

Abide in Advent

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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The Angel Trees are BACK!

The Angel Trees will be going up in the sanctuary & FLC Thanksgiving weekend. There are 2 ways that you can help serve those in our community who are in need at Christmas.

- The little brown envelopes can be used for cash, checks or gift cards. They can be returned to the box set by each Angel Tree. The most requested gift cards are for Target, Walmart, Frys and Gas cards. Cards in increments of \$25.00 or \$50.00 are the most needed. Cash and checks will be used by Angel Tree to shop for individuals who's gift tags are either not returned or not picked or last minute requests.
- The white gift tags will have information for an individual you can shop for, their age and their present wish. Please return the gift UNWRAPPED (gift bags are OK) with the tag securely fastened to the gift.



All gifts need to be returned no later than 12/11 and monetary contributions please by 12/18. This will give the Angel Tree team members time to sort, shop and return to Ruth in time for Christmas! Questions? Contact **Deaconess Ruth Fisher** RFisher@TrinityLCS.org

Share with the Lord's people who are in need.
Practice hospitality. Romans 12:13

*Angel Tree thanks you for supporting our mission to
"Serve those in our community who are in need at Christmas."*

TODAY'S MORNING SERVICES!

THIS Sunday, November 27th, all morning services will be held in the Family Life Center so that sanctuary Christmas decorating can begin.

Note that you are invited to help with Christmas/Advent decorating on the 27th at 8:30am! Come and join us make our worship area beautiful for the holiday season!

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, at 480-235-1473 or email me RFisher@TrinityLCS.org



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.

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) **NO CLASS Nov. 27**

Sunday Morning-- 8:45 Adult 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.

AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

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

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.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

Women's evening Bible Class meets the first and third Monday evenings at 7 pm 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.*



Children's Christmas Program Practice **DRESS REHEARSAL**

Sunday Dec. 4, 11:30-2:30pm
Meet in the FLC/GYM. Lunch Provided.

Portals of Prayer

The Portals of Prayer for the next quarter are available in the entryway of both Worship Centers.

The Christmas Eve Praise Choir is back in action soon!

Christmas Praise Choir rehearsals

will be held on

Saturdays in the FLC.

Nov Dec 4 at 9:30am. Dec 10

& 17 at 8am. You must attend

at least one of the Dec 10 or 17 rehearsals because we are working with the handbells. If you are interested in joining us for this wonderful evening of music and worship, please let Juliann know at the church office or between church services.

We would love to have you sing with us!



Prayer of the Week

God the Father, we thank You for Your faithfulness throughout the Old Testament times, and for sending a Savior to rescue us from our sin. As we begin Advent today, help us to further abide in You and Your Word. Allow the truths of Advent to uplift and strengthen our faith. Help us to trust Your Word and give us a deep conviction of Your faithfulness.

For sending Your Son Jesus to be the Messiah, our Savior, we praise and thank you! Amen!

LWML News

Upcoming events

December 6th, 13th, and 20th: Advent soup suppers

"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

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's Children's Christmas Program

Trinity's Children & Teens will Share the Gospel in a Service that Brings the World-changing Christmas Story to Life!

Next Practices:

Wed. Nov. 30, 7:30-8:00pm

Sun. Dec. 4, 11:30-2:30pm



- **Nov. 30: Children's Christmas Program Prac.**
- **Dec. 7: Children's Christmas Program Prac.**
- **SR Youth Midnighter: more info coming soon!**

Contact Ms. Laura for more information or to RSVP

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

Note: Box Tops for Education

The school is no longer taking box tops and soup labels. That is all done online.
<https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/>



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*

Christmas Decorating

We would love to have you help decorate the Family Life Center and Sanctuary for Christmas!

Decorating in the Sanctuary

takes place THIS Sunday November 27 at 8AM

Decorating in the Family Life Center

starts Friday December 2 at 6PM

It's a great time to meet people from other services and have some fun together!

Let's Go

Our November/December Let's Go International Dinner will be at Dillon's BBQ Restaurant at the Wildlife World Zoo Park on Northern Ave. in Litchfield Park on Dec. 8. We'll be enjoying Kansas City BBQ with all the trimmings and great fellowship in a festive atmosphere. Come early, visit the zoo and then join us as we dine with the sharks! We will meet at our usual time, 6:30 at Dillon's BBQ Restaurant, located at 16335 W Northern Ave, Litchfield Park.

Please make reservations by December 7.

Call Wilma Rupprecht: 630 888 4233

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

3-minute Mingle

For the next 3 minutes seek out a visitor or a person you don't know well and talk with them, then you can go and talk with your friends.

Advent Midweek Services

Our Advent Midweek Tuesday services will begin next week on the 6th 7pm, and run for 3 weeks. Prior to the service, the LWML will be hosting an Advent dinner beginning at 5:30pm.
(This is a free-will offering dinner for them.)

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.



Trinity Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!
NO CLASS ON NOVEMBER 27

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



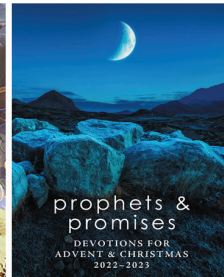
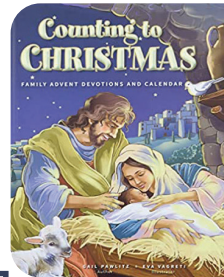
Check It Out: VERY Special Insert this Week!

The Staff here at Trinity have carefully reviewed all the tasks and projects that make Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas special this time of year. Please look through the insert and plan to serve!

It's An Advent Tradition

Daily Video Devotions are BACK!
 New videos will be posted each morning throughout Advent beginning November. 27, right around 3am.
 You'll definitely want to SUBSCRIBE to get an alert when a new video is posted!

- **Children & Families:** Counting to Christmas
 --> tinyurl.com/yukd94a6
- **Tweens & Teens:** Prophets and Promises
 --> tinyurl.com/yubxtt79
- **Everyone** A Son is Given by Lutheran Hour Ministries
 --> tinyurl.com/47sb3rkb



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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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