

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAT, 8/1	6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion
SUN, 8/2	9:00 AM Divine Service with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Adult Catechesis (main fellowship hall) 10:30 AM Bible Study (west fellowship hall)
MON, 8/3	-----
TUE, 8/4	6:30 AM Men's Lutheran Witness Discussion 10:00 AM Special Needs Service
WED, 8/5	9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (library) 12:00 PM Church Staff Meeting (library)
THU, 8/6	-----
FRI, 8/7	-----
SAT, 8/8	6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion
SUN, 8/9	9:00 AM Divine Service with Holy Communion Including TLS Teacher Dedication and Installation of TLS Teacher Kimberly Engebrecht 10:30 AM Adult Catechesis (main fellowship hall) 10:30 AM Bible Study (west 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
Forgiven Director/Keyboardist: Joy Ernst
Forgiven Musicians: Caity Monahan, Keith & Ava Olsen, Jana Pownell, Aaron Rowland

Principal: Dr. Karen Bahn
School Secretary: Tanya Cross
School Dev. Director Jodi Jonasson
Maintenance: Brian Wright
Director of Music: Dr. Susan Benya
Associate Organist: Marilyn Mark

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

Elder Groups Are Here!

In an effort to encourage communication, spiritual well-being, and fellowship, every member of our congregation has been partnered with an Elder. Over the course of the next year, each Elder will reach out to his member group -- whether in person, via phone, text, email, letter, etc. — as an informal way to initiate a discussion. Be on the lookout as your Elder reaches out!

Sanctuary Lighting Update

Our refurbished sanctuary pendant lights in both the main and west naves will be re-installed during the first week of August! We look forward with joy and thanksgiving to worshiping in the light and beauty they will bring starting the weekend of August 8 & 9.

Thank you, *The Lighting Committee*

Keep Saving your HyVee Receipts

Hy-Vee donates \$1 for every \$200 worth of receipts to the school through the Cash 4 Students program. To donate your receipts, simply drop them off in the blue storage bin outside of the main school doors or at church in the green canvas bin to the right of the men's restroom downstairs. Receipts need to be dated between April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027 to qualify.

Root Report

As we turn the calendar to August, we reflect on the last few months and what a blessing the summer has been here at Trinity. July was very active for our youth group as we hosted our first ever mid-summer middle school gathering. The high schoolers also just returned from our trip to Walcamp. While it was extremely hot (and smoky), the students worked very hard, and we thank God for the opportunity to serve alongside one another.

As church staff begins our August meetings and school staff start meeting next week, we look forward to what God has in store for us this fall. We will be posting information about Sunday School registration and our youth group schedule.

As always, I thank God for such a supportive congregation. Blessings on the last few weeks of summer!

- *Evan Root*
Youth and Family Ministry

Trinity Lutheran
Church & School

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TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

August 1-2, 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, Aug. 8 | 9-11 AM

Enjoy a morning of creativity, fellowship, and conversation with us. Bring your current craft project—or simply come to visit. Everyone is welcome! Meet us in the church library.

Teacher Dedication & Installation | Sunday, August 9 | 9 AM

Join us for worship as we recognize, encourage, and pray for our Trinity Lutheran School teachers and staff at the start of the 2026-2027 school year. We will also be installing TLS teacher Kimberly Engebrecht during the service. We are very thankful for these faithful servants who share God’s Word and love with our students.

Youth Mission Trip Presentation | Sunday, August 16

On August 16, we’ll get to hear all about our youth’s mission trip to Walcamp Retreat Center in July. Come and grab a cup of coffee after the 9:00 AM worship service, find a seat, and learn more about the service projects they completed and the memories they made.

Confirmation Meeting & Acolyte Training | Wed, Aug. 26 | 6 PM

A parent and student Confirmation Meeting for those going into grades 6-8 will be held on Wednesday, August 26 at 6:00 PM in the west fellowship hall. Acolyte training will take place at the end of the meeting. All incoming 7th & 8th graders are required to purchase their workbooks for \$36.40 by September 2. Scan the QR code to pay online, bring a check (payable to Trinity Lutheran Church), or cash. Youth Group and Confirmation classes begin on Wed, Sept. 2:



- 5:00-5:45 PM – Middle & High School students (school gym)
- 5:45-6:00 PM – Snack (fellowship hall)
- 6:00-7:00 PM – Middle School Confirmation (fellowship hall) & High School Youth Group (youth room)

Sunday School Dates

Registration – August 30 & September 6 in the fellowship hall after the 9:00 AM worship service. All kids 3-years- old (potty trained) – 12th grade are welcome.

First Day of Classes – September 13 at 10:30 AM.

Greeting Card Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has donated greeting cards to share Christ's love and brighten the days of our homebound members. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are a wonderful blessing. At this time, we are only collecting Christmas cards. If you have any to donate, please leave them on the church secretary's desk in the office. If you have any questions, contact Heidi Baumert at 319-389-8809.

Servant Recognition

A heartfelt thank you to the chaperones who accompanied our youth to Walcamp Retreat Center in Kingston, IL: Evan Root, Hope Muehler, and Faith Muehler. Thank you for generously sharing your time, encouragement, and faith, and making this mission trip a meaningful experience for our students.

Egg Carton Thank You

We are grateful for the many egg carton donations we have received at church. We have been blessed with an abundant supply and are no longer accepting additional donations. Thank you for your support!

Used Eyeglass Collection

We’re collecting used eyeglasses for the Lions Club. No sunglasses please. Place eyeglasses in the white/clear bin on the counter in the west fellowship hall.

Life Thought in the Church Year

August 2 – Pentecost 10: Our God is the Lord and Giver of life! “Come ... incline your ear to me, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live” (Isaiah 55:3)! “He who gives food to all flesh, for His steadfast love endures forever” (Psalm 136:25) also gives nourishment to every born and preborn life He knits together fearfully and wonderfully. Even while I “have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart” (Romans 9:2) over the spiritually lost and the violence of abortion and euthanasia, we continue to eat and be satisfied (Matthew 14:20) from Jesus Christ, our Bread of Life.

Those serving the Lord on August 1-2	
Elder:	Chris Kistler
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Carl Gloe, Jon Benya, Mike Pownell
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – None 9:00 AM – Benjamin Groth
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 4: Kay Lenaburg 9:00 AM – Team 8: Rod Powell
Altar Guild:	Brad Rhein, Dennis & Sandy Bruns
Fellowship Treats: Last names beginning with M, N, O	

Those serving the Lord on August 8-9	
Elder:	Matt Sprengeler
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Jeremy Burkett, Jayson Swyers, Bill Godecke
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – None 9:00 AM – Makenzie Scranton & Atley Johnson
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 4: Kay Lenaburg 9:00 AM – Team 8: Rod Powell
Altar Guild:	Brad Rhein, Dennis & Sandy Bruns
Fellowship Treats: Last names beginning with P, Q, R	