

FAITH IS BEING SURE OF WHAT WE HOPE FOR



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 2025

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TODAY IS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!

Join us in the 11:30 service and please keep these confirmands in your prayers as they stand before the Lord, their family, and the world to confess their faith in Christ! If you know any of them, please find a way to encourage them!



Left to right: Pastor Bolte, Katelyn, Van, Owen, Rebekah, Ryan, Lincoln, Caleb, Erin, and Liberty!

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!

take note

TLC Ministry Plan

The annual TLC Mission and Ministry Review is now available on the information centers of both the Sanctuary and the Family Life Center.

This Mission and Ministry Review is prepared in preparation for the Annual Congregational meeting on **Sunday, June 1st 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 are posted in it that will be voted on at the 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!

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.



He is risen! Alleluia, He is risen indeed! If you have celebrated Easter with us here at Trinity, you know how special those services are each year. What you may not know are some of the people who make it happen. A very special thank you goes out to all those who made the hospitality areas an inviting place for everyone to spend a little time before and after worship with each other catching up or getting to know one another. So, to

Holly Campbell • Craig & Leslie Deneke • Ruth Fisher • Steve McDonald • Martha Mueller
Jan Reynolds • Ken & Pat Paulson
Gayle Roberts • Amy Schultz • Beth Speckhard

A big shout of "Thanks!!" for your part, big or small, in helping to make Trinity a place people feel welcomed. You are a blessing!

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



A Note of Thanks from Ms Laura

By God's grace, I am graduating from Concordia University Wisconsin on May 3 with a Bachelor of Arts in Theological Studies and completion of the Director of Church Ministries (Level 3) adult accelerated program. This milestone is not just a personal achievement—it is a testimony to the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ and the support of His Church. I am deeply thankful for the prayers, encouragement, and financial support you so generously gave throughout this journey.

Though I've been serving in Iowa this past year, my heart remains closely tied to Trinity. You nurtured me in the faith, encouraged me in my calling, and reminded me often of the goodness of God's Word and Sacraments. I miss you dearly and remain ever grateful for the joy of having served among you. I'm beyond grateful to have been part of your church and school family.

As I look ahead to continued service in ministry, I do so with confidence not in myself, but in Christ crucified and risen—the One who calls, equips, and sustains His servants. I carry with me everything I learned and experienced at Trinity—especially the joy of sharing Jesus with people of all ages.

-Ms. Laura



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.

Make sure YOUR team is registered to be added to the bracket!!! **REGISTRATION ENDS TUESDAY!!!**

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!

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

Electronic Giving: Visit 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. Please remember to use only black or blue ink and please do not tape your envelopes.

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

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*

Yambio, South Sudan!

In May, Pastor Bolte is traveling to Yambio, South Sudan (red star* on map) to teach at Concordia Lutheran Institute of the Holy Ministry, the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Sudan and Sudan. There are 16 men in the class, and Pastor will be teaching the doctrines associated with the End Times. Thank you for your support and encouragement; together we are helping to train Lutheran Pastors who will preach and teach the Gospel in one of the poorest and dangerous places in the world!



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!



JUNE 9-13
9:00-11:30
Grades K-5



Register Today - www.TrinityLCS.org
Join us in ancient Egypt!

You'll explore Pharaoh's palace, experience thrilling "real-life" dramas, play high-energy games, sample tasty snacks, and hear unforgettable music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

Concerning frequent reception of Holy Communion:

"Because I always sin, I always need the medicine."
St. Ambrose 375AD AC XXV.33

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 of you who direct your Choice Dollars to Trinity. Your support is greatly appreciated.

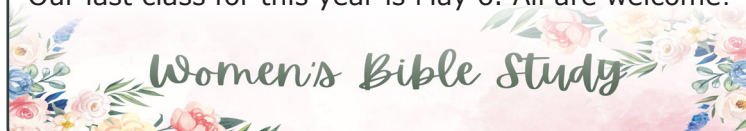
HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

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.

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!



LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. This month we will consider the balance of future needs with present needs. Sometimes it is difficult to plan future gifts to family or ministry through your estate because you have many pressing current priorities. An estate plan however is put in place asking, "If the Lord were to call you home today, how would you direct your gifts?" Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you begin thinking about the future. 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!



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VALLEY LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

MAY 4 @ 4:00 PM

LOCATED IN THE GYM AT VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER CAMPS

JUNE
2 - 5

Volleyball

5th - 9th Grade
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Girls Basketball

5th - 9th Grade
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

S.T.E.M.

5th - 9th Grade
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

JUNE
9 - 12

Cheer

5th - 9th Grade
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Football

4th - 9th Grade
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Boys Basketball

5th - 9th Grade
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM



Register at vlhs.org/camps
or scan the QR code!

A PATRIOTIC DEVOTION

ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION
1:00pm on May 17, 2025

Sponsored by LWML
(Lutheran Women's Missionary League)
Trinity Lutheran Church
830 E. Plaza Circle
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

Prayer of the Week

Lord God Almighty, we thank you for those who have gone before us who have walked by faith and not by sight. Now it's our turn, and we ask that you will help us to remain faithful and focused as we journey through life. Help us to continually keep our eyes on Jesus, and to listen to His Word, as He leads us through life. We pray this in His Name, amen!

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, 5/14/25 at 10am in Founders Hall. Hope to see you all there. Bring your lunch & a friend.

Questions about Trinity School?

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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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