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THE ATHANASIAN CREED

News from Pastor Bolte in South Sudan!



This is a picture of the new mission church in Zambando.

This area has no churches nearby, and a lot of families! It is a beautiful area under some tall trees.

They purchased land for the church for the equivalent of \$600.

I shared your greetings; and they send their greetings to you! This week we continue to study the gospel of John. It was a terrible hot and humid week with little rain. If the Lord wills, I should be back next week.

Thank you again for your support for the people here in South Sudan!

Worship Schedule Updates

Please Note!

May 28 • All services in Sanctuary
June 4 • All services in Sanctuary

Friday Parenting Group • Fridays 8:30-10:30am

You are invited to join a merry band of women as together we navigate the wonderful, unpredictable, joyful, exhausting world of mothering! You'll find lots of laughter, understanding, support and love! God's Word guides us as we look to our Maker on how to raise our children, and discover we too, are still learning. *Call Ruth to reserve your childcare! 480-235-1473*



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**

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.

AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

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

Congregational Meeting

The annual **Trinity Lutheran Church Ministry Plan** is now available on the information centers of both the Sanctuary and the Family Life Center.

This Ministry Plan is prepared in preparation for the **Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, June 4th at 12:45pm in the Sanctuary.**

This tool gives our staff a chance to update you on current ministry here at Trinity. In addition, the Slate Of Officers is posted in it which will be voted on at this congregational meeting. **Please take one, read through it, and keep us in your prayers!**

It is by God's grace alone that we are able to do so much in His Kingdom!

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.

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!



"God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with." by Billy Graham

There are so many empty hearts out there in the world! Pass on God's love on to them!

Are you a helper? Tell them why you help!

"Jesus has been so good to me, I want to share this with everyone!!"

Are you a good listener? Tell your friends that Jesus always listens and can fill their empty hearts and lives. **Do you like to tell stories?** Tell others how Jesus has freed you and filled you!

Invite friends to come to be filled by Jesus!

Invite a neighbor or co-worker to church.

Valley Lutheran High School

is Hiring!



Join our growing dynamic ministry team!

We're hiring for the following 2023-24 school year positions:

- Shuttle Drivers (Flexible, Part-Time)
- Spanish Teacher (Part or Full-Time)



Learning, Serving, Sharing Christ

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Our FINAL Summer Servant Trip Fundraiser

How do I sponsor and support our youth?

1. Chose an envelope with the dollar amount you wish to donate. (137 = \$137)
2. Read the letter in the envelope from your youth introducing themselves.
Please pray for this student!
3. Please fill out the index card in the envelope with your name & address.
4. Place the index card and your donation in the numbered envelope.
5. Put the envelope in the standing donation box or hand it to Ms. Laura.

THANK YOU!

Summer is almost here!

FOR INFORMATION ON OUR SUMMER PROGRAMS

CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE
AT OFFICE@TRINITYLCS.ORG

www.trinitylutheralschoolaz.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

Ask our SR Youth about...

...their upcoming Summer Servant Trip: CHAMP CAMP
In June of 2023, Trinity's High School Youth will discover true worth and potential; gain confidence through positive friendships, new life skills and growing passions; and most of all, deepen their faith in God through the love of Jesus at Camp Lutherhaven's Champ Camp in Couer d'Alene, ID.

Champ Camp is a chance for children and youth with special needs to come and experience all that camp has to offer. The Champ Campers our teens will work alongside have a wide variety of special needs and are looking for caring servant friends during their time at camp.



Thrivent Financial Members: Please Read

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial who is eligible to direct Choice Dollars? Did you know **you can direct your Choice Dollars to Trinity Lutheran Church or School?**

Directing Choice Dollars is easy, simply go to Thrivent.com/thrivencoice or call 800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

A heartfelt thank you to all of you who direct your choice dollars to Trinity. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Prayer of the Week

Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we thank you for revealing yourself to us in Scripture, and teaching us to confess You in the Creeds. Teach us more and more about Who you are and What you have done for us, so that we may remain faithful throughout our lives and live with you forever in the Kingdom of Heaven. In Jesus Name, AMEN!

"There is no such thing as standing still in Christianity...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

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

Sunday Morning – 8:45 Bible Study

The Gospel according to St. Luke is being 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.

VBS

We are thanking the good Lord for stirring the hearts of many to serve Him through VBS! We have terrific teams in all areas now! Thank you for praying and joining the team! **We are looking forward to 85+ children joining us for a wonderful week!**

Crew leaders and Crew helpers - Please join us for our special training on **Thursday, June 1st at 6:30pm- 8:30pm**. We will meet in the Light Lounge, our Youth Room at the back corner of the Family Life Center. Also please see Ruth Fisher today to pick up your road map for the VBS week.

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.

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]

Trinity's Prison Ministry

God works in wonderful ways!

The same sermon you will hear today, will be read by six prisoners this next week or so. It all began with a Trinity member who knew someone sentenced to prison. She also knew where real hope comes from and the power to change – it comes from our Savior from sin, Jesus! So she prayed for him and sought ways to get the Gospel to him. Every prison/jail has very strict regulations on what can be mailed to prisoners. All things are examined. She asked the prison if she could send Trinity's sermon. The man who received the sermons began a prayer circle with two others. She sent a worship service. The men began to use Trinity's worship service every week in the Prayer Circle. That Prayer Circle of 3 has now grown to 20! Behind locked gates, they use the same sermons and worship service we use each week! Please pray for these men.



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Registration questions? Contact Laura Nelson LNelson@TrinityLCS.org
Volunteer questions? Contact Ruth Fisher RFisher@TrinityLCS.org

Join Us For VBS

June 5-9 • 9-11:45

REGISTER TODAY

www.vbspro.events/p/tlcs-vbs2023

SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER EARLY.
Health and Safety has always been VERY important to everyone here at Trinity and this year is no different.

Crew leaders and Crew helpers

It's time! Time for our crew leader training!

We gather together to go over important safety info and creative tips in leading and teaching our crews.

Please join us on THURSDAY, JUNE 1st from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Ms Laura and Ms Ruth will meet in the Light Lounge (which is YOUR youth room!!!)

Come to the gate by the Family Life Center.

If you/your family have not received a music CD, please see Ruth.

If you are unable to attend the training, please arrange a special training with Ruth as soon as possible. 480-235-1473

We are thanking the good Lord for stirring the hearts of many to serve Him through VBS! We have terrific teams in all areas now! Thank you for praying and joining the team!

Do any of you remember what a CD player is?! If you have one laying around, we would love to borrow one or two of them!

See Ruth Fisher or contact her at 480-235-1473 or RFisher@TrinityLCS.org

We do ask for your continued prayers for our VBS outreach that God may create faith and strengthen faith in the hearts of children and families and draw them to Trinity. VBS is June 5-9th from 9-11:45am

To submit an article for the newsletter, email to Newsletter@TrinityLCS.org. NEW deadline for article submission is **Tuesday at 5pm.**

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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