

Synonyms of the Cross



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SAVE THE DATE!

APRIL 4-5, 2025

Sharing the faith can be intimidating. What if I say something wrong? What if I don't know the answers to their objections? How would I even get the conversation started? Pastor Erick Sorensen spent years talking to strangers about the gospel as a church planter in NYC, and he's coming to share some tips he learned so that you too can share a cup of coffee with skeptics and share the gospel.



Tickets are available on Trinity's website at www.trinitylcs.org (follow the link on the picture). Ticket sales will be available to Trinity members and friends only until March 10th when we will open registration to other circuit congregations.

Registration deadline is THIS THURSDAY, March 27th

For \$25/person, tickets include a wine and cheese reception Friday evening from 6pm - 7pm, Session 1 (7-8pm). Breakfast and juice bar Saturday morning (8-9am), Sessions 2, 3, and 4 (9am-12pm). Catered barbecue chicken and pork with cornbread, all the fixin's, and dessert for lunch at noon!

Plan now to attend this special seminar & bring a friend (or two)!

Got kids? Need childcare? Contact Andi to make arrangements amcdonald@trinitylcs.org or 623.935.4665 ext 213.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



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



Welcome! We are glad that you are worshiping with us this morning. We consider you an honored guest and pray that you enjoy your worship experience. If we can help in any way, please see an usher.

The Season of Lent

March 11, 18, 25, April 1 & 8
Lenten Dinners at 5:30pm

Tuesday Worship
7pm in the Sanctuary

Lenten Devotions available from Ms. Laura on YouTube

LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. Part of that tension flows from immediate needs versus long-term needs in our lives. Some of God's saints hesitate to commit to creating an estate gift for ministry because they say, "What if I need those funds before I die?" As long as the funds remain in your name, you always have access to use them. Yet, your estate plan is in place for things that you don't use during your earthly life. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help explain this. Contact LCMS Foundation Senior Gift Counselor Brian Hyde at 209.613.2125 or brian.hyde@lfnf.org; or Harley Britton at harleyanddeb@msn.com or call the Church office 623.935.4665 to get started!

Join us for Lenten Meals hosted by SR Youth every Tuesday at 5:30 PM! Come together for a delicious and meaningful time of fellowship during this season of reflection. Here's the tasty lineup:

March 25: Baked Potato Bar
April 1: Salad Bar
April 8: Pulled Pork Sandwiches



[Lutherans] approve of honoring the saints in three ways.

1. The first is thanksgiving. We should thank God because He has shown examples of mercy, because He wishes to save people, and because He has given teachers and other gifts to the Church. These gifts, since they are the greatest, should be amplified. The saints themselves, who have faithfully used these gifts, should be praised . . .
2. The second service is the strengthening of our faith. When we see Peter's denial forgiven, we also are encouraged to believe all the more that grace truly superabounds over sin (Romans 5:20).
3. The third honor is the imitation, first of faith, then of the other virtues. Everyone should imitate the saints according to his calling.

Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions,
The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, Article XXI.14-8

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

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GLOW ON
for

TRINITY LUTHERAN PTO'S
ANNUAL AUCTION

Join us for

-GLOW IN THE DARK
MINI GOLF
-FACE PAINTING
-AUCTION
-RAFFLES
-FOOD TRUCKS
-YARD GAMES

Friday
MARCH 28TH

5-7 PM

TRINITY LUTHERAN
GYMNASIUM

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 - Pastor Bolte, Adult Classroom

Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm

5th/6th grades -Charlene Nichol, Adult Classroom

7th grade - Ruth Fisher, Founders' Hall

Prayer of the Week

God the Father, we thank You for sending Your Son to be our Savior. We will never understand the depth of Your love that gave up Your Only Begotten Son for us and our sins. Grant us faith to believe it, to trust it, and to know that our sins are forgiven because of Jesus' death on the cross. Allow us as individuals, and all of us as a congregation, to faithfully proclaim Your Son's suffering, death, and resurrection to the world. We pray this in His Name, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Change of Date for April LWML

Our LWML meeting for April has been changed to April 12 th at 1pm in Founders Hall

TRINITY QUILTERS

Trinity Quilters will be meeting on Saturday, April 5th from 10am - 2pm. Please join us if you already know how to make a quilt or would like to learn to make a quilt. Come all or part of the time. Bring your lunch as we do take a break. These quilts are being made for charity. We have all the supplies. You can just help us on Saturday or take things home and bring them back. If you would like to join us, please call Marie at 623-935-4770 for the address. If you have questions about quilting, call Shirley at 602-316-9710.

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

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!



Mark your calendars for an incredible week of fun, faith, and fellowship during Vacation Bible School the second week of June!

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help plan and participate. If you'd like to join in making this event a success, please reach out:

Email: jsienkiewicz@trinitylcs.org
Text: (623) 341-6482

Trinity's Deaf Ministry

Led by Jeremy & Lindsey Wright, Trinity's Deaf Ministry serves the community through multiple endeavors. Jeremy provides volunteer sign language interpretation for the 9AM service and Oasis Bible study, serving Trinity's deaf members. Through them, Trinity's weekly deaf ministry video content has nearly 18,000 views since 2020.

While previously offering general sign language classes, they now focus on teaching those who wish to interpret to families in need, specifically those directly and indirectly affected by hearing loss. Even Rebecca and Athena have joined to co-teach the class. Finally, most impactfully, Lindsey conducts home visits to deaf families, shining God's light into homes where there may be no communication at all.



Monday Night • Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to our new study on Psalm 139 is called "I Surrender" by Donna Snow (an LWML Publication). We meet the 1st & 3rd Monday nights 6:45-8pm in Founders Hall. We hope you can join us!



Trinity Lutheran Church

CHRIST-CENTERED • BIBLE-BASED • FAMILY-FOCUSED

You're Invited to sing with the Praise Team and the Handbell choir on Easter Sunday!

Practices JUST started in the FLC at 8am and will continue every Saturday morning until Easter. We will be leading worship on Easter Sunday at the 9:00am and 10:15am services in the FLC and the 6:00pm service outside in the courtyard by the sanctuary. Let Juliann know you are interested so she can have music prepared for you!

AMOS

Calling ALL seniors to attend **AMOS [A Ministry Of Seniors]** *SENIOR: Definition: a person older than another.* Trinity's ministry to 'people who are older than another' is called **AMOS**. **AMOS** will meet, Wednesday, 3/12/25 at 10am in Founders Hall. Hope to see you all there. Bring your lunch & a friend.

Portals of Prayer

The April-June Portals of Prayer are available in the entryway of both worship centers.

Let's Go is going Irish in March!

Mark your calendar for March 27 at 6:30 PM. Tim Finnegan's Irish Restaurant and Pub (17045 N 59th Ave, Glendale) is a classic Irish pub with appropriate surroundings and classic Irish fare. Whether it's corned beef or Lamb Shepherds pie, you will be satisfied! **May God hold you in the palm of His hand! (an Old Irish saying!)** RSVP by phone or text message to Wilma Rupprecht at 630-888-4233 before March 26.

Questions about Trinity School?

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This week in Pastor Bolte's Bible Studies!



What is the "Simple life of faith"?

(We are studying King Solomon's book "Ecclesiastes")

Tues@11am in Founder's Hall



What is the "Garden of Gethsemane" all about?

(We are studying the Gospel of Mark)

Wednesday@630pm in the Sanctuary

→ Come And Join Us! ←

This is an opportunity for you to become ever more Biblically literate and Doctrinally sound!



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 School? Directing Choice Dollars is easy. Simply call 800-847-4836 and say "thrivent choice" after the prompt or logon to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice and make your selection or Choice Dollars charitable funds can make a big difference to Trinity.

A heartfelt thank you to all who direct your Choice Dollars to Trinity. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mission Moment

**We come to God with empty hands.
We have nothing to give as sinners.
Jesus fills us up with forgiveness,
love, mercy, peace, and joy!**



Sunday Morning-- 8:45 Adult Bible Study

Join Rev. Les Self in the Founders Hall!

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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