

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAT, 5/16	7th Sunday of Easter 5:00 PM Kernels Tailgate Party (<i>school gym/playground</i>) 6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion 6:35 PM Kernels Baseball Game
SUN, 5/17	7th Sunday of Easter 9:00 AM Divine Service with Holy Communion & TLS 8 th Grade Graduation 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study (<i>west fellowship hall</i>) 10:45 AM Adult Catechesis (<i>main fellowship hall</i>)
MON, 5/18	6:00 PM Evangelism Meeting
TUE, 5/19	6:30 AM Men's <i>Lutheran Witness</i> Discussion 6:00 PM Voters' Meeting (<i>fellowship hall</i>)
WED, 5/20	12:00 PM Church Staff Meeting (<i>library</i>)
THU, 5/21	9:00 AM Dorcas Guild 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting (<i>library</i>)
FRI, 5/22	8:30 AM Closing School Chapel
SAT, 5/23	Pentecost 6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion
SUN, 5/24	Pentecost 9:00 AM Divine Service with Holy Communion & New Member Reception 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study (<i>west fellowship hall</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

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

Our 8th graders have walked the halls for the last time here at Trinity. We are also all done with youth group and Sunday school for the year. I cannot believe how fast these years fly by, and how quickly we see these students show up and move on. I praise God for each and every one of them, their families, and the blessing it is to be able to work with them.

Speaking of blessings, I wanted to make mention of the opportunity that I had this year to share teaching responsibilities with Pastor Groth and Pastor Bahn in 6th grade religion. I enjoy every chance I get to be over at the school and teach/interact with the students. It was also a pleasure working with both pastors in rotation, and I anticipate the Lord opening many doors in the future.

Evan Root, Youth & Family Ministry

Principal's Corner

I am with you until the very end of the age.

Our 8th grade graduates were reminded at chapel last Wednesday that God is with them as they start this new chapter in their lives. The 4th grade led chapel about the ascension of our Lord. How fitting to hear those beautiful words that Jesus is always with us!

Our Tri-Tones school group will be singing the National Anthem at the Kernels game this Saturday. The youth are also providing a tailgate meal at the school before the game. Hope to see you there!

Eighth Grade Graduation is this Sunday at the 9:00 AM service. We are also recognizing our high school and college graduates that day. We keep them all in our prayers.

The last day of school is Friday, May 22. We will dismiss at 1:00 PM. We are thankful for the many blessings God has poured over us this school year. We are also thankful for your continued support of our school and its mission.

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.

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Know Christ + Grow in Christ + Make Christ Known



SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER
Graduation Sunday

May 16-17, 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 | Sunday, May 17 | 9:00 AM

On Sunday we will honor our Trinity Lutheran School 8th grade graduates as well as Trinity Church members who are graduating from high school and college. Graduates, we pray that you will go on confidently to what God has planned for you. You have such an amazing future when you place it in His hands. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11) May the Lord bless your future adventures and continue to watch over you.

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. Agenda items include: ratifying Bradley Rhein as secretary, the TLS playground fundraiser, and the 2026-2027 budget. See salmon-colored insert for budget details.

Receiving New Members | Sunday, May 24

Next Sunday, May 24, the Day of Pentecost, we will receive several recent new members of Trinity during the Divine Service. Join us as we celebrate these brothers and sisters in Christ—true blessings to our congregation.

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!

Christ Lutheran High School Presentation | Sunday, June 7

Curious about the new Lutheran high school that is forming? Learn more about the progress that has been made so far, and discover ways you can support the project on Sunday, June 7 at 10:30 AM in the fellowship hall.

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.



Thrivent Night at the Ballpark | Tuesday, June 2

You're invited to Thrivent Night at the Ballpark for Special Olympics. Local Special Olympians will be recognized and celebrated before the Kernels game at Veterans Memorial Stadium. The game starts at 6:35 PM, but gates open at 5:30 PM, so arrive early to show your support for the Special Olympians. Discounted club tickets are \$9 at the Kernels Box Office or by calling them at 319-896-7560. Mention "Thrivent" to receive the discount. You may also order tickets online at <https://bit.ly/47IF2OV>. Note: There is a \$2/ticket fee for online purchases. Please select seats from Sections 111 or 112. Questions? Call Mississippi Valley Associates at 319-366-2991. No products will be sold.

Life Thought in the Church Year

May 17 – Easter 7: "Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts!" (Ps. 68:4). What a wonderful picture of Christ, God-in-the-flesh, who entered the desert wilderness of this world to bring light into the darkness and life to the dead! In a world that fosters a culture of death, Jesus came to give us eternal life. In Him, grace and peace rain down in abundance (Ps. 68:9). What hope this brings to those who are suffering, facing an unexpected pregnancy, or have lost their mooring in life! Christ brings forgiveness and restoration. Although we endure fiery trials (1 Pet. 4:12), and the devil prowls like a roaring lion, seeking to devour (1 Pet. 5:8-9), yet by the power of God's Word, we resist him, firm in the faith. We are blessed as we follow Jesus, who suffered once for all on the cross, accomplishing the work that the Father gave Him to do (Jn. 17:4). Risen, ascended, and glorified, Jesus restores, confirms, strengthens, and establishes us in the true faith (1 Pet. 5:10).

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	
Those serving the Lord on May 23-24	
Elder:	Steve Bruzek
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Carl Gloe, Jayson Swyers, Mike Pownell
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Amelia Horne 9:00 AM – Hunter Beyelia & Lincoln Smith
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 J, K, L	