

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

October 31 & November 1, 2026

Commemoration
OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Trinity Lutheran Church members
called to be with Christ during the last year

Pastor: In joyful anticipation of the resurrection to eternal life through our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, we remember those who have gone before us in faith to inherit their heavenly home by His grace.

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, in whose glorious presence live all who die in Christ, we give You hearty thanks for Your loving-kindness to all Your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. We humbly implore Your mercy that we, together with all who have departed in the saving faith, may have our perfect consummation and bliss in both body and soul in Your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

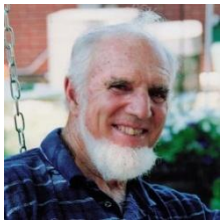
People: Amen.



Lola Reisner
November 1, 2025

Pastor: But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

People: who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself. (Phil. 3:20-21)



Ed Wiseman
November 9, 2025

Pastor: Since You have given [Jesus] authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him.

People: And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (John 17:2-3)



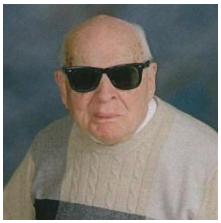
James Brown
December 11, 2025

Pastor: For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.
People: So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. (Romans 14:7-8)



Ray Krug
December 14, 2025

Pastor: For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son,
People: that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)



Eldred Gerhold
December 26, 2025

Pastor: "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
People: and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4)



Mike Humphrey
January 2, 2026

Pastor: For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
People: even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thess. 4:14)



Darrell Axtell
January 7, 2026

Pastor: Then the King will say to those on His right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father,
People: inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (Matthew 25:34)



Robert Niles
January 15, 2026

Pastor: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.
People: I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:27-28)



Donna Simoens
February 26, 2026

Pastor: For I am sure that neither death nor life… nor things present nor things to come
People: …nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38–39)



Marjorie Spicka
March 5, 2026

Pastor: Our Savior Christ Jesus…abolished death
People: and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. (2 Timothy 1:10)



Ione LeHew
March 9, 2026

Pastor: "Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace, according to Your Word;
People: for my eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples." (Luke 2:29-30)



Joanne Baack
March 13, 2026

Pastor: My flesh and my heart may fail,
People: but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. (Psalm 73:26)



Carie Sills
April 7, 2026

Pastor: For if we have been united with Him in a death like His,
People: we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. (Romans 6:5)



Cynthia Vernon
April 14, 2026

Pastor: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
People: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:56-57)



Penny Bebensee
April 17, 2026

Pastor: For here we have no lasting city,
People: but we seek the city that is to come. (Hebrews 13:14)



Steve Blockhus
April 27, 2026

Pastor: Precious in the sight of the Lord
People: is the death of his saints. (Psalm 116:15)



Andrew Seifert
May 28, 2026

Pastor: And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
People: they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. (Isaiah 35:10)



Pat Campbell
June 19, 2026

Pastor: For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed,
People: we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (2 Corinthians 5:1)



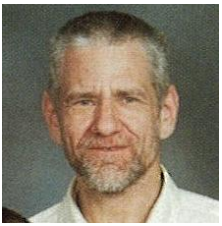
Bruce Eichmeyer
August 3, 2026

Pastor: …Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.
People: "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors…" (Revelation 14:13)



Scott Hamerlinck
September 1, 2026

Pastor: "Blessed are those who mourn,
People: for they shall be comforted." (Matthew 5:4)



Bruce Seifert
September 19, 2026

Pastor: Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
People: ever singing your praise! (Psalm 84:4)



Jerry Bartosh
September 23, 2026

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies
People: and God of all comfort… (2 Corinthians 1:3)



Carole Anderson
September 27, 2026

Pastor: Jesus said…"I am the resurrection and the life.

People: Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live…" (John 11:25)

All: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in the faith and in everlasting fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!