

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEC 21	6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion
22	9:00 AM Divine Service with Holy Communion 10:30 AM 1 Corinthians Adult Bible Study (<i>fellowship hall</i>)
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24	<i>Christmas Eve</i> 4:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion 6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion
25	<i>Christmas Day</i> 9:00 AM Divine Service with Holy Communion
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28	6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion (<i>Pres. Saunders</i>)
29	9:00 AM Divine Service with Holy Communion (<i>Pres. Saunders</i>) 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study (<i>fellowship hall</i>)

**** The church office will be closed December 24-27. ****

End of Year Giving

Note that in order for offerings and donations to be credited to the 2024 calendar year, mailed offerings must be postmarked no later than December 31. Donations may also be dropped off in the church office December 30 & 31 from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Senior Pastor: Rev. Theodore Groth, 720-737-1283

Church Secretary: Stacy Brusius

Business Director: Pat Powell

Asst. Business Dir: Shannon Sherman

Youth & Family Ministry: Evan Root

Maintenance: Isaac Meister

Cover Art: Bill Godecke

Director of Music: Dr. Susan Benya

Associate Organist: Marilyn Mark

Forgiven Dir/Keyboardist: Joy Ernst

School Secretary: Dana Freymark

Interim Principal: Jan Doellinger

Church: 319-366-1569 | **School:** 319-362-6952 | **Emergency:** 319-350-2498
1363 1st Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405

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

A Life Thought in the Church Year

December 22 – Advent 4: Whether the hamlet of Bethlehem (Micah 5:2) or gestating babies (Luke 1:41-44), the God of Christmas loves to elevate what seems insignificant. Indeed, the heart of the Gospel consists in exalting those of humble estate (Luke 1:52). Rejoicing in the Lord who creates, redeems, and calls regardless of size, skills, or circumstances, the sanctity of life delights to declare nothing less!

Ushers Needed

Additional ushers are needed, especially on Saturday evenings. Ushers serve for three months during the year (not consecutively). To help out, please speak with Larry Acord, 319-396-8960, or the church office, churchoffice@trinitycr.org, 319-366-1569.

Thank You for Your Support & Prayers



We would like to take this opportunity to appreciate you all for your continued support to our project in Liberia-West Africa. Honestly, we couldn't have come this far without your support, thoughtfulness, and prayers. We're very grateful to share with you some of the pictures from the trip to Liberia.



The top picture shows the children in class. The bottom picture shows them after class – they came home and watched TV for the first time. A big thank you to the people of Trinity Lutheran in Cedar Rapids.

- Harrison Peter Kpartipa ❤️

Stewardship News

PLEDGE CARDS: Trinity members, you can still turn in your 2025 pledge card through Dec. 31. Extra cards are available on the ushers' tables. Simply place your card in the offering plate during worship or return it to the church office.

SIMPLY GIVING: Some Trinity donors choose to automate their giving through the Simply Giving Program. Enrollment in this program is easy and ensures that contributions are regularly scheduled (per the giver's choice). Simply Giving enrollment forms are available at the display by the sanctuary grand piano.

ILSTO & TRINITY DONATIONS: Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) donation forms as well as printed information on how to donate to Trinity online, through our QR code or with the Vanco Mobile app, are also available at the display.

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Know Christ + Grow in Christ + Make Christ Known



FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ADVENT

December 21-22, 2024
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+. In addition, note the insert in the bulletin, with a section for kids. 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

Christmas Eve Worship Services | 4:00 & 6:00 PM

Holy Communion and candle lighting at both services.

Christmas Day Worship Service | 9:00 AM

with Holy Communion

Good Samaritans

For the busy month of December, the Good Samaritans may choose whatever days they have available to visit their shut-ins.

Special Voters' Meeting | Sunday, January 5 | 10:30 AM

A Special Voters' Meeting will be held after our Sunday worship service regarding a fundraising incentive for the school's HVAC system.

Guest Pastor from LFS | January 11 & 12

Rev. Michael Wolfram from Lutheran Family Services (LFS) will be preaching during the Saturday 6:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM services. He'll tell us more about the great things LFS is doing in Iowa during the Adult Bible Study hour on Sunday at 10:30 AM.

2025 Offering Envelopes

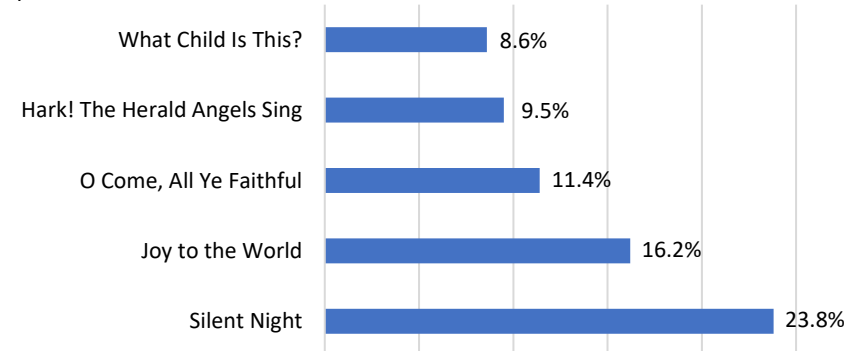
Offering envelopes for 2025 have arrived and can be picked up in the west wing of the church sanctuary by the windows behind the piano.

Church Doors

Occasionally, the church doors do not latch closed all of the way. If you are the last person to leave the building, please make sure that the doors are fully closed and locked behind you. Thank you!

Trinity's Favorite Christmas Hymn

Over the last two weeks you've voted for your favorite Christmas hymns. And the winner is... "Silent Night"! Here were the top five favorite hymns and the percent of votes each received: "



Support a Missionary

Will you support a missionary for Christmas this year?

They've answered God's call to go out to all the world and tell the Good News of love and salvation through His Son, Jesus! Scan the QR code to look over the bios and choose a



name of an individual or family you will support. You may give online or by check (with the missionary name in the memo) to Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861. There is no better gift than The Greatest Gift - JESUS!

Those serving the Lord on December 21 & 22

Elder:	Steve Bruzek
Comm. Assts:	Carl Gloe, Jeremy Burkett, Jon Benya
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Rose Steffens 9:00 AM – Tommy Annett & Danny Groth
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 4: Kay Lenaburg 9:00 AM – Team 8: Rod Powell
Altar Guild:	Teri & Danika Burkett and Dennis & Sandy Bruns
Fellowship Treats: Last names beginning with W, X, Y, Z	

Those serving the Lord on Christmas Eve, December 24

Elder & Assts:	All Elders
Acolytes:	4:00 PM – Kendall Jones & Sophie Slaymaker 6:00 PM – Kaelyn Erickson & Claire Krenz
Usher Leader:	4:00 PM – Team 5: Larry Acord 6:00 PM – Team 7: Bob Heyer

Those serving the Lord on Christmas Day, December 25

Elder:	Jeremy Burkett
Comm. Asst:	Carl Gloe
Acolytes:	9:00 AM – Danny Groth
Usher Leader:	9:00 AM – Team 1: Gary Widdel

Those serving the Lord on December 28 & 29

Elder:	Carl Gloe
Comm. Asst:	Steve Bruzek
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Libby Heck 9:00 AM – Tommy Annett & Oliver Kistler
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 4: Kay Lenaburg 9:00 AM – Team 8: Rod Powell
Altar Guild:	Teri & Danika Burkett and Dennis & Sandy Bruns
Fellowship Treats: Open for the whole congregation	