



October 28, 2026

REFORMATION SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Thanks to all who joined us for worship on Reformation Sunday – both in-person and online. Our appreciation to the **Adult Choir**, **instrumentalists**, and **Organist-Choirmaster Bill Greene** for their superb musical contributions to our worship. Many thanks for the numerous positive comments on the celebratory spirit of the festival service.

Our 2027 Every Member Response is now underway. Thanks to all who attended the Gifts Festival Breakfast. Stewardship packets have been mailed and we are asked to return our 2027 commitments by **Sunday, November 8**, if not already returned. They may be placed in the offering plates or mailed to the church office. Time & Talent and monetary pledges may also be made directly on our website, www.holytrinitylynchburg.org. You are also able to set up recurring payments on the home page of the website if you would like to make regular automatic payments from a bank account or credit card toward the fulfillment of your pledge. We are challenged to increase our time, talent, and monetary giving for 2027 as we seek to meet the growing needs of our mission and ministry. We have always met the challenges before us and seek to do the same in the year ahead! Thank you for your faithfulness.



MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

each Wednesday, from 12:10 - 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a time of spiritual nourishment as we gather for quiet reflection, prayer, the Word, and the Meal.

FALL SEMINAR

Wednesdays, from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

ECLIPSING EMPIRE: PAUL, ROME, AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

with Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan

Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan, preeminent scholars of the Christian Testament, filmed this video series on location in Turkey, Greece, and Italy as they traced the Apostle Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman Empire. Join us as they explore fresh insights into Paul's message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and the apostle's radical relevance for today.

- October 28 - Empire
- November 4 - Jesus
- November 11 - Paul's Mission

A light supper will be served. Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

TIME CHANGE REMINDER

We are reminded that we "fall back" to Eastern Standard Time at 2:00 a.m. this Sunday morning, November 1. Please remember to set clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday evening and enjoy the extra hour of sleep.

ALL SAINTS' DAY COMMEMORATION

Our worship services Sunday, November 1, will include our annual All Saints' Day commemoration as we remember and give thanks not only for the saints of every time and place but specifically for those in our Holy Trinity family who have entered the Church triumphant in the past year. A candle will be lit on the altar for each of these people as we celebrate their memory and give thanks to God for their lives and witness. As before all services, worshippers are also invited to light a votive candle in the *Globusleuchter* in memory of family or friends.



NEW BOOK DISCUSSION

Our Sunday Morning Book Discussion Group is only one session into *Elusive Grace* by Scott Black Johnston. The group meets at 9:30 a.m., in the Parlor. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$15.00.



PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, November 1, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in the Parlor

This class is designed for those who would like to learn more about Martin Luther and the Lutheran Church. Join us for an overview of Lutheran Church history, theology, liturgy, the church year, ecclesiology, and life at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please speak with Pastor Roberts for additional information.





All Saints' Day
November 1, 2026

*All Saints' Day is an occasion in the life of the Church to remember those who have preceded us in the faith.
The custom of commemorating the saints of the Church on a single day goes back to the third century.
We remember in our worship this Sunday those in the Holy Trinity family who have died since last All Saints' Day:*

Jacqueline "Jackie" Wolbrueck Almond, Sharon Ann Bowler, Jimmie Lou Lyons Cothren, Paula Diane Davis,
Charles Lee Dugger, Gustavo Adolfo Espinosa, Talmadge "Tally" Keith Greenway, Henry Kenneth "Ken" Hawkins,
Calvin DeVese Hughes, Mary Ann Lippincott, Gerald "Jerry" Edward Martin, Richard Boyden Park,
Kenneth Larry Roberts, Barbara "Bobbie" Caverlee Schuler, and Dietrich-Hartmut von Schmettow.

*The Lessons: Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-9, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
The liturgical color for All Saints' Day is white. A coffee hour follows each service.*

8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION with ALL SAINTS' COMMEMORATION
9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

ADULT EDUCATION
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
(Parlor)
Elusive Grace
Reclaiming Virtue
Courage, Faith, Hope, Love



10:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION with ALL SAINTS' COMMEMORATION
and LIVESTREAM
2:00 P.M. - PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS
4:00 P.M. - SENIOR YOUTH GROUP (grades nine - twelve)
6:00 P.M. - CONFIRMATION CLASS (grades six and above)

THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1 - 7

<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	7:00 P.M.	- CONNECTING WITH GOD - <i>Know God - Know Self</i> (via Zoom)
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	1:00 P.M.	- BIBLE STUDY - <i>Together by Grace: Psalms</i>
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	5:40 P.M.	- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	12:10 P.M.	- SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	5:30 P.M.	- FALL SEMINAR - <i>Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God</i>
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	7:00 P.M.	- ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
	9:00 A.M.	- PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
	11:00 A.M.	- DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God</i>
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	7:00 A.M.	- FRIDAY BREAKFAST SERIES - <i>Genesis: A Beginners Guide to the Beginning</i>
	8:00 A.M.	- MATINS (Morning Prayer)
	9:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
<u>SATURDAY,</u>	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	11:00 A.M.	- BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Separation of Church and Hate</i>
	10:00 A.M.	- ALTAR GUILD

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized and released is **Norma Jean Glass**.
Hospitalized and released to Westminster Canterbury Rehabilitation is **Tom Schuler**.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST SERIES

A light breakfast is served at 7:00 a.m., followed by the program from 7:15 - 7:45 a.m.

Genesis: A Beginners Guide to the Beginning

Esteemed Bible scholar Amy-Jill Levine takes us into the foundational stories of the Hebrew scriptures with clarity, depth, and imagination. She presents Genesis as a *living* text, one that continues to shape faith, identity, and our understanding of what it means to be human. With her signature blend of historical context and engaging storytelling, Levine opens up the book of beginnings, inviting us to linger with stories of creation and responsibility, rivalry and loss, judgment and mercy, promise and perseverance, revealing how these ancient narratives still speak with power today. She shows why these stories matter, bridging ancient scripture and modern life and inviting us to engage the texts with wisdom and wonder.

November 6 - Adam and Eve
November 13 - Cain and Abel
November 20 - Noah

Matins (Morning Prayer) follows at 8:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1 - 7

Sunday, November 1

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (age three - grade five;
meet in classroom across from the Nursery)
4:00 p.m. - Senior Youth Group (grades nine - twelve)
6:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class (grades six and above)

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECTS

- Our **October** outreach project is paper products – such as paper towels, toilet paper, and facial tissues – for **Miriam's House**, which works to end homelessness by connecting individuals and families with stable, affordable housing and providing the skills and supports that lead to self-sufficiency. Paper products may be brought to the church throughout the month of October and placed in the outreach basket in the narthex.
- Our **November** project is a food drive for the **Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry**. Grocery bags, complete with an attached suggested shopping list, are available in the narthex. We are asked to please fill and return the bags during the month of November. Monetary contributions are also encouraged. Special envelopes are available on the narthex desk.

NEW FRIDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Our Friday Morning Book Discussion Group will begin its exploration of *Twelve Steps to A Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong on November 6, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$15.00 each.

SOUP LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 8
11:30 a.m.

Our Holy Trinity Youth
invite all to enjoy delicious homemade soups and chili.

Free-will gifts will be received for Youth Missions.
Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.



NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

We will welcome new members into Holy Trinity in the coming weeks.
Please speak with Pastor Roberts if you are interested in joining our church family.

HOLY TRINITY FINE ARTS SERIES CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

Sunday, November 8, at 4:00 p.m.

NEW RIVER ENSEMBLE

This program – on the theme “Intimations of Change and Eternity” – includes original works by ensemble members Brendan Cooney and Martha Hyde, as well as their re-imaginings of a song by Cole Porter and the Ballad of John Henry, and an American fantasia on Debussy's *Children's Corner*. They will also offer music by Marilyn Bliss, Max Bruch, and Andrea Casarrubios, weaving a fresh contemporary flavor with traditional and classical selections. They play a variety of instruments and voice for added color, giving a vibrant presentation that explores the old and the new, an enjoyable venture into light and shadow, meaningful depths and playful shadows.



CPR and DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSION

Saturday, November 14, from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall

This session will train people in adult, child, and infant CPR and in the use of Holy Trinity's Automated External Defibrillator (AED). No official certification card is given through this class; therefore, it will not fulfill the requirements of some health professions.

Please make reservations in the narthex or call or e-mail the church office to register for this free class.
Space is limited. Please speak with Parish Nurse Gail Midkiff for additional information.



THANK YOU

- Thanks to **Cheryl** and **Bruce Gerlich**, coordinators; **Wilma Beebe**, **Joe Fedeler**, **Dave Gillis**, and **Erica** and **Ryan Wolfe** for preparing and serving the delicious food for the Gifts Festival Breakfast, and/or cleaning afterwards.
- Thanks to the following for serving on the Nominating Committee: **Bill Hetzel**, chair; **Joe Fedeler**, **Barb Garman**, **Peter Manion**, **Karen Pollok**, and **Susan Royer**.
- Thanks to **ALL** who assisted with the Trunk of Treat Event last Sunday. It was a very fun time for all the young children who attended! It would not have been possible without the support of the "candy givers," the adults who decorated their cars, and the teens and adults who helped with crafts and games.

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*

Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

Parish Administrator: *Ellie Quillen*

Director of Youth and Campus Ministries: *Susan H. Williams*

Pastor: *Dennis S. Roberts*

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NOVEMBER YOUTH NEWS



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Youth Director & Campus Minister - Susan Williams - 384-8441(o), 434-944-8458 (c),
susan@holyltrinitylynchb.org



Day/Time	Who	Time	What We'll Be Doing
Nov. 1st	Grades 9-12	4 to 6 pm	What are Your Fears? Let's figure out what they are and learn how powerful they can be. We'll practice ways to release them, which is always a good time! Will see you at the Youth House for some good conversation and snacks.
	Confirmation Students	6 to 7 pm	Confirmation Class - Meet Pastor Roberts in the Parlor to learn more good stuff!
Nov. 8th	All Youth	9:30 am to 1pm	Soup Luncheon for Youth Missions - Let's support the mission fund by providing a delicious lunch for all who attend! They love it and it's actually fun to do our work! We'll set up, serve, and clean up all in a short period of time. Are you able to bring a crockpot full of soup to serve? Any kind works!
Nov. 15 th	Grades 3 - 8	11:45 am to 1:45 pm	Are You Thankful? I'd bet your answer to that question is, "YES!". But what do you do with your thankfulness?? Conversation, games, etc., will be part of looking at this picture. And food, as always! See you at the Youth House!
	Grades 9 - 12	3 to 5 pm	
Nov. 20 - 22	Grades 7 & 8	6 pm Friday to 12 pm Sunday	VA Synod's Lost & Found Retreat - We're headed to Eagle Eyrie to join with youth from around the state for this faith-formation event. Please be in prayer for our team - for safety, enjoyment, and looking at God in new and exciting ways.



The song, "Give Thanks," is so fitting for this special day. Please listen to it on youtube.com. and appreciate the lyrics. You'll be glad you did! Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (repeat) And now let the weak say "I am strong" Let the poor say, "I am rich" Because of what the Lord has done for us (repeat) (repeat from top)