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# WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED!

HE IS  
**RISEN**

## UNREST IN SUDAN!

Many of you have asked about the unrest in Khartoum, Sudan and how that will affect me in Yambio, South Sudan. I will be almost 1,000 miles away from that, and in a different country. I asked Bishop Anibati this week via email if I should postpone the trip, and he responded: *"I don't think it can affect your trip. It is also not causing any problems in South Sudan, it is safe for you to come. If there were any concerns I would have informed you."* Thank you for your concern. Please keep Sudan in your prayers; some of the past students who are now Pastors in the Nuba Mountains are affected by this fighting. Also, there are 3 students from the Nuba Mountains in seminary now; and their families are in the midst of this.



## Congregational Meeting

The annual **TLC 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!*

## Worship Schedule Updates

May 14 • All services in Sanctuary  
May 21 • All services in Sanctuary  
May 28 • All services in Sanctuary  
June 4 • All services in Sanctuary

**Please Note!**

**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.

## CONFIRMATION is TODAY

**TODAY, May 7 at the 11:30 Worship Service, 6 of our youth will be confirmed in their faith!**

Confirmation is a 4 year program where they learn the Old Testament, New Testament, and Lutheran Theology. They become acquainted with Holy Scripture and Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

**Our goal** is to put the Teachings of Jesus in their ears and the Name of Jesus on their lips so that the Holy Spirit can build Faith in Jesus in their hearts!

**Our fervent prayer** is that our youth grow to become Biblically Literate, Doctrinally Sound, Passionately Engaged, and Mission Minded disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Please pray for these youth, and if you know any of them, please acknowledge them somehow!

**Michelle Qian Barbe • Jonathan Mark Carson  
Kenzie Taylor Ruehrmund • Joseph Robert Legere  
Brock Daniel Guiney • Quaid Sullivan Guiney**

### What is confirmation?

- A. A rite of profession among men.
- B. A public confession of Christ.
- C. A public renewal of the baptismal covenant.
- D. Reception into communicant membership in the church.



### What does Matthew 10:32-33 say?

Whoever acknowledges Me before men, I will also acknowledge him before My Father in heaven.  
But whoever disowns Me before men, I will disown him before My Father in heaven.

## 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/thrivenchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thrivenchoice) 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.*



*Summer is almost here!*

## FOR INFORMATION ON OUR SUMMER PROGRAMS

CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
AT [OFFICE@TRINITYLCS.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@TRINITYLCS.ORG)

[www.trinitylutheralschoolaz.org](http://www.trinitylutheralschoolaz.org)

## STELLAR

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

Registration questions? Contact Laura Nelson [LNelson@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:LNelson@TrinityLCS.org)  
Volunteer questions? Contact Ruth Fisher [RFisher@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:RFisher@TrinityLCS.org)

## Join Us For VBS June 5-9

**REGISTER TODAY**

[www.vbspro.events/p/tlcs-vbs2023](http://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.

### !!\* Calling Adults and High Schoolers !!

**We are eager to SHINE JESUS' LIGHT at our Vacation Bible School! Come and shine Jesus' light with us!!! We have many eager children, WAITING to sign up. Be a part of God planting seeds in the hearts and minds and lives of children! This is a structured VBS where the message is taught in Bible Skits, crafts, games and snacks. Our most urgent need is adults and teens to volunteer as crew leaders and helpers. A Crew Leader and a helper, would guide a group of 10 as they experience the Bible story. You would be given questions to guide a brief discussion afterwards, helping children to know Jesus!**

**TALK TO RUTH FISHER to be part of the joy of SHINING JESUS' LIGHT! Call Ruth to chat!  
Or text! 480-235-1473 – [rfisher@trinitylcs.org](mailto:rfisher@trinitylcs.org)**

**Other VBS areas to volunteer are acting out the Bible Story in Bible Adventure, help with crafts, serving snacks and taking pictures! Shine, Jesus' Light with us June 5th - 9th from 9am to noon! You may discover, (like many other people have), that letting God's light shine through you ... grows your heart several sizes!!!**



## 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 May 10 in Founder's Hall from 10am-1pm. It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. *Bring a sack lunch.*

# Trinity Sunday School SUMMER BREAK

## LWML News

**Mite Box Sunday** will be on May 7th

**LWML Prayer Service**

will be on Saturday, May 20th at 1pm.

Everyone is invited.



## 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.



## 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*

## Dear Trinity Friends,

Zack and I are writing to you today to share some bitter-sweet news: We are moving back to Iowa & our grandchildren (*we should also make mention of the rest of our family, too HA!*). We have called Trinity our home for nearly a decade, most of which has been spent as Dir. of Children & Youth Ministry, with Zack as a faithful volunteer & youth resource. Our last Sunday at TLC&S will be July 2.

Trinity, you have welcomed us into your community, prayed for us, and have been there for us through car shows, youth fundraisers & events, and 8 Vacation Bible Schools including COVID "VBS in a Box" just to name a few.

This newsletter cannot contain the gratitude and accounts of kindness that have been shown to us during our time here. I am sure you all can agree that Trinity is overflowing with the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, faithfulness, and gentleness. Throughout our time in AZ, God has blessed us in our marriage, occupations, and faith as we have gained a greater understanding of Trinity's Mission & Ministry: to be Biblically Literate, Doctrinally Sound, Mission Minded and Passionately Engaged Disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have sincerely loved being a part of this congregation. Thank you again for all that you have done for our family. We will miss you all very much!

~Mr. Zack and Ms. Laura



**"A man ought to be able to say in every circumstance of life — whether sickness, poverty, or even in the midst of death — that 'I know I have a gracious God; God is no longer wrathful toward me, but rather God loves me as a father loves his child.' "** What is Christianity? Francis Pieper, p.23

## Prayer of the Week

*God the Father, we thank you for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Today we remember that His work of salvation is the central teaching of the Christian faith. Help us to boldly confess that as a congregation, and to bear witness to that in our personal lives. As your word is proclaimed and confessed, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit to create and nurture faith in people. By your Spirit, work in and through us to make disciples of all nations. We pray this in Jesus our Savior's Name, Amen!*

## 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.





# Trinity Lutheran Church

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## Join us THIS WEEK Wednesday

**HOSPICE SEMINAR** - meeting in the Founder's Hall

**Topic:** What is Hospice - How does it work?

(Different Day) **This Wednesday**

(Different Time) **at 6:00 pm**

Dessert & Coffee will be served

Contact Jan 623-523-1158 or JReynolds@TrinityLCS.org



THE LETS GO GROUP went to Organ Stop Pizza recently!

They had a wonderful time together! You are always welcome to join them in their "out to eat" adventures!

## What's Next for Let's Go? See Below

**Zeta's Grill**, an authentic Lebanese/Mediterranean restaurant is the next destination for **Let's Go**.

**Zeta's Grill** claims to have the best Falafel and Hummus in Avondale as well as the best Gelato. So, set aside, Thursday, May 18 for an evening of fellowship and good eating at this family owned restaurant. **Zeta's Grill:** 2935 N. Dysart Rd, Avondale (near Thomas). 6:30 prompt.

Please RSVP to Wilma Rupprecht by May 17.  
Phone: 630 888 4233.

## 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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"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*

## Freshman Frenzy • May 10

Every year, Trinity's recent confirmands (& friends) are invited to join the SR Youth in the LIGHT Lounge Youth Room to get to know your new TLC Youth Group. What to expect: FOOD. FUN. GAMES.



## UPDATE: Newsletter Articles

To submit an article for the newsletter, email to [Newsletter@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:Newsletter@TrinityLCS.org)

NEW deadline for article submission is **Tuesday at 5pm**.

## 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

## Prayer Chain

Beginning May 1st, Charlene Nichol (CNichol@TrinityLCS.org) is the contact person for the prayer chain. THANK YOU!

## Questions about Trinity School?

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