

# The Incarnate Word of God



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## JOIN US! Tuesdays during Advent

**Tuesday, December 17th**  
**LWML Supper 5:30pm in Founders Hall**  
**Hymn Sing at 6:45pm**  
**Advent Services at 7:00pm**

## TONIGHT, December 15th – 7:15 pm

Tonight is our Christmas Memorial Service which will begin at 7:15. An RSVP is always helpful, but never required. If you, a friend or family members would like to join us - please come. This quiet service will be a full Christmas service with added music and the opportunity to remember your loved ones now in heaven. Your loss does not have to be this year, many people feel that 2, 3 or even 5 years later they are comforted with scripture and song during the Holiday season. Questions? You can reach me at jreynolds@trinitylcs.org or 623-523-1158

**Want to sing with the Praise Team and  
Handbell Choir on Christmas Eve  
at both the 7:00 & 8:30pm services?**

Our last Saturday rehearsal begins at 8am on December 21. Please plan on attending this rehearsal.

Mandatory rehearsal on Dec 21 at 8am with both the Praise Team and the Handbells.

Let Juliann know you are interested at JDolge@TrinityLCS.org so she can put together music for you.



## And just like that, it's Advent!

That means our Christmas celebrations are just around the corner! Christmas worship always bring many guests and visitors to our campus to hear the Christmas Gospel. We try hard to make these Gospel events warm and welcoming with spaces to grab a little something sweet to eat and warm to drink where people can spend a few minutes catching up with old friends and meeting new ones.

## To make that happen, we need your help!

If you are able to include a little extra time here and/or there this year, please:

- email Andi (amcdonald@trinitylcs.org)
- call me (623.935.4665 ext 213)
- send up a smoke signal (:
- [www.TrinityLCS.org/Christmas-Eve-Hospitality/](http://www.TrinityLCS.org/Christmas-Eve-Hospitality/)
- or scan this code to sign up for an area and time that you are available for.



*Be a part of this special  
Trinity tradition!*

## 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.

## Trinity Quilters

Trinity Quilters will not meet in December. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 4, 2025 at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome, do you want to learn to quilt or tie a blanket for charity? For more information, call Shirley 602-316-9710 or Marie 623-696-6500.

## OASIS Bible Study & Confirmation

Every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:30pm 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 Alec Gnam.

### CONFIRMATION

**Mondays**, 6:30pm-7:45pm, Senior Confirmation  
**Wednesdays**, 6:30pm-7:30pm, 5th -7th grade

# LCMS Foundation

**TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER**

Your estate plan can enable you to express your Christian faith. Someday, when the Lord calls you home, your estate will turn over the financial assets to family, ministry or other charities. Have you ever considered preparing a letter to each of the beneficiaries of your estate, sharing with them why the Lord directed you to share with them? Maybe this could translate into face-to-face conversations right now. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can ask you questions, assisting you to become specific about how your faith translates into your gifting plan. Contact LCMS Foundation Senior Gift Counselor Brian Hyde at 209.613.2125 or [brian.hyde@lfnd.org](mailto:brian.hyde@lfnd.org); or Harley Britton at [harleyanddeb@msn.com](mailto:harleyanddeb@msn.com) or call the Church office 623.935.4665 to get started!

**The 2025 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up** in the Narthex of both the Sanctuary and the Family Life Center. If you would like envelopes, but have not signed up for them please contact Amy Thursam at [athursam@trinitylcs.org](mailto:athursam@trinitylcs.org). Envelopes are helpful in streamlining the counting process and assuring proper donation credit. When writing a check use black or navy ink (no colored ink). Please remember your envelopes are associated with your name, please write your name on all envelopes. *Thank you for supporting Trinity Lutheran Church. Many Blessings to you and your families.*

## News from the LWML

Advent Soup Supper in Founders Hall  
Sponsored by Ladies of the LWML  
•December 17 at 5:30  
7 PM Advent Service  
Hope to see you all there!

• Dec. 21st. 12:30pm, LWML Pot Luck, Stocking mites, and Caroling at the Grove. Please wear Christmas Colors. If you want to go caroling, meet at the Grove by 1:45 pm. 2655 Pebble Creek Pkwy, Goodyear, Az

• Calendar Sales are going on today after each service. We have a limited supply and they make great Christmas gifts. \$10.00 each

## South Sudan: May 2025

Pastor Bolte has been asked to return to teach at the ELCSSS Seminary next spring. The students, who are currently finishing up their year-long vicarages, will return to the Seminary for their final year of classes. This will be the 10th time that Pastor Bolte has gone to Yambio, South Sudan to teach. He will be teaching the final Dogmatic sections, which includes the End Times, heaven, and eternal life; and a general overview of all the key doctrines.

*Thank you for your faithful giving and support; together we are helping to train Lutheran Pastors to serve in one of the poorest, difficult, and most dangerous places on earth!*



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

**Electronic Giving:** Visit [Trinitylcs.org](http://Trinitylcs.org) and click on the "Giving" tab at the top of the page; scroll down to-How to Give At Trinity; click on- \$ Give Online. 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.

**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. If you would like offering envelopes, please email Amy Thursam to request.

If you need any assistance please call our Business Manager, Amy Thursam at 623-935-4665 ext. 215.

*Thank you for your support, but most importantly your prayers.*

## You're Invited!


*The children are working hard to deliver the Good News of Christmas! Make room in your schedule and mark your calendars!*

**December 22, 2024 • 6:00 pm • Sanctuary**



# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM





## A NOTE ABOUT YEAR END GIVING

We here at Trinity are so thankful for all of your generous support throughout the year. We recognize that some of you may want to offer additional gifts at the end of the year. If you are considering an end of year gift we would encourage you to do so before December 29th. This will ensure your gift is captured in 2024. Anything after December 29th will be captured in 2025. This is due to the holidays and our shared branch banking agreement. Thank you again for your continued support, which enables us to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

If you have questions please contact our Business Manager, Amy Thursam at 623-935-4665 ext 215.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!

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**



### Portals of Prayer

The Portals of Prayer for January-March of 2025 are available at both worship entries.

### The Angel Trees are BACK!

The Angel Trees are up in the narthex outside the sanctuary and FLC. There are two ways that you can help serve those in our community who are in need at Christmas.



- The little 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 whose gift tags are either not returned or not picked or last minute requests. Please make checks out to LWML and put Angel Tree in the memo section.

- The 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 should already have been returned and monetary contributions please turn in by 12/15. This will give the Angel Tree team members time to sort, shop, & return to Ruth in time for Christmas!

Questions? Contact Deaconess Ruth Fisher  
[RFisher@TrinityLCS.org](mailto: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."

### Monday Night • Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to Study at 7pm the first and third Mondays of each month. We have begun a new study that looks at Jesus' divinity in the words He uses for Himself with I AM.

Call Karen Frusti 602.828.2268 or Pat Paulsen 623.935.1485 for additional information.

### 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*





# Trinity Lutheran Church

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## Newsletter Articles

To submit an article for the newsletter, email to [newsletter@trinitylcs.org](mailto:newsletter@trinitylcs.org). The deadline for article submission is Tuesday at noon.

## Bible Classes are in session!

You are invited to study God's Holy Word with us as we strive to be Biblically literate and Doctrinally sound disciples. Below are a couple Pastor-led studies...

## Christmas at Trinity

Children's Christmas program - December 22 @6pm

December 23 @7pm

December 24 @ 4, 5:30, and 10pm in the Sanctuary; 7, 8:30 in FLC

December 25 @ 9am with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

- The Gospel of Mark  
This class meets during OASIS on Weds., 6:30-7:30pm, in the Sanctuary. The Gospel of Mark is an action paced account of Jesus' life that focuses on His power as He works miracles to confirm that His Word is true. Learning the teachings of Jesus is a lifelong venture; this is an opportunity to continue learning!

- MEN OF FAITH  
As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another! PROV. 27:17 MEN OF FAITH meets every Tuesday@ 6:30pm in the Adult Classroom.

Bring your Bible, Pastor will provide class notes 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. The important thing is to study God's Word!

## Prayer of the Week

*God the Father, we thank you for the prophet Isaiah, who foretold about Your Son, the Lord Jesus, born in Bethlehem. Father, we believe Jesus is the only mediator between you and us. Help us to hear His Word with open hearts and open ears, so that we can learn about You, Your love for us, Your work of salvation for us, and Your will for our lives. Give us zeal and a desire for your word and your Kingdom. We pray this in Jesus, our Mediator's Name, Amen.*

## Questions about Trinity School?

**Astraea Rohloff**  
Principal  
[ARohloff@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:ARohloff@TrinityLCS.org)

**Heather Chapman**  
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[HChapman@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:HChapman@TrinityLCS.org)

## Meet Some of Our Staff

**Rev. Dave Bolte**  
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**Andi McDonald**  
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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](http://TrinityLCS.org)  
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