

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAT, 12/6	6:00 PM	Divine Service with Holy Communion
SUN, 12/7	9:00 AM	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Studies (<i>fellowship hall</i>)
	10:30 AM	Sunday School (<i>school gym</i>)
MON, 12/8	-----	
TUE, 12/9	6:30 AM	Men's <i>Lutheran Witness</i> Discussion
	9:00 AM	Winkel: Circuit Pastors' Meeeting
	6:00 PM	School Board Meeting (<i>school art room</i>)
WED, 12/10	8:30 AM	School Chapel – <i>TLS 6th Grade</i>
	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	11:00 AM	TLS PreK-3 rd Grade Christmas Program (<i>gym</i>) & Treats & Sweets Shoppe (<i>cafeteria</i>)
	12:00 PM	Advent Service & Lunch – <i>Rev. Bahn</i>
	12:45 PM	Advent Lunch
	5:00 PM	Advent Dinner
	6:00 PM	Advent Service – <i>Rev. Bahn</i>
	6:45 PM	High School Youth Group
THU, 12/11	9:00 AM	Early Childhood Chapels – <i>Rev. Groth</i>
	2:00 PM	Human Care Meeting (<i>church library</i>)
FRI, 12/12	-----	
SAT, 12/13	9:00 AM	Gathered in Christ, Gathered to Create
	6:00 PM	Divine Service with Holy Communion
SUN, 12/14	9:00 AM	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Studies (<i>fellowship hall</i>)
	10:30 AM	Sunday School (<i>school gym</i>)

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Senior Pastor: Rev. Theodore Groth, 720-737-1283

Associate Pastor: Rev. Daryn Bahn, 319-304-0184

Church Secretary: Stacy Brusius
Business Director: Pat Powell
Asst. Business Dir: Shannon Sherman
Youth & Family Ministry: Evan Root
Bulletin Cover Art: Bill Godecke
Maintenance: Brian Wright
Forgiven Musicians: Caity Monahan, Keith & Ava Olsen, Jana Pownell, Aaron Rowland

Principal: Dr. Karen Bahn
School Secretaries: Dana Freymark
& Tanya Cross
Director of Music: Dr. Susan Benya
Associate Organist: Marilyn Mark
Forgiven Director/Keyboardist: Joy Ernst

Church: 319-366-1569 | School: 319-362-6952 | Emergency: 319-350-2498
1363 1st Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405 | trinitycr.org
Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM & Fri, 8:00 AM – Noon

Queen Size Bed Frame Needed

One of Trinity’s homebound members is in need of a queen size bed frame. If you have one to donate, please contact the church office at 319-366-1569 or churchoffice@trinitycr.org.

Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization

In 15 years ILSTO has been able to award over 7 million dollars to benefit families so they could send their children to Lutheran elementary & secondary schools. This money comes from donors like you with two benefits: 1) You get to see more children experiencing the love of God every day, and 2) You will receive a 75% tax credit on your Iowa state income taxes and possible charitable deduction on your Federal return. Please consider making this donation a part of your 2025 tax planning. For more info, contact Dewey Torkelson, 712-260-2991; see the forms by the piano; or go to iowalutheransto.com.

Principal’s Corner

O, Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

We await with great anticipation the arrival of our Savior and King, Jesus Christ. You will see children and staff wearing their Luke 2 shirts which reminds us of what this blessed season is all about.

Basketball games are beginning at school and away. You are welcome to cheer on our teams. The athletic schedule is on the calendar on the church website.

PreK-3rd will be having their Christmas concert on Wednesday, December 10 at 11 a.m. Please join the children in celebrating the birth of our Savior! We will also be dismissing at noon that day.

Have a blessed week! Rejoice!

In Christ,
Karen Bahn, Principal

Servant Recognition

Thank you to Carl Gloe for his perseverance in getting the HVAC systems installed at the school. Your hard work made the learning environment much more comfortable for staff and students.

Birthday Phone Calls

After 30 years of making birthday phone calls to my friends at Trinity, I’m no longer able to do so due to my declining health. I will miss making these calls and connecting with each of you. Being able to do so meant a lot to me. If you’re able to stay in touch, calls and visits in the afternoon are welcome: 319-270-6543 or 1625 Brendelwood Dr NW #103, Cedar Rapids.
All my best and love, *Darrell Axtell*

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Know Christ + Grow in Christ + Make Christ Known



SECOND SUNDAY
IN ADVENT

December 6 & 7, 2025
6:00 PM Saturday & 9:00 AM Sunday

WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD!

Did you know that heaven meets earth here at Trinity Lutheran Church? It truly does as our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, the Living Word, joins us to wash us at His font, preach to us from His pulpit, and feed us at His altar. It is our prayer that you would experience with us His lavish grace as we encounter Him through His holy Word and Sacraments.

CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.



Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

DIETARY NEEDS

If you require a gluten-free Communion wafer, please hold out your hand with a closed fist rather than an open palm during the Sacrament.

Alcohol-removed wine is available during the Sacrament as well in the rose-colored cups in the center of the tray.

LARGE PRINT & HEARING DEVICES

Large print bulletins & hymnals as well as assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

ATTENDANCE CARDS

We ask that guests and members fill out an Attendance Card found in the pew in front of you. During the Offering, please place your completed card in the offering plate.

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP BULLETINS AND QUIET ROOMS

Two different children’s bulletins are available from the ushers: one for ages 3+ and one for ages 7+. We also have two quiet rooms – one in the back of each wing of the Sanctuary.

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCASTS

Trinity’s Worship Service is aired with IMON Channel 4 at 2:00 PM on Thursdays and on Mediacom Channel 4 at 8:00 PM on Fridays. The service is also available on YouTube: youtube.com (The Trinity Lutheran Church—Cedar Rapids).

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Program | Wed, Dec. 10 | 11:00 AM

The Trinity Lutheran School preschool - 3rd grade students will delight us with music during their annual Christmas Program in the school gym. Let's joyfully praise the Lord together during this musical celebration of our Savior's birth.

Sweets & Treats Shoppe | Wednesday, December 10

After the students’ Christmas Program performance, Trinity’s PTL is hosting the Sweets & Treats Shoppe! Come to the school cafeteria to sample and take home delicious Christmas goodies. All proceeds benefit the TLS Fine Arts program. This event is open to both church and school – please join us.

Midweek Advent Services | Weds, Dec. 10 & 17

Join us for midweek Advent services at Noon and 6:00 PM. “With Mary We Behold” the hope and salvation that Christ brings, blooming in the cold of winter and dispelling darkness. Meals will be served at 12:45 PM and 5 PM. *On December 10, Trinity’s youth will be serving pasta.*

Individual Confession and Absolution | December 18 & 20

As Christmas approaches, our pastors are setting aside time to serve Trinity's members who desire to confess their sins and hear the comforting Word of Absolution. Pastor Bahn will be available in his study for this ministry on Thursday evening, December 18, from 5:30-8:30 PM. Pastor Groth will be available in his study Saturday afternoon, December 20 from 2:00-5:00 PM. Besides these scheduled times, you may always come and visit your pastors for this ministry. We use the order found in *LSB* on p. 292.

Gathered in Christ, Gathered to Create | Sat, Dec. 13 | 9-11 AM

Love to paint, knit, scrapbook, or tinker with a hobby? Bring your supplies and spend a relaxing morning creating alongside others who enjoy the same! We’re gathering for a time of creativity, conversation, and connection — all in a warm, Christ-centered setting. No project is too small. Bring your favorite materials, your enthusiasm, and a heart for fellowship. Meet in the church library. We can’t wait to see what you’re working on — and maybe even start something new together!

Culver’s Night | Tuesday, December 16 | 4:00-8:00 PM

Hungry for burgers and ice cream? Head over to Culver's on Edgewood Rd. They'll be donating 10% of sales to Trinity Lutheran School.

Christmas Worship Services | December 24-25

Celebrate the birth of Christ with us during our worship services on **Christmas Eve at 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM and on Christmas Day at 9:00 AM**. Candles will be lit during our Christmas Eve services as we sing “Silent Night.” All services will include Holy Communion.

Winter Weather

In the event of inclement weather, church cancellations will be listed on local television stations KGAN (2), KWWL (7), and KCRG (9) as TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - CEDAR RAPIDS. An email will also be sent out to members. Please note that non-worship activities, including the church office, Bible study, youth group, and confirmation classes, will be canceled/closed when Trinity School closes. Worship service cancellations will be determined independently of the school.

A Life Thought in the Church Year

December 7 –Advent 2: We rejoice that God Himself defends the cause of the poor and needy (Psalm 72:4) and that He does this primarily through us, His saints. We must be careful, however, that we don’t fall into self-righteousness and become a pharisaical “brood of vipers” (Matthew 3:7), always pointing out the sins of others while neglecting our own. Instead, as children of Abraham, we are all to “bear fruit in keeping with repentance” (Matthew 3:8), remembering that the things of God’s Word were “written for our instruction” (Romans 15:4), as well as for the instruction of others.

Those serving the Lord on December 6-7	
Elder:	Bill Godecke
Comm. Asst:	9:00 AM – Mark Freeze, Carl Gloe, Chris Kistler
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Amelia Horne 9:00 AM – Hunter Beyelia & Jack Manthe
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 4: Kay Lenaburg 9:00 AM – Team 8: Rod Powell
Altar Guild:	Teri Burkett and Dennis & Sandy Bruns
Fellowship Treats: Last names beginning with M, N, O	

Those serving the Lord in Advent: Wednesday, December 10	
Elder:	Bill Godecke
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Wyatt Manthe
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 4: Kay Lenaburg

Those serving the Lord on December 13-14	
Elder:	Carl Gloe
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Steve Bruzek, Jon Benya, Mike Pownell
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Kylie Riha 9:00 AM – Lincoln Smith & Josiah Murphy
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 4: Kay Lenaburg 9:00 AM – Team 8: Rod Powell
Altar Guild:	Teri Burkett and Dennis & Sandy Bruns
Fellowship Treats: Last names beginning with P, Q, R	