

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAT, 4/18	8:30 AM LWR Pick Up (<i>school parking lot</i>) 6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion (3rd Sun. of Easter)
SUN, 4/19	9:00 AM Divine Service with Holy Communion (3rd Sun. of Easter) 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study (<i>sanctuary</i>) 10:30 AM Adult Catechesis (<i>main fellowship hall</i>) 10:30 AM Sunday School (<i>school gym</i>)
MON, 4/20	6:00 PM Evangelism Meeting
TUE, 4/21	6:30 AM Men's <i>Lutheran Witness</i> Discussion 6:00 PM Elders Meeting 6:30 PM Stewardship Meeting
WED, 4/22	8:30 AM School Chapel (<i>Rev. Zellers, Zion, Hiawatha</i>) 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (<i>library</i>) 12:00 PM Church Staff Meeting 4:30 PM Middle School Youth Group 6:00 PM High School Youth Group
THU, 4/23	-----
FRI, 4/24	-----
SAT, 4/25	9:00 AM Gathered in Christ, Gathered to Create (<i>library</i>) 6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion (4th Sun. of Easter)
SUN, 4/26	Mortgage Pay Off Celebration 9:00 AM Divine Service with Holy Communion (4th Sun. of Easter) 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study (<i>sanctuary</i>) 10:30 AM Adult Catechesis (<i>main fellowship hall</i>) 10:30 AM Sunday School (<i>school gym</i>)

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
Worship Art: Bill & Karen 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

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

Servant Recognition

Thank you, thank you to Mark Hepworth for faithfully video recording weekend services as well as editing and uploading them to YouTube and local TV stations. Being able to watch services from home is extremely helpful for many of our members. We are so grateful for the time you put in to make that possible.

Principal's Corner

"Were not our hearts burning when He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32

The disciples on the Emmaus road were walking in the presence of our risen Lord. Jesus explained the Scriptures with them, the same Scriptures that all point to Him and His work of salvation. How our hearts burn when we hear His words of love and forgiveness in the Scriptures!

The school's County Fair was a great night of family fun! There were games, inflatables, food, and wonderful baskets to bid on. Proceeds from the fair are going towards the playground work.

The validation team for our National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) will be at Trinity starting the afternoon of Sunday, April 19 through Tuesday, April 21. Thank you for your continued support of this vital mission. We are excited for the team to experience the school ministry at Trinity.

In Christ, Karen Bahn, Principal

Those serving the Lord on April 18-19	
Elder:	Bill Godecke
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Carl Gloe, Jon Benya, Matt Sprengeler
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Addison Kula 9:00 AM – Lincoln Smith & Wyatt Manthe
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 4: Kay Lenaburg 9:00 AM – Team 8: Rod Powell
Altar Guild:	Lea Hepworth and Heidi Baumert
Fellowship Treats:	Last names beginning with S, T, U, V
Those serving the Lord on April 25-26	
Elder:	Chris Kistler
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Carl Gloe, Steve Bruzek, Mike Pownell
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Kylie Riha 9:00 AM – Hunter Beyelia & Benjamin Groth
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 4: Kay Lenaburg 9:00 AM – Team 8: Rod Powell
Altar Guild:	Lea Hepworth and Heidi Baumert
Fellowship Treats:	Last names beginning with W, X, Y, Z

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Know Christ + Grow in Christ + Make Christ Known



THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER

April 18-19, 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

Gathered in Christ, Gathered to Create | Sat, April 25 | 9-11 AM

Come and work on your current project with us — we'll enjoy a time of connection, share our love of crafting and encourage one another in faith. Meet in the library.

Mortgage Pay Off Celebration | Sunday, April 26 | 9:00 AM

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! The Lord has provided Trinity with the means to retire its debt! We are so thankful for His bounteous goodness! We will be celebrating the retirement of the mortgage during worship on April 26 with a cake reception to follow. Please join us as we give thanks to God for this great gift! In the words of Dave Ramsey from Financial Peace University, "We're debt free!"

Experience the Vision for a Lutheran High School | Apr. 26

See the progress that has been made towards the realization of a Lutheran high school that will serve the communities of Benton and Linn Counties. This presentation is open to the public. We are excited to share more information about this opportunity, and we hope you will join us! Date and location: Sunday, April 26 from 4:00-5:30 PM at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Atkins, IA. Questions: info@christlutheranhigh.org. - Christ Lutheran High School Board of Directors

LWML IED District Convention | Register by Friday, May 1

Cultivate your roots of faith by attending the 2026 LWML IED District Convention, June 12 & 13 at The Graduate Hotel in Iowa City. Strengthen your faith, share the Gospel and serve the Lord with gladness. For details and to register online only by May 1, go to <https://lwmlied.org/2026-iowa-east-district-convention>.

Graduation Announcements | Due: Monday, May 4

On Sunday, May 17 we'd like to recognize our Trinity church members who are graduating! If you are graduating from 8th grade (other than TLS), high school, or college, email the church office at churchoffice@trinitycr.org by May 4 and let us know. Please include: 1) your name, 2) the school you are graduating from, and 3) the next school you will be attending or your future job/plans after graduation.

TLS Band Concert & Theater Performance | Tues, May 5

You are cordially invited to hear our talented school musicians play in their spring band concert on May 5. In addition, the Trinity Theater Club will bring laughs and an important message during their performance of *Taste of Compassion*. Two performances: 1:30 PM & 6:30 PM, both in the school gym.

National Day of Prayer Service | Thursday, May 7 | 8:30 AM

Join us as we unite in prayer and worship, seeking God's guidance, protection, and blessings. We'll meet in the school gym at 8:30 AM and walk to All Veterans Memorial in Veterans Memorial Park together. Feel free to join us in the gym or right at the memorial. (Note: No chapel service on Wednesday this week.)

Home Missionary | Thursday, May 7 | 1:00 PM

On Thursday, May 7, Home Missionary will attend the "Together in Song" concert. We'll have a brief meeting at 1:00 PM, then carpool to the concert.

Tasting Luncheon | Friday, May 15 | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Save the date for this year's LWML Tasting Luncheon! This year's theme is *A Day at the Beach* based on Psalm 95:5a: "The sea is his, for he made it..." Tickets are \$15 each (includes beverage and dessert). Talk to Mary Becker or Di Koehn for tickets. People are also needed to bring salads and desserts. They can be dropped off the day before or the morning of by 9:30 AM. If you can help, contact Mary Becker at 319-360-9485.

Trinity Night at the Ballpark | Saturday, May 16



Let's tailgate before the Kernels baseball game! Meet us in the school gym at 5:00 PM for delicious food, then head over to the game. Game tickets are \$13 each (a \$6 savings) but must be purchased by May 15! Tickets are full price on game day. Kids 3 and under are free if they sit on a parent's lap. Purchase tickets online using the QR code or call the Kernels Ticket Office at 319-896-7560. Select/ask for the TRINITY LUTHERAN section when ordering. Gates open at 5:30 PM. Game starts at 6:35 PM. Fireworks will cap off the evening.

VBS Registration Is Now Open | June 8-11 | 9-11 AM

Kids 3-yrs-old (potty-trained) — 5th grade are invited to join us for a Tropical Trek during VBS! We'll learn how Jesus came to seek and save the lost (Lk. 19:10) while exploring exciting new places! We are also looking for volunteers. Register to attend or help out with the QR code.



Let's Fill Up the Flower Chart!!

Let's beautify our altar with flowers. All congregation members are welcome to participate in this act of bringing joy to those who worship. **The altar flower chart** is posted outside of the library. We invite you to choose a weekend that you would like to remember special events, special people or just to give glory to God with altar flowers.

Choose where you will purchase flowers and deliver the church's vase liners to that flower shop for them to arrange. (They are stored in the sacristy.) Please remember that we do not use bows or artificial flowers on the altar.

Have the liners with your arranged flowers in the kitchen refrigerator before noon on Friday. If you want the flower shop to deliver for you, please contact the church office to check the times the church will be open.

The church office will be happy to help in any way they can. You will also want to leave information for the bulletin about what the occasion is on the chart. Thank you! We will all enjoy your contribution.