

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SAT, 5/2** | 9:00 AM | Gathered in Christ, Gathered to Create (*library*)
6:00 PM | Divine Service with Holy Communion (**5th Sun. of Easter**)
- SUN, 5/3** | *Happy Birthday, Susan Benya!*
9:00 AM | Divine Service with Holy Communion (**5th Sun. of Easter**)
10:30 AM | Adult Bible Study (*west fellowship hall*)
10:30 AM | Adult Catechesis (*main fellowship hall*)
10:30 AM | Sunday School (*school gym*)
- MON, 5/4** | IDE Spring Church Workers Conference (*Zion, Hiawatha*)
- TUE, 5/5** | IDE Spring Church Workers Conference (*Zion, Hiawatha*)
6:30 AM | Men's *Lutheran Witness* Discussion
10:00 AM | Special Needs Worship Service
1:30 PM | TLS Band Concert & Theater Performance
6:30 PM | TLS Band Concert & Theater Performance
- WED, 5/6** | 4:30 PM | Middle School Youth Group
6:00 PM | High School Youth Group
- THU, 5/7** | 8:30 AM | National Day of Prayer Service (*meet in school gym*)
1:00 PM | Home Missionary
- FRI, 5/8** | -----
- SAT, 5/9** | 6:00 PM | Divine Service with Holy Communion (**6th Sun. of Easter**)
- SUN, 5/10** | 9:00 AM | Divine Service with Holy Communion (**6th Sun. of Easter**)
10:30 AM | Adult Bible Study (*west fellowship hall*)
10:30 AM | Adult Catechesis (*main fellowship hall*)
10:30 AM | Last Day of Sunday School (*school gym*)

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 & Tanya Cross
Asst. Business Dir: Shannon Sherman
Youth & Family Ministry: Evan Root | Director of Music: Dr. Susan Benya
Worship Art: Bill & Karen Godecke | Associate Organist: Marilyn Mark
Maintenance: Brian Wright | Forgiven Director/Keyboardist: Joy Ernst
Forgiven Musicians: Caity Monahan, Keith & Ava Olsen, Jana Pownell, Aaron Rowland

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

Principal's Corner

Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." John 10:11

We are so blessed to have such a loving and caring Shepherd. He loves us so much that He was willing to give His life to save us, His sheep. What a wonderful Savior we have! We share that Good News with joy!

It's hard to believe we are in the last month of school. The year has flown by, and God has blessed us with a great year of learning and growing. Thank you for your prayers and support of this vital mission arm of Trinity Lutheran Church!

The 8th grade dunk tank is this Friday, May 1. The 8th grade students will be getting dunked along with their teacher, Mrs. Fischer. An additional "dunkee" will be either Principal or Pastor Bahn. We will let you know who gets dunked!

The district track meet is this Saturday. Several of our students will be competing against other schools in races and field events. Please keep them in your prayers. Thanks to Sara Brandt for coordinating and preparing for this day.

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. If you see a teacher, please thank them for their love and service in the teaching ministry. Jesus has called us to bring the little children to Him. We are thankful we can fulfill that calling through our school.

We will be having a special chapel on May 7 to celebrate the National Day of Prayer. You are welcome to join us in the gym at 8:30 am or at All Veterans Memorial in Veterans Memorial Park.

The school will also be recognizing the graduating Seniors who have attended Trinity. We will recognize them at the Monday opening on May 11. We are excited to see where the Lord is leading these students in their future endeavors.

May 13 is the last day of school for our 8th graders. They will come to their last chapel on that day and then have a procession throughout the halls at the end of the day. They then are going to Kansas City for their field trip. Finally, on Sunday, May 17 they will have their graduation service. Our prayers are with them as they begin their high school years.

In Christ, *Karen Bahn, Principal*

Root Report

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are in the thick of our busy schedule here at Trinity as the school year wraps up. Our youth group students were involved in our County Fair fundraiser this past weekend. We also assisted in the Dunk an 8th Grader event on Friday as we handed out popsicles to the student body.

We love being connected to all that TLS has going on throughout the year, and our congregation is blessed to have our school as a part of our ministry and mission. I praise God for the continuous work he is doing through our youth ministry, and I also praise God for our school children, staff and families. It has been a wonderful year, and I look forward to what the summer months bring!

Evan Root, Youth & Family Ministry

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Know Christ + Grow in Christ + Make Christ Known



FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

May 2-3, 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

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! Tickets are \$15 each (includes beverage and dessert). Talk to Mary Becker or Di Koehn for tickets. The Trinity Lutheran School 7th graders will be our servers. Any tips they receive will be used for their 8th grade class trip. 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. Sign up in the office entrance or 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.



Graduation | Sunday, May 17 | 9:00 AM

On Sunday, May 17, the Trinity Lutheran School 8th Grade Commencement Ceremony will take place during our 9:00 AM worship service. We will also honor our Trinity Church members who are graduating from high school and college. A reception will follow downstairs in the fellowship hall.

Voters' Meeting | Tuesday, May 19 | 6:00 PM

All Trinity Church members, 18+, are encouraged to attend our next Voters' Meeting in the fellowship hall. We will be voting on the 2026-2027 budget.

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 and island caves! And we'll discover how God finds us and helps us in every challenge we face. We are also looking for volunteers. Register to attend or help out with the QR code.

Life Thought in the Church Year

May 3 – Easter 5: The truth of God's Word is not always welcomed by "stiff-necked people" who "resist the Holy Spirit," and even become enraged at hearing the truth. Stephen faithfully proclaimed that Word even though it led to his martyrdom (Acts 7:51, 59-60). Many angry voices today demand unfettered access to abortion or physician-assisted suicide. But we must continue to sound the trumpet of truth, for only the power of God's Word can open the eyes of the blind and execute justice for the oppressed (Psalm 146:7-8). It is the narrow road of faith in Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, that gives us access to our Father in heaven (John 14:6). Baptized into Christ, we are living stones, being built up into a spiritual house, that we may proclaim the Good News of the One who calls us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:5, 9).

Those serving the Lord on May 2-3

Elder:	Matt Sprengeler
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Steve Bruzek, Jeremy Burkett, 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	

Those serving the Lord on May 9-10

Elder:	Chris Kistler
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Jon Benya, Mark Freeze, Bill Godecke
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Jack Manthe 9:00 AM – Xuxa Zangerle & Atley Johnson
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 D, E, F	