

He is risen!

ALLELUIA!

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New Life!

Easter Sunday is a joyful day of celebration as we rejoice in the Lord Jesus Christ, who has risen from the dead! The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is confirmation that God the Father accepts His Son's death on the cross for you and that you are declared "not guilty!" of your sins! You are set free from sin, guilt and death and given new life through faith in Jesus Christ!

We welcome you to our campus today; after worship you are invited to an Easter reception on the patio, take family pictures on our campus, and to enjoy the special Easter event occurring.

You are always welcome to join us in worship each week (7:30am, 9:00am, 10:15am, 11:30am, and 6:00pm) as we learn more and more about the Risen Savior Jesus Christ, His Kingdom, His Salvation, and His return on the Last Day to take us to our Heavenly home! This newsletter highlights some of the many activities that our congregation is involved in to study God's Holy Word and to serve other people.

As a community of Lutheran Christians, we welcome you as together we shout "Alleluia! Praise the Lord!" that Jesus has risen from the dead!

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Prayer of the Week

Father In Heaven, You raised Your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Fill all Your baptized people with the joy of His victory, and send us forth as witnesses to His resurrection. Lord, wherever Your Gospel is preached throughout the world, create and sustain faith in all who hear it, delivering them from the power of darkness and bringing them into the Kingdom of Your risen Son Jesus Christ. Lord, bless our efforts here at Trinity Lutheran Church to make disciples as we baptize and teach your Holy Word. Heavenly Father, in every time of need, hear the prayers of those who call upon You, especially those who are in distress, those who are lonely and homebound, the sick, the dying and the mourning. May Your Son be their strength in their time of need; and Send your Holy Spirit so they may patiently endure. King of the nations, remember in Your kindness all who bear authority in our land, and give them wisdom and integrity that they may serve us according to Your will. Lord we pray today for our church body, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and ask that your powerful Holy Spirit will be at work through your Holy Word to create and strengthen faith and to make disciples of many people. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

LET'S GO!

In April Let's Go is going back to Organ Stop Pizza! This is becoming an annual event so join us, Sunday afternoon April 27 for great pizza, Italian fair, and great musical entertainment and inspiration. 1149 E Southern Ave (Mesa) • April 27 • 3:30 PM RSVP by phone or text message to Wilma Rupprecht at 630-888-4233 before April 26.

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*

**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 at 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.

*Thank you for your support,
but most importantly your prayers.*



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!

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*



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!

HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

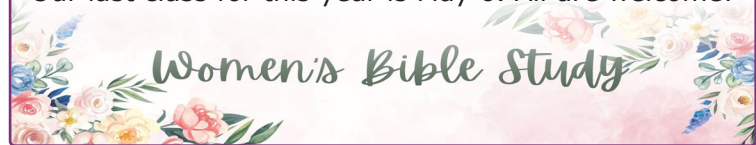
PAY ATTENTION TO THE LAW OF GOD!

The Law of God will expose your sin and lead you to confession. It is not pleasant nor easy to hear — but you need to hear it and believe it! The Law of God convicts you of sin and exposes your pride, rebellion, disobedience and immorality. Let the Law of God work in your heart, turn from your sin, and confess it to God. Then believe that the Lord forgives you in His Son Jesus Christ! (This entire process is called "repentance".)

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

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!



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**

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.

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!

Therefore you must always have God's Word in your heart, upon your lips, and in your ears. But where the heart is idle, and the Word does not sound, the devil breaks in and has done the damage before we are aware. On the other hand, the word is so effective that whenever it is seriously contemplated, heard, and used, that it is bound never to be without fruit, but always awakens new understanding, pleasure, and devoutness, and produces a pure heart and pure thoughts. For these words are not lazy or dead, but creative, living words.

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.



Trinity Lutheran Church

CHRIST-CENTERED • BIBLE-BASED • FAMILY-FOCUSED

This week in Pastor Bolte's Bible Studies!



The Wisest Man on earth cannot figure out death! Why is that?

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



The Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

(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!*

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

Sunday Morning-- 8:45 Adult Bible Study

Join Rev. Les Self for Adult Bible Study at 8:45am

Questions about Trinity School?

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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. Sometimes hurt happens in a family and never resolves. That unresolved hurt can translate into a parent removing a child or other heir from the gift plan of the estate. Talking through an estate plan is the perfect time to be reminded to try again at reconciliation. Your pastor can really help in these matters. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in reaching out for help. Contact LCMS Foundation Senior Gift Counselor Brian Hyde at 209.613.2125 or brian.hyde@lfn.org; or Harley Britton at harleyanddeb@msn.com or call the Church office 623.935.4665 to get started!

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

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, 4/23/25 at 10am in Founders Hall. Hope to see you all there. Bring your lunch & a friend.

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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