

# THE BEACON

January 7, 2026

## SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

The next Sermon Discussion Group will meet Thursday, January 8, at 11:00 a.m., in the Parlor. We will discuss several recent sermons, copies of which will be provided in advance. Please make reservations in the narthex or contact the church office to receive the reading material.

## YEAR-END GIFTS

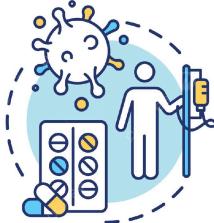
We are encouraged to meet in full our planned offerings for 2025 and make additional contributions according to our many blessings as we strive to meet our challenge level of giving (an extra dollar per week or fifty-two dollars per year). Our church financial records remain open through Sunday, January 11, 2026, for contributions toward 2025 pledges. Please keep in mind that contributions had to be received or postmarked by December 31 for 2025 tax purposes. We continue to meet new opportunities for mission and ministry and each person's gifts are very important.

## SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our January outreach project is a school supply drive for enCircle's Lynchburg Minnick School in downtown Lynchburg. The enCircle (formerly Lutheran Family Services of Virginia) Minnick Schools help students ages five to twenty-two who have experienced challenges in public schools reach their academic, behavioral, vocational, and developmental goals. Minnick Schools are licensed by the Virginia Department of Education as private day schools and now serve students in the Bristol, Grundy, Harrisonburg, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Wytheville, and Wise regions. The following supplies are needed: pencils, notebooks, crayons, construction paper, inexpensive calculators, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, paper towels, and facial tissues. Please place items in the narthex outreach basket.

### **PARISH NURSE EDUCATION SERIES**

Sunday, January 11  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall



#### ***A Cancer Treatment Update***

Speaker: Cecilia MacCallum, MD, Medical Oncologist  
Medical Director, Alan B. Pearson Regional Cancer Center

The lives of many of us have been or will be affected by cancer, of either ourselves or of a loved one. Cancer remains a leading cause of death in the United States, but overall death rates from cancer have been significantly declining. Many new treatment options are available or are being developed. Come and learn about them from a highly regarded and compassionate expert in cancer treatment.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

## TABLE TALK

The next session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, January 13, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Parlor. In keeping with the tradition of Martin Luther when he would gather around the table for theological discussions, participants may bring their beverage of choice to enjoy during the class. *We Believe: The Nicene Creed at 1,700 Years* is our theme this year and the next class explores "In Accordance with the Scriptures." Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$14.00 each.

## WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our monthly Wednesday Children's Ministry will be held January 14, from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.  
A light supper and a variety of learning and creative activities are provided for children from age three through grade five.

## **HOLY TRINITY BLOODMOBILE**

Saturday, January 17, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)  
or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter HTLC to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save time by visiting  
[RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass)  
to complete your pre-donation reading and history questions on the day of your appointment.

***Give blood. Help save lives.***





# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 11, 2026

*The Lessons: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17  
The liturgical color for The Baptism of Our Lord is white.*

**8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION and HOME COMMUNION**

**9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL**

**ADULT EDUCATION**  
**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
(Parlor)

**I've Got Questions**

What if the Wrestling Is the Point?

**10:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION with LIVESTREAM and HOME COMMUNION**

**2:00 P.M. - PARISH NURSE EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**3:30 P.M. - JUNIOR & SENIOR YOUTH** (grades six - twelve; Lynchburg AMF Bowl)

**6:00 P.M. - CONFIRMATION CLASS** (grades six - eight)

## THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11 - 17

<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> ,	5:40 P.M. - HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	7:00 P.M. - TABLE TALK - <i>We Believe</i>
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> ,	10:00 A.M. - WOMEN'S SEWING GROUP
	12:10 P.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	5:30 P.M. - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
	7:00 P.M. - ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>THURSDAY</u> ,	9:00 A.M. - PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
	11:00 A.M. - DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Living the Questions</i>
<u>FRIDAY</u> ,	9:00 A.M. - STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M. - CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	11:00 A.M. - BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Miracles and Wonders</i>
<u>SATURDAY</u> ,	9:00 A.M. - RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE (until 2:00 p.m.)

## IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized at Lynchburg General is **Gisela Pest**. . . . Our sympathy to **Kathy Tyree Wright** and **David Wright** on the death of Kathy's father; and, to **Gisela** and **Jürgen Pest** on the death of Jürgen's brother in Germany. . . . Congratulations to **Ellen** and **Scottie Taylor** on the birth of Louise James. Proud grandparents are **Beth** and **Dan Taylor** and proud great-grandmother is **Miriam Taylor**. Congratulations, also, to **Ann Kreft** on the birth of her first great-grandson. . . . Congratulations to **Eric Kauppi** upon his December graduation from Virginia Tech.

## MARY ANN LIPPINCOTT

1945 - 2026

Our sympathy to her family.

A memorial service will be held at Holy Trinity  
Saturday, May 9, at 11:00 a.m..

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2026 Altar Flower Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Flowers are needed for **January 18, January 25, February 1, February 15, and February 22**. The cost of altar flowers is \$100 per week for two vases. Payment for altar flowers is requested before the selected date and should be made payable to *Holy Trinity*. There are no delivery fees or sales tax. Please contact the church office with any altar flower questions you may have.

## 2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for 2025 have been mailed. We are asked to please review the statements for accuracy, contact **Parish Administrator Carol Dee Robertson** with any questions, and file the statements with other financial and tax records. Anyone needing a corrected or replacement statement is asked to contact the church office before January 31.

## CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11 - 17

**Sunday, January 11**

9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (grades one - five)

3:30 p.m. - Junior & Senior Youth (grades six - twelve)  
*Let's Go Bowling!*

*We'll meet at AMF Bowl (across from the mall).*

*The cost is \$15 and food is extra (but come even without).*

*Let Susan know by Saturday at 6:00 p.m. if you are able to join in.*

6:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class (grades six - eight)



### CANDLE TRIBUTES

The 2026 Candle Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Candle sponsors are needed **January 11, February 1, February 8, and February 15**. The cost is \$20 per week, with checks made payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*. Please note "Candle Fund" on the memo line. Please contact the church office with any questions.

### SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR ANIMAL CLINIC

The Lynchburg Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic is in need of old newspapers and old top sheets and towels. Items may be placed in the "Animal Clinic" basket in the narthex. Please speak with Mary Beth Thompson (993-2596) for additional information.

### BRUNSWICK STEW FOR SALE

There is still Holy Trinity Brunswick Stew available. The cost is \$12.50 per quart. Proceeds support our Program Development Fund. Please pay in the church office.

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

We are reminded that regular use of offering envelopes assists the financial secretaries with their record keeping. Those who give electronically are reminded of the special offering envelopes throughout the year. All are encouraged to use the \$5.00 initial offering envelope to help defray the cost of the envelopes.

### KICK OFF A HEALTHY NEW YEAR AND JOIN THE FUN!

We are currently offering two exercise classes twice weekly on Monday and Friday mornings.

Each class is led by Christine Euhus, a registered yoga teacher through Yoga Alliance and an instructor at the YMCA for over ten years.



**Strength and Balance** class meets from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. and focuses on strengthening the body core and improving balance and overall well-being.

**Chair Yoga** class meets from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. and focuses on practicing a gentle form of yoga done sitting in a chair or standing using the chair for support. Everyone is welcome, but it is especially appropriate for those with limited mobility. Benefits of yoga include improved flexibility, better concentration, increased strength, and reduced joint pain.

The cost for either Strength and Balance OR Chair Yoga is \$20.00 per month.

The combined cost for both classes is \$35.00 per month.

Join one or both of these enthusiastic groups and begin improving your strength, balance, and flexibility AND enjoy the fellowship and support of your fellow exercisers!

### THOMAS MASS

Our next *Thomas Mass* will be Sunday, January 18, at 5:00 p.m. This service of Holy Communion is in the context of a meditative liturgy which has its roots in the Finnish Lutheran tradition. Included in this worship experience is the opportunity for informal movement between various stations for meditation and prayer. Join us for this service, especially if work, sports, or travel schedules prevent your participation on Sunday morning.

### THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

January 18, at 6:00 p.m.

#### Prokudin-Gorskii and the World's First True Color Photography

Speaker: Lynn Brooks

Retired from Library of Congress Information Technology and Digital Scan Center

At the beginning of the twentieth century, there were two world-wide obsessions: learning to fly and true color photography. Coincident with the Wright Brothers success at Kitty Hawk, true color photography was achieved in the Imperial Russian Empire by Sergei Mikhailovich Prokudin-Gorskii, providing a time capsule of pre-Revolution Russia in color. His existing glass plate negatives ended up at the Library of Congress. Let's see how he worked and samples of that work.



We will begin with a light supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by the program at 6:30 p.m.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.



## PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, January 25  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m., in the Parlor  
(Please note new time.)

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.

## HOLY TRINITY CHOIR TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

An Epiphany Procession will be presented on Sunday, January 25, at 4:00 p.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church, 205 Elmwood Avenue. Sponsored by the Lynchburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, this beautiful and historic liturgy will showcase choirs from St. John's Episcopal Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, with lessons and music for the season of Epiphany.

In addition to beautiful choral works—including a piece written by Holy Trinity Organist-Choirmaster Bill Greene—the program will feature several organ pieces performed by Peggy Haas Howell, including an exciting work by Garth Edmundson.

A vibrant service recalling the journey of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and Jesus' first miracle at the wedding in Cana, the procession serves as a visual and musical retelling of Jesus the Christ's manifestation to the world. Through pageantry, sacred readings, and congregational participation, worshipers are invited to reflect on the meaning of Epiphany: God's light revealed in the Christ for all people. This moving service offers a powerful worship opportunity during the Epiphany season, joining music, scripture, and ritual in a proclamation of the Christ's glory. All are welcome—this service is free and open to the public.

## INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Sunday, January 25, at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of great congregational fellowship and delicious food!

Dust off the cookbooks and prepare a dish – or purchase prepared food – for this smorgasbord of international cuisines. Participants are asked to bring appetizers, salads, entrees, breads, and desserts representative of other countries. You may also bring beverages of your choice. Punch will be provided.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.



## THANK YOU

- The **Holy Trinity Youth** distributed **seventy-five** blankets to those in need at Daily Bread! Thank you to **ALL** who donated blankets. Thanks, also, to the chaperones, **Barb Garman** and **Martha Johnson**; and, to the youth who handed out the blankets: **Indie Gillum, Van Gillum, Arynn Hutchinson, Synnove Johnson, and Elleri Turille**.
- Thanks to the following for serving in the Food Pantry last week: **Edie Leamon**, coordinator; **Don Carter, Marjorie Huiner, Mary McCarthy, Ida Proco, Anna-Liisa Rosner, and Lisa Taylor**.
- Thanks to **ALL** who made the Soup Luncheon a success! Donations of \$511.00 were generously given. These funds will go toward the June 2026 Mission Trip to Wilmington, NC, to provide disaster relief.
- Thanks to **Christine Brennian** and **Carole Royer** for putting together Adult Choir music folders.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

Committee and Task Group chairs are asked to submit their 2025 annual reports to the church office by **January 31**.



### MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

each Wednesday      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.*

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

We are reminded of the following information in the event of inclement winter weather.

- ✿ Please call the church office for the latest schedule information. Any changes or cancellations will be available on the church voice mail system and at [www.holytrinitylynchburg.org](http://www.holytrinitylynchburg.org).
- ✿ Weekday education activities at Holy Trinity are canceled any day that Lynchburg City Schools are closed because of the weather. Music rehearsals may be held if road conditions improve later in the day. Participants in music groups will be notified if a rehearsal will be held.
- ✿ Sunday cancellations will be determined by 7:00 a.m. that morning. Wednesday cancellations will be determined by 9:00 a.m. that morning. The information will be shared by email, placed on the church voice mail system, at [www.holytrinitylynchburg.org](http://www.holytrinitylynchburg.org), and communicated to Lynchburg/Roanoke television stations. Please consult the "Closings" listings on the television station web sites.

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

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Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

Parish Administrator: *Carol Dee Robertson*

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