

Announcements

- We are in need of more volunteers for A/V, greeting, altar guild, etc. Please let Pastor or Lycia know by today or tomorrow if you would be willing to help out.
- Trinity and LWML are starting a new **Swaddling Clothes** program! A table is set up in the narthex for disposable diaper, wipes, or financial donations. Table will be set up December 21, also.
- Sunday School will start at 9 AM on December 14 and 21. Kids will be practicing for the Christmas Eve Service. **Thank you** to the kids for singing in worship this morning!
- There will be no Sunday morning Bible Study in the month of December.
- Saturday worship services will start at 4 pm in December.
- The last Midweek Advent service is on Wednesday at 7 pm on Dec.17.
- 125th Anniversary **Christmas ornaments** are available in a box in the back of the church. Please take one free ornament per family.

Our Week With God		
Today:	9:00 am	Sunday School with practice
	10:30 am	Worship (second offering for the Hawarden Food Pantry) Kids sing
Wednesday:	5:15 pm	Catechism supper
	5:45 pm	Catechism
	7 pm	Advent Service
Thursday:	No Bible Study	
Saturday:	4 pm	Worship*
Next Sunday:	8:30 am	Elders meeting
	9 am	Sunday School with practice
	10:30 am	Worship* (second offering for our overseas missionaries)

Elder serving in December: Ryan Noble

This week’s servants:

Ushers: Denny Peters, Mike Bockelman, Justin DeBruin, Addilyn, Emmalee, Logan

Greeters: Corinne Lowe & family

Acolyte: Levi, Luke

Camera: Derek Allen

A/V: Tom Murren

Accompanist: Peggy Christensen

Last Week Attendance: 119

Next week’s servants:

Ushers: JP Breugem, Larry Bauder, Jerry Ruhland, Eastyn, Lincoln

Greeters: Tom & Jane Murren

Acolyte: Logan, Theron

Camera: Derek Allen

A/V: Jon Burt

Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman

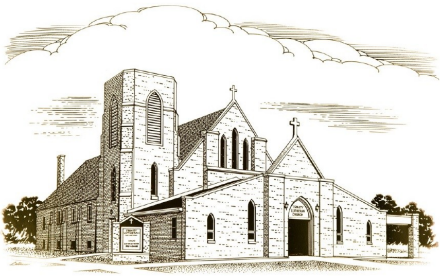
2025 Yearly Budget \$238,998.00 (Includes District Pledge of \$18,200)

	HOME	DISTRICT PLEDGE
Budget to Date	\$ 204,134.00	\$ 16,807.00
Amt. Needed/Week	\$ 4,166.00	\$ 343.00
Amt. Last Sunday	\$ 4,340.13	\$ 185.00
Amt. Received to Date	\$ 178,055.71	\$ 10,232.00
Amt. Ahead (Behind)	\$ (26,078.29)	\$ (6,575.00)

Welcome to
Trinity Lutheran Church,
LCMS

1103 Central Ave.

Hawarden, IA 51023



Pastor Joshua Lowe

Third Sunday in Advent
December 14, 2025

Recordings of Sunday services will be available on our Facebook page and website:

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Office Manager: Lycia Anderson

Church Custodian: Eric Heuer

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Order of Service

Opening Hymn #334

Invocation

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Psalm 146

Hymn #357 sts. 1

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn #357 sts. 4

First Reading Isaiah 35

Second Reading James 5:7-11

Holy Gospel Matthew 11:2-15

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Children Sing

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Canticle Hymn #940

Offering

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Collect of the Day

Prayers of the Church

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Benedicamus pg 228

Benediction pg 228

Closing Hymn #515

Old Testament

Isaiah 35

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; ²it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.
G Thanks be to God.

Epistle

James 5:7–11

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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G Thanks be to God.

Stewardship is Heart Work

December 14: “God gave us His Son; we give in response.” Stewardship during Christmas is a joyful response to the greatest gift ever given. “*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...*”— **John 3:16a**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.
G Glory to You, O Lord.

²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
G Praise to You, O Christ.

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER

We pray for our members: Cory Aldrich, Mark Hazel, Dan Tentinger

We also pray for: Rocky Waterman (brother of Jane Murren),
Nancy Lowe (mother of Pastor Lowe), Jim Holmes (uncle of Pastor Lowe),
Nash Koopmans (son of Ross and Mollie Koopmans), Jesse Paul and Glenden Peterson (family of Trudy Paul), Dylan Ver Hoeven (friend of JP and Holly Breugem), Pete Kingma (husband of Kristi Kingma), Tonia Sommervold (daughter of Brenda Watkins), Levi Koopmans, Missy, Liz Otten.

Gene Hiemstra, Gary Lorensen, Steven Fleming, Derrick Gall, Lois Brownlee,
Mary Ann Younie, Linda Greenhagen, John DeGroot, Harlan Van Egdom (friends of Joyce Boerma), those in extended-care facilities and Military Service Personnel: Dakota Allen, Calvin Hurtado, Diego Hurtado, Ian McManaman, Wayne Toft, Kelan Utech, and Joshua Wilkens.