

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAT, 9/5	6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion
SUN, 9/6	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, 9/7	Labor Day – Church Office Closed
TUE, 9/8	6:30 AM Men's Lutheran Witness Discussion 6:00 PM School Board Meeting
WED, 9/9	8:30 AM School Chapel (Rev. Groth) 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, 9/10	9:15 AM Early Childhood Chapel (Rev. Bahn) 2:00 PM Human Care Meeting (library)
FRI, 9/11	-----
SAT, 9/12	6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion
SUN, 9/13	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

Root Report

The 2026-2027 school year is underway! With two full weeks now under our belt, we are definitely getting back in the fall routine. On Wednesday, September 2, confirmation classes and youth group programming began.

You have an opportunity to support our youth program this year by purchasing a Trinity Youth t-shirt or sweatshirt. Each purchase will benefit our youth program. The design this year features our Trinity Youth logo and year on the front, along with our theme verse of the year and our church letterhead graphic. Please scan the QR code to order or contact me at rootej@trinitycr.org for more information.



As always, I thank you for supporting our youth program!

Evan Root
Youth and Family Ministry

Servant Recognition

A special thank you to two of our youth, Henry and Oliver Kistler, for stepping up and helping serve as ushers during worship services. We are grateful for their willingness to serve and for the wonderful example they set for others!

Trinity Lutheran
Church & School

Know Christ + Grow in Christ + Make Christ Known



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

September 5-6, 2026
6:00 PM Saturday & 9:00 AM Sunday

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 Secretary: Tanya Cross
Asst. Business Dir: Shannon Sherman	School Development: Jodi Jonasson
Youth & Family Ministry: Evan Root	Maintenance: Brian Wright
Worship Art: Bill & Karen Godecke	Director of Music: Dr. Susan Benya
Forgiven Director/Keyboardist: Joy Ernst	Associate Organist: Marilyn Mark
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

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

Faith Family Registration | September 5-13

What do we really believe? Better yet, what does Scripture teach us about these things? This year Faith Families will study *Myth or Faith—Clearing Up Common Misconceptions about Christianity*. Take a closer look at various misconceptions about the Christian faith, using the Word of God to root out myths that often lead to confusion and disagreement in the church.

Registration for Faith Families 2026-2027 will be September 5-13. Look for our table downstairs in the fellowship hall. Faith Families are small groups who meet weekly through May, with a break from Thanksgiving through the first week of January. We pray for each other and work together in service, both in the church and in the community. Together we enjoy much fellowship.

We are excited to start again, meet new faces, study together, and see what God has in store for each of us. Even if you have never considered joining a Faith Family — try it this year! Join us. We have room for you!

Special Voters’ Meeting | Sun, Sept. 6 | 10:30 AM

A special voters’ meeting will be held on September 6 in the fellowship hall to approve a bequest.

Fellowship Club | Friday, September 18 | 11:30 AM

Join the Fellowship Club on Friday, September 18 for a potluck lunch and games at church! Bring a dish to share and come enjoy good food, fun, and fellowship. We hope to see you there!

Sunday School Registration

Sunday School Registration is now open! We invite all children, 3-years-old (potty trained) – 12th grade, to join us for a wonderful year of growing in faith, learning about God’s love, and making new friends. Whether your child is new to Sunday School or returning for another year, we look forward to welcoming them! Parents, please register online using the QR code. The first day of classes will be on Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 AM. A complete Sunday School calendar is available on the registration table downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.



Support TLS with Your Receipts!

Thank you for helping Trinity Lutheran School’s 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. They may be dropped 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 April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027. Thank you for supporting TLS!

Portals of Prayer

The October–December Portals of Prayer devotion books (regular and large print) are available at each sanctuary entrance. Feel free to take one home.

Stewardship Note

Matthew 18:4 – “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is childish — we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we’ll take His advice!

Life Thought in the Church Year

September 6 – Pentecost 15: In faith, as God’s watchmen, we humbly proclaim His Word. The faithful Word gives a true warning to the wicked (Ezekiel 33:7-8). We are called to speak boldly when lives are heartlessly ended and when God’s gifts are mocked. We also rejoice as we teach about forgiveness. In Psalm 32 we read that the Lord forgives those who acknowledge their sin before Him. In God’s plan, He allows us to be watchmen, proclaiming warnings so that all may confess their sins and have a clear conscience. Many have guilty consciences because they have rejected the truth concerning God’s gift of life. May God’s mercy lead them to rely completely on the grace of God.

Those serving the Lord on September 5-6	
Elder:	Carl Gloe
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Steve Bruzek, Mark Freeze, Jayson Swyers
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Lenora Fagenbaum 9:00 AM – Jack & Wyatt Manthe
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 A, B, C	

Those serving the Lord on September 12-13	
Elder:	Bill Godecke
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Carl Gloe, Jeremy Burkett, Chris Kistler
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Lenora Fagenbaum 9:00 AM – Makenzie Scranton & Xuxa Zangerle
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 D, E, F	