

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAT, 9/26	9:00 AM Gathered in Christ, Gathered to Create (library) 6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion
SUN, 9/27	9:00 AM Divine Service with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Adult Catechesis (main fellowship hall) 10:30 AM Bible Study (west fellowship hall) 10:30 AM Sunday School
MON, 9/28	-----
TUE, 9/29	6:30 AM Men's Lutheran Witness Discussion
WED, 9/30	8:30 AM School Chapel (Rev. Bickel) 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (library) 12:15 PM Church Staff Meeting (library) 5:00 PM MS. & H.S. Youth Group (school gym) 6:00 PM Confirmation (fellowship hall) 6:00 PM H.S. Youth Group (youth room)
THU, 10/1	9:15 AM Early Childhood Chapel (Rev. Groth) 1:00 PM Home Missionary
FRI, 10/2	-----
SAT, 10/3	LWML Sunday 6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion
SUN, 10/4	LWML Sunday 9:00 AM Divine Service with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Adult Catechesis (main fellowship hall) 10:30 AM Bible Study (west fellowship hall) 10:30 AM Sunday School

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 Development: Jodi Jonasson
Maintenance: Brian Wright
Director of Music: Dr. Susan Benya
Associate Organist: Marilyn Mark

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

Phase 2 Chancel Lighting Funding Complete!

Thank you to all who donated to our sanctuary lighting project. The lighting committee is happy to report that required funds have been raised, materials have been ordered, and we are in the process of scheduling the completion of the Phase 2 Chancel Lighting work. Details regarding Phase 2 can be found on the gold sheets on the church secretary's desk in the church office.

– The Lighting Committee

Principal's Corner

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy all you upright in heart! Psalm 32:11

There is so much that God has given to us. One great blessing is joy. It is one of the fruits of the Spirit.

Many years ago, we would sing this song to the tune of Jingle Bells in my classroom:

J-O-Y, J-O-Y, this is what it means,
Jesus first, yourself last, and others in between.

Our joy is in the Lord and sharing that joy with others is what He calls us to do. To lead people to our Savior, so they can be with us in heaven one day is one of the greatest joys we can experience. Think about the many blessings you have received that bring you joy, and give thanks to the giver of joy!

As September comes to a close, please check the school calendar for upcoming events and breaks, and mark your calendar accordingly.

We are so excited that the playground is finally open to our students. They are having so much fun playing on the new equipment in a safe environment. Thanks to all for making this project possible. It will serve and bring joy to generations of students in the years to come.

Have a blessed week!

In Christ, Karen Bahn, Principal

TLS Playground Project Is Almost Completed

TLS hosted a ribbon cutting on September 17 for the new playground. The equipment and one shade structure are up. The new turf area is a huge hit! We are waiting on our gaga pit to be re-installed with a new padded surface and for the large shade structure to complete the area. What a blessing many of you have been through your donations and ongoing prayers. Some unexpected additional costs did occur, so we are still accepting donations for the project and future upkeep. To donate, go to www.trinitycr.org, and click on School → Special Events. Thank you!

Trinity Lutheran
Church & School

Know Christ + Grow in Christ + Make Christ Known



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

September 26-27, 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 on 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

Home Missionary (LWML) | Thursday, October 1 | 1:00 PM

Home Missionary will meet at church on October 1. Gwendolyn Timm and Di Koehn will serve as hostesses, and Heidi Baumert will lead devotions. In addition to our regular meeting, we will set out quilts in the sanctuary in preparation for LWML Sunday.

LWML Sunday | October 3 & 4

Join us as we celebrate LWML Sunday on October 3 & 4 during our worship services, giving thanks for the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League and its faithful support of mission work near and far. Quilts made by the women of our congregation will be displayed in the sanctuary as a beautiful reminder of Christian service and God’s love shared with others.

Voters’ Meeting | Tuesday, October 6 | 6:00 PM

All church members (ages 18+) are encouraged to attend our next voters’ meeting on October 6 in the fellowship hall. Agenda items will include:

- 2028 Iowa District East Convention at Trinity
- 2027 Board Nomination and Election
- LCMS Constitutional Amendment Vote
- 2025 Audit Report

National Life Chain | Sun, Oct. 11 | 2:00-3:30 PM

Make a public, prayerful, peaceful stand for LIFE. Meet us at the St. Matthew Church parking lot at 2310 First Ave NE, Cedar Rapids. Sign in for a chance to win one of two gift certificates, and pick up your sign. A send-off prayer will be shared before participants will go to their assigned blocks. Chairs and strollers are welcome. Pre-registering is appreciated; please see the sign-up display by the grand piano to do so. Lutherans For Life hopes to have at least ten participants from each sister church.

Trinity Fall Fest | Friday, October 23 | 6:00 PM

Trinity Fall Fest is Friday, October 23! Bring the whole family for an evening of fall fun featuring a Trunk or Treat with Best Trunk contest, food, face painting, carnival games, prizes, and much more! The evening will also include acoustic worship at 7:30 PM. Free admission. Invite your family and friends and come enjoy the fun! Interested in decorating a trunk or helping with the event? Scan the QR code to sign up!



Prayer Shawls

Prayer Shawls are available in many different colors for you or a friend who might need one. Cooler weather is coming! Shawls may be picked up downstairs in the west fellowship hall.

TLS Is Hiring

The Trinity Lutheran School Kitchen Crew is seeking a part-time person, Monday-Friday, 11am-2pm, to keep the clean dishes flowing. The kitchen is a great place to work, see the kiddos, and help with a very important time in our day – LUNCH! Send your resume or inquiry to schooloffice@trinitycr.org.

Life Thought in the Church Year

September 27 – Pentecost 18: The consistent refrain of the foes of life is something like, “You are more significant than others” or “Look to your own interests.” This refrain seeps into the everyday routine of many because it resonates with our sinful nature. In fact, we grumble at the slightest infringements on our lives of convenience. The Apostle Paul instructs each of us to “look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:4). The world tries to drum into our minds that raising up children, serving those in need, caring for the elderly, and tending to those who are dying are useless pursuits. But in Christ we see the value of each life and the joy that God provides in seeing people loved.

Pop Can Tabs

Pop can tabs are being collected to benefit Ronald McDonald House. To help, please leave your pop tabs in the west fellowship hall. Look for the plastic bin with a drawer marked ‘Pop Can Tabs’ on the counter. Tabs may be placed in the drawer or next to the bin.

Those serving the Lord on September 26-27	
Elder:	Jayson Swyers
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Carl Gloe, Steve Bruzek, Mike Pownell
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – None 9:00 AM – Benjamin Groth
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 1: Gary Widdel 9:00 AM – Team 5: Larry Acord
Altar Guild:	Heidi Baumert, Kay & Gerry Lenaburg
Fellowship Treats:	Last names beginning with J, K, L

Those serving the Lord on October 3-4	
Elder:	Matt Sprengeler
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Steve Bruzek, Jeremy Burkett, Chris Kistler
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Amelia Horne 9:00 AM – Kylen Rowley & Jack Manthe
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 2: Kreutner/Kiracofe 9:00 AM – Team 6: Matt Krenz
Altar Guild:	Ron & Lois Henderson and Darrell & Diane Peterson
Fellowship Treats:	Last names beginning with M, N, O