

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAT, 1/3	6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion
SUN, 1/4	9:00 AM Divine Service with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Adult Bible Studies (<i>fellowship hall</i>)
MON, 1/5	-----
TUE, 1/6	6:30 AM Men's <i>Lutheran Witness</i> Discussion 10:00 AM Special Needs Service 6:00 PM Council Meeting
WED, 1/7	<i>Last Day to RSVP for Youth Epiphany Party</i> 8:30 AM School Chapel 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 12:00 PM Church Staff Meeting
THU, 1/8	9:00 AM Early Childhood Chapels 9:00 AM Home Missionary Quilting, Meeting & Lunch 2:00 PM Human Care Meeting
FRI, 1/9	-----
SAT, 1/10	6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion
SUN, 1/11	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>) 4:00 PM Youth Epiphany Party (<i>starts in 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 Principal: Dr. Karen Bahn
Business Director: Pat Powell School Secretaries: Dana Freymark
Asst. Business Dir: Shannon Sherman & Tanya Cross
Youth & Family Ministry: Evan Root Director of Music: Dr. Susan Benya
Bulletin Cover Art: Bill Godecke Associate Organist: Marilyn Mark
Maintenance: Brian Wright Forgiven Director/Keyboardist: Joy Ernst
Forgiven Musicians: Caity Monahan, Keith & Ava Olsen, Jana Pownell, Aaron Rowland

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Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM & Fri, 8:00 AM – Noon

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Know Christ + Grow in Christ + Make Christ Known



SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 3-4, 2026
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

2026 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2026 have arrived and can be picked up in the west wing of the church sanctuary by the windows behind the piano.

Special Needs Worship Service | Tues, Jan. 6 | 10:00 AM

Our next Special Needs Worship Service will be on Tuesday, January 6. This shorter service includes Holy Communion and is held on the first Tuesday of each month. There is minimal standing, large print bulletins are used, and hearing devices are available.

Joint Youth Epiphany Party | RSVP by Wed, Jan. 7

Join us for a joint Epiphany Party for all middle and high school students at LCMS churches in the Cedar Rapids area. When: Sunday, January 11 from 4:00-7:00 PM. Meet in the Trinity Lutheran School gym. Have fun with games, Bible study, and a pulled pork supper. We’ll also collect donations for a local food pantry. RSVP to Evan Root at rootej@trinitycr.org.

Home Missionary | Thurs, Jan. 8 | 9 AM

Join us on Thursday, January 8 for quilting at 9:00 AM. Our Home Missionary meeting and lunch will start at 11:30 AM. See you then!

8th Grade History Projects | January 10-18

Trinity Lutheran School’s 8th grade students have been working hard over the past few months creating models and posters for their history projects. They will be on display in the west fellowship hall January 10-18. Take a moment to check out their work and learn something new! Please look, but do not touch.

Fellowship Club | Friday, January 16, 11:30 AM

Fellowship Club is meeting for lunch on January 16 at Leonardo’s! Come and enjoy Christian fellowship, conversation, and fun!

Youth Lock-In | January 16-17

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon is hosting its first ever Youth Lock-In! All 5th-9th graders are invited. Join us for games, broomball, sledding, pizza, hot chocolate, smores and more! Arrival: Friday, January 16 at 7:00 PM. Pick up: Saturday, January 17 at 11:00 AM. If interested in attending, contact Evan Root at rootej@trinitycr.org.

Mid-Winter Basketball Tournament | January 16-18

Save the dates for this year’s Mid-Winter Tournament and cheer on the Trinity Trojans! Game information will be coming soon. Go Trojans!

LCMS Convention Nominations

Our congregation may submit nominations for Synod leadership (President, Vice-President, and Regional Vice-President) to the 2026 LCMS Convention. Members who wish to suggest names for consideration should submit them to the church office by February 2. The congregation will vote on which nominations to submit at the February voters meeting, with results filed with the Synod following that meeting. The voters meeting date will be announced once set by the Church Council.

Servant Recognition

We would like to thank the people who serve during funerals at Trinity. This includes Larry Acord and Kay Lenaburg who assist during services; Di Koehn who heads the funeral luncheon teams; Dori Stanek, Mary Becker, Lea Hepworth, JoAnn Jenkins, Karen Flint and Sharon Murken who serve as luncheon team captains; and the many women who prepare food. Your efforts are invaluable.

A Life Thought in the Church Year

January 4 – Christmas 2: God used Joseph, who adopted Jesus as his own son (Luke 2:41), to care for our Lord as He (Jesus) mysteriously lived a perfectly human life as our substitute. Through Jesus, God has now adopted us as His own children and has promised us an eternal inheritance in His kingdom (Ephesians 1:5, 11). Christians should be encouraged to likewise consider and promote adoption as a godly way to preserve and care for the lives of God’s precious children and bring them into His kingdom.

Those serving the Lord on January 3-4	
Elder:	Matt Sprengeler
Comm. Asst:	9:00 AM – Carl Gloe, Mark Freeze, Bill Godecke
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – None 9:00 AM – Amelia Horne & Benjamin Groth
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 1: Gary Widdel 9:00 AM – Team 5: Larry Acord
Altar Guild:	Lea Hepworth & Katriel Burkett
Fellowship Treats: Last names beginning with A, B, C	

Those serving the Lord on January 10-11	
Elder:	Jayson Swyers
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Steve Bruzek, Chris Kistler, Carl Gloe
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Kylie Riha 9:00 AM – Jack Manthe & Josiah Murphy
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 1: Gary Widdel 9:00 AM – Team 5: Larry Acord
Altar Guild:	Lea Hepworth & Katriel Burkett
Fellowship Treats: Last names beginning with D, E, F	