

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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>west fellowship hall</i>) 10:30 AM Adult Catechesis (<i>main fellowship hall</i>) 10:30 AM Sunday School (<i>school gym</i>)
MON, 4/27	-----
TUE, 4/28	6:30 AM Men's <i>Lutheran Witness</i> Discussion 9:00 AM Ruth Guild 6:00 PM Council Meeting
WED, 4/29	8:30 AM School Chapel (<i>Led by TLS Kindergarten</i>) 11:00 AM Funeral for Penny Bebensee 4:30 PM Middle School Youth Group 6:00 PM High School Youth Group
THU, 4/30	9:20 AM Early Childhood Chapels
FRI, 5/1	-----
SAT, 5/2	9:00 AM Gathered in Christ, Gathered to Create (<i>library</i>) 6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion (5th Sun. of Easter)
SUN, 5/3	<i>Happy Birthday, Susan Benya!</i> 9:00 AM Divine Service with Holy Communion (5th Sun. of Easter) 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study (<i>west fellowship hall</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

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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

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.

Life Thought in the Church Year

April 26—Easter 4: The first generation of Christians were “selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need” (Acts 2:45). They did this because they recognized that the Gospel of Jesus grants worth and dignity to every person. This doesn’t mean that each Christian needs to sell all they have. But it does mean that we would “die to sin and live to righteousness” (1 Pet. 2:24), loving the poor and needy as well as the unborn, the sick, and the dying.

Principal’s Corner

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here! - 2 Corinthians 5:17

During this beautiful season of Easter, and also spring, we recognize the new life we have through the death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As new life is springing up around us, let us give thanks for all that God has done for us by making us new creations through faith in Christ.

The National Lutheran School Accreditation committee was here April 19-21 to validate our self-study and give us feedback on the great things that are happening at the school and how we can continue to improve and grow. We are waiting for the completed evaluation report to arrive in the next few days. Being an accredited school is important in that it helps us delineate a future vision for the ongoing mission of the school and also allows us to obtain ESA funds from the state of Iowa. Thanks to all who helped with this important process.

Next Friday, May 1 the 8th grade class is having a Dunk Tank fundraiser. If enough money is raised, Mrs. Fischer will get dunked along with one of the Bahns. Will it be Pastor Bahn or the principal? We will find out! This is taking place at 1:30 PM.

In Christ, *Karen Bahn, Principal*

Root Report

Reflecting on what has been a very busy spring, I praise and thank God for the active volunteers that continuously come through when we need them. All of the things that we write about in our reports cannot be done without people taking time out of their busy lives to serve others and support our programs at Trinity.

Last weekend, we had nine students show up early Saturday morning to load the Lutheran World Relief Truck. We packed nearly 1,000 boxes full of homemade quilts, school kits, and other donations that will be shipped around the world to those in need. A special shout out is needed for Dori Stanek, who has been directing this operation for over 20 years at Trinity. I praise God for Dori and the work He has done through her leadership. We also praise God for our youth, our adult volunteers, and for Mary Becker who will be taking over this service project moving forward.

Evan Root, Youth & Family Ministry

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Know Christ + Grow in Christ + Make Christ Known



FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

April 25-26, 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

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 are celebrating the retirement of the mortgage during worship this Sunday with a cake reception to follow. Please join us as we give thanks to God for this great gift!

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

Time is running out to register for the 2026 LWML IED District Convention in Iowa City from June 12–13 at The Graduate Hotel. Join us as we celebrate the theme "Rooted in Christ" based on Colossians 2:6-7. Enjoy uplifting worship, inspiring speakers and hands-on servant events. For details and to register by May 1, visit <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, like a dormant volcano! We are also looking for volunteers. Register to attend or help out with the QR code.



Those serving the Lord on April 25-26	
Elder:	Jayson Swyers
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Carl Gloe, Steve Bruzek, Mike Pownell
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Amelia Horne 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	

Those serving the Lord on May 2-3	
Elder:	Matt Sprengeler
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Steve Bruzek, Mike Pownell, Carl Gloe
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – None 9:00 AM – Riley Rabey & Benjamin Groth
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 1: Gary Widdel 9:00 AM – Team 5: Larry Acord
Altar Guild:	Ron & Lois Henderson, Brad Rhein, and Lea Hepworth
Fellowship Treats: Last names beginning with A, B, C	