

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAT, 5/9	6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion (6 th Sun. of Easter)
SUN, 5/10	9:00 AM Divine Service with Holy Communion (6 th Sun. of Easter) 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study (west fellowship hall) 10:30 AM Last Day of Sunday School (school gym)
MON, 5/11	-----
TUE, 5/12	6:00 PM School Board Meeting (school art room)
WED, 5/13	8:30 AM School Chapel (Led by TLS 4 th Grade) 4:30 PM Last Day of Middle School Youth Group 6:00 PM Last Day of High School Youth Group
THU, 5/14	9:20 AM Early Childhood Chapel 2:00 PM Human Care Meeting (library)
FRI, 5/15	11:00 AM LWML Tasting Luncheon (fellowship hall)
SAT, 5/16	5:00 PM Kernels Tailgate Party (school gym/playground) 6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion (7 th Sun. of Easter) 6:35 PM Kernels Baseball Game
SUN, 5/17	9:00 AM Divine Service with Holy Communion (7 th Sun. of Easter) & TLS 8 th Grade Graduation 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study (west fellowship hall) 10:30 AM Adult Catechesis (main fellowship hall)

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

Church: 319-366-1569 | **School:** 319-362-6952 | **Emergency:** 319-350-2498

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

Red Mortgage Envelopes

Mortgage envelopes will continue to be restricted for a specific purpose. Previously these were restricted for mortgage payments. We are blessed to be debt free now, so Council has decided that mortgage envelopes will be restricted for future trustee needs going forward. This will allow Trinity to be more proactive with facility needs.

Root Report

Where has the year gone?! As we approach the middle of May, we have come to the end of our Sunday school calendar. We also are ending our regularly scheduled youth group meetings this coming Wednesday. It has been a wonderful year full of great experiences, new faces, and amazing volunteers.

We want to take an opportunity to shout out one of our volunteers, Tammy Dietrich. Tammy has served at Trinity in so many ways over the years. Tammy has been teaching Sunday school for 37 years, and this year was her last. We are so blessed for the countless hours you have poured into our families over the past 37 years, and while we are sad to see your time in Sunday school come to an end, we hope and pray that your servanthood is an inspiration for others. Thank you, Tammy!

Evan Root, Youth & Family Ministry

Principal's Corner

Make a Joyful Noise!

Our theme for this year focused on making a joyful noise to the Lord. We have been blessed with a great school year and now are preparing for the next year to come. We have a lot to shout about. Give thanks to God for His great mercy and blessings!

Eighth grade's last chapel and class day is Wednesday, May 13. Their graduation ceremony is on Sunday, May 17. Our prayers go with them as they start their high school journeys.

Trinity Night at the Kernels is on Saturday, May 16. The youth are providing a free tailgate meal before the game. Hope to see you there!

Our last day of school is May 22. We dismiss at 1:00 PM. Thank you for your prayers and support for our school!

In Christ, *Karen Bahn, Principal*

Now Enrolling at Trinity Lutheran School

Picture your child thriving in a caring, Christ-centered environment from Early Childhood through Eighth Grade. Trinity Lutheran School is now accepting students for the 2026-2027 school year, and we have room for your family! Take the first step toward an exceptional education—schedule a personal tour today to discover all that TLS has to offer and receive a comprehensive enrollment packet designed to help you make the best school choice. Call us now at 319-3362-6952 x1227 or visit www.trinitycr.org/tour-tls to book your tour online.

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Know Christ + Grow in Christ + Make Christ Known



SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

May 9-10, 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

Ascension Service | Thursday, May 14 | 7:00 PM

Please join us at Zion – Hiawatha as we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord on May 14. We will have a Divine Service and distribute the precious gifts of our crucified, risen, and ascended Lord and Savior. Rev. David Lingard from St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Van Horne will be our guest preacher. Not only will we hear of Jesus ascending to God's right hand, but we will also hear Him comforting us and giving us courage.

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'll be voting on the 2026-2027 budget. See insert for details.

Libbie's Graduation Party | Sunday, May 24 | 1:00-4:00 PM

Trinity member Libbie Spicka is graduating from high school! All are invited to stop by her graduation party in the fellowship hall to offer congratulations and well wishes on May 24. Libby plans to study radiologic technology at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines, IA.

Church Office News

Church Office Closed: on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25.

Office Staff: Over the past few years, Business Director Pat Powell has been working remotely from Florida. In April, she moved back to Cedar Rapids and is now working from the Trinity office. Feel free to stop in and say hi!

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! We are also looking for volunteers. Register to attend or help out with the QR code.

Hy-Vee Receipts

Thank you for helping the Trinity Lutheran School Parent Teacher League bring in \$3,177.09 to cover needs at TLS. Keep saving and turning in Hy-Vee receipts from Marion and Cedar Rapids Hy-Vee stores and gas. Receipts need to be dated between April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027. Thank you for supporting TLS!

Life Thought in the Church Year

May 10 – Easter 6: Like Athens at the time of the Apostle Paul's preaching (Acts 17:16), this world is full of idols. Today's idols may take on a different shape, but they are just as deadly. These idols craftily disguise themselves with practical-sounding words and phrases, such as "reproductive health care" and "death with dignity." The One True God, the Lord of Life, offers a better way. Jesus says, "Because I live, you will also live" (John 14:19). Though in this life we may be tested and tried like silver, and what may appear to be a crushing burden is laid on our backs, the Lord God has promised to bring us into a place of abundance (Psalm 66:10-12). We have been given the Helper, the Spirit of Truth, who dwells in us (John 14:16-17), that we may serve God in our various vocations as Gospel-motivated voices for Life, always being ready to make a defense for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:15).

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	

Those serving the Lord on May 16-17	
Elder:	Carl Gloe
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Matt Sprengeler, Jeremy Burkett, Chris Kistler
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Riley Rabey 9:00 AM – Addison Kula & Makenzie Scranton
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 G, H, I	