

Access to God



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This week in Pastor Bolte's Bible Studies!



**Is there such a thing as the
"good ol' days"?**

(We are studying King Solomon's book "Ecclesiastes")
Tues@11am in Founder's Hall



**Why is the verb "tore open"
important in the Gospel of Mark?**

(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!*

Easter is coming, and we are expecting lots of guests, members, and visitors for worship that morning. A light breakfast, juice, and coffee will be available to welcome everyone as we gather to celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead with each other.

If you are available to help by coming a little early or staying a little later to help set up, ensure things stay well stocked, and/or help clean up, please let Andi know by phone 623.935.4665 ext 213, email AMcDonald@TrinityLCS.org or between services.

LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. This month we think of the tension that is produced by differing opinions by family members. Some family members believe the entire estate is obligated to be transferred as inheritance to heirs. Other family might believe there is an opportunity for charitable intent, including ministry. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you see the compromise that solves this tension. Contact LCMS Foundation Senior Gift Counselor Brian Hyde at 209.613.2125 or brian.hyde@lfnd.org; or Harley Britton at harleyanddeb@msn.com or call the Church office 623.935.4665 to get started!

Sunday Morning-- 8:45 Adult Bible Study

Join Rev. Les Self for Adult Bible Study at 8:45am in the Founders Hall across from the Sanctuary.

Coffee, donuts and Christian community abundantly offered. All are welcome.

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.

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

Lord Jesus, when you cried out "it is finished," one of the things that happened was that the Temple curtain was torn in two. We thank You that You have opened the way to God the Father for us, and that You usher us into His presence and His throne of grace. Help us to understand the magnitude of this gift You have given to us. Help us to be bold in asking our Father for grace, mercy, and help in our time of need. Amen



Grab a partner and join us for a Doubles Cornhole Tournament on **May 10 at 4 PM!** Test your skills, have fun, and enjoy some friendly competition.

Register your team by contacting Janet Sienkiewicz at 623-341-6482 (text) or jsienkiewicz@trinitylcs.org

You won't want to miss out on the fun! See you there!

Death of a Christian

Because of our baptism into the living, life giving body of Jesus, the Christian view of death is also radically different from that of the world. Disciples of Jesus die long before they die. Paul expresses it this way: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:3-4). . . Baptism is therefore our major death, major burial, and major funeral in life. It is "major" in two ways. One, by baptism the father deals with all our major problems: sin, death, shame, guilt, alienation, condemnation. Two, Baptism gives us no minor gift but the major gift of new life, new peace, New Hope, all in Jesus our Lord. . . Our physical death, therefore, which seems like The End to the world, is simply a minor portal through which we leave this visible world to be with Christ in Paradise, Where we will await "the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come" (Nicene Creed).

Limping with God, Chad Bird, p. 155

SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Join us for our final two classes!
Sundays April 6 & 13 at 10:15**

We'll be back in the Fall!

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**



Worship Services in May

All services will be held in the Sanctuary on May 11, 18, 25 while Pastor Bolte teaches in Africa.

The FLC Praise services will continue as scheduled, just in a different location.
See you there!

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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 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

News from Trinity's LWML

Saturday, April 12th at 1pm LWML will have their Ice Cream Social in Founders Hall.

Sunday, April 13th is LWML Mite Box Sunday. The Big White Mite Box will be available in the Church Narthex and in the Family Life Center. *Thank you to everyone who that's donated their mites.*

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.

Monday Night • Women's Bible Study

Ladies Bible Class continues to meet the first and third Mondays in Founder's Hall. We begin class at 6:45pm. April 21st our new topic is "Your Identity in Christ". Our last class for this year is May 6. All are welcome!

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

April 8: Pulled Pork Sandwiches



CONGRATULATIONS to TWO Trinity Trivia teams for winning the Tournament of Champions last week. The **Trinity Cruisers** & the **Lucky Guessers** edged out Luther's Brewmasters for the final win of the series.

A special thank you to congregation president, Bob Hazlett for emcee'ing each month as well as providing thematic playlists for our listening enjoyment!

Also, a big thanks to Steve McDonald for set up and clean up duties each time. You are much appreciated!

And finally, thanks to everyone who came out to mix, mingle, and match wits at Trinity Trivia!

When I am taking Holy Communion,

Here is what I am thinking...

1. This is a gracious and compassionate **Miracle** Mark 14:22
2. This is the **Real Presence**: Christ is really present in bread and wine
3. This is the **Oral, Sacramental Eating** of Christ's body and blood
4. This is a **Means of Grace**: visible, individual, actual
5. This is for the **Forgiveness** of my sins Matt 26:26-28
6. This is for **Eternal Life** John 6:51
7. This is the guarantee of **Resurrected Life** John 6:54
8. Christ **Abides** in Me and I in Him John 6:56
9. This is the **Bread of Life** from Heaven John 6:35-40
10. This is **NOT** the time to think of sins; but focus on **Grace**.
11. I am in **Fellowship** with other Christians 1 Cor 10:14-17
12. I will leave determined to live a **Holy Life**

Want More Detail in the Sermon?

Get a printed hard copy of the sermon from the information counter!

Frequently, Pastor Bolte will add footnotes that highlight the thought, add to it, or add some interesting background.

Electronic copies of the sermon are also available in the weekly email and online under the "info center" tab at www.trinitylcs.org

Use this time to grow in faith and become ever more Biblically literate and Doctrinally sound!



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, 4/9/25 at 10am in Founders Hall. Hope to see you all there. Bring your lunch & a friend.

Trinity is accepting applications for substitute teachers for the 24-25 school year!

If you have a passion for working with children and youth as you serve in this role, please send your resume to abeaver@trinitylcs.org



Requirements include:
bachelor's degree, valid fingerprint clearance card, flexible schedule, and teaching cert.

Questions about Trinity School?

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Meet Some of Our Staff

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Workout and Word with Janet Sienkiewicz

Weight lifting class for all levels.

Have you joined in yet?? We have 22 members and we are growing! Come be part of the fun!

Lifting every week: Monday 3:00 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am

Friday at 8:15 we will be meeting at the Victory Stairs in Verrado. Text Janet Sienkiewicz at 623-341-6482 or email jsienkiewicz@trinitylcs.org

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", p10. [slightly adapted]*

Somebody Got the Wiggles?

While we love little ones in worship with us, sometimes they just need a change of scenery. Child care is available for children 3 and under at all morning services and for other events as well (Oasis, BASICS, etc), just give us a heads up, and we'll schedule it! Contact Andi (623.935.4665 ext 213 or amcdonald@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](https://www.TrinityLCS.org)

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