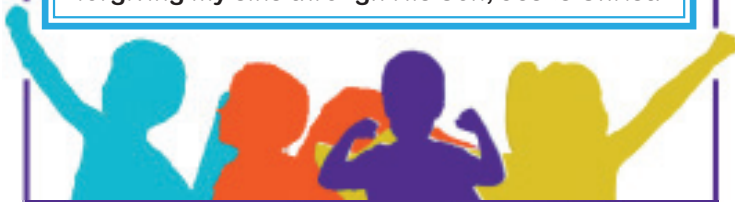
JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!

Lesson 13: RETURN TO REBUILD

Text: Ezra 3; Nehemiah 8:1-12; 12:44-47

Bible Truth: God prepares us to worship Him.

Law/Gospel: I sinfully neglect to focus on my worship life. God prepares me for worship by forgiving my sins through His Son, Jesus Christ.



Questions about Trinity School?

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HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH WORKSHOPS

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

What is a spiritually vibrant home? Can our households strive to become more spiritually vibrant?

Households are important!

Please join us at Apostles Lutheran Church as we explore the answers to these questions during a series of conversations developed by Lutheran Hour Ministries.

PRESENTER



Ashley Bayless
Director of Production
Lutheran Hour Ministries

January 14, 2023

Apostles Lutheran Church

7020 W. Cactus Road | Peoria, AZ 85381

8:30am - 12:00pm

Continental breakfast and snacks provided.

This is a free event!

Register at LHM.ORG/HHF-PEORIAAZ

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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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