

THE BEACON

October 30, 2024

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 2025 Every Member Response is now underway. Thanks to all who attended the Gifts Festival Breakfast. Stewardship packets have been mailed and YouTube links to "Joyful Living. Joyful Giving." videos highlighting aspects of our proposed spending plan have been emailed. We are asked to return our 2025 commitments immediately. They may be placed in the offering plates or mailed to the church office. **NEW THIS YEAR:** You may also make your pledge directly on our website, www.holytrinitylynchburg.org, by clicking the Pledge Now button at the bottom of the Home page. 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 your checking account or credit card toward the fulfillment of your pledge. We are challenged to increase our time, talent, and monetary giving for 2025 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.

FALL SEMINAR - "EMBRACING THE DIVINE FLOW"

Our Fall & Winter Seminar Series begins Wednesday, October 30, at 5:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. The theme of the video presentations is "Embracing the Divine Flow: Exploring Trinitarian Spirituality" with Richard Rohr. We begin with a light supper at 5:30 p.m., followed by the program at 6:00 p.m. Please make supper reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

- October 30** - A Universe Shaped by Shared Identity / Exploring the Trinity and Our Interconnectedness
- November 6** - Praying Always: A Trinitarian Worldview / Embracing the Divine Flow in Everyday Life
- November 13** - Prepared for Unity with God / Embracing the Trinitarian Flow in Our Lives

FRIDAY BREAKFAST SERIES

Our Friday Breakfast Series, *Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus*, by Professor Amy Jill-Levine, begins November 1, in the Fellowship Hall. A light breakfast is served at 7:00 a.m., followed by the program from 7:15 -7:45 a.m. Join us as Professor Levine explores selected miracles of Jesus of Nazareth in historical and theological context. The first session is "Take up your pallet and walk": On the Role of Caregivers (Mark 2:1-12). Matins (Morning Prayer) follows at 8:00 a.m.



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY COMMEMORATION

Our worship services Sunday, November 3, will include our annual All Saints' Sunday 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, worshipers are also invited to light a votive candle in the *Globusleuchter* in memory of family or friends.

SOUP LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 3
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.



CONCERT

Sunday, November 3, at 4:00 p.m.

Alma Ensemble presents *Carrying the Light*

A program designed to refresh the spirit
with beauty, peace, and hope.

Sarah Wardle Jones, flute
Michelle Smith Johnson, clarinet
Erica Sipes, piano





ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 3, 2024

All Saints' Sunday 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:

Robert Leroy Bashore, Linton Corlise Beasley, Carolyn Austin Franklin, George Kenneth Frey, Sr., Doris Baker Gallagher, Kent Manley Jackson, Jr., Mary Ellen Lightle, James Lewis Page, John Leo Rafferty, Sr., and Dorothy "Dot" Crowell Tester.

The Lessons: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

The liturgical color for All Saints' Sunday is white.

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)

The False White Gospel

Jesus' Final Test of Discipleship

9:30 A.M. - HOLY TRINITY YOUTH

10:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION with ALL SAINTS' COMMEMORATION

and LIVESTREAM

11:30 A.M. - SOUP LUNCHEON

4:00 P.M. - ALMA ENSEMBLE CONCERT

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

THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3 - 9

<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>An Enneagram Study</i> (via Zoom)
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	1:00 P.M.	- BIBLE STUDY - <i>The Gospel According to Luke</i>
	5:40 P.M.	- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	7:00 P.M.	- TABLE TALK - <i>Signs of Belonging</i>
	12:10 P.M.	- SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	5:30 P.M.	- FALL SEMINAR - <i>Embracing the Divine Flow</i>
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	7:00 P.M.	- ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
	9:00 A.M.	- PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	11:00 A.M.	- DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Everywhere Is Jerusalem</i>
	7:00 A.M.	- BREAKFAST SERIES - <i>Signs and Wonders</i>
	8:00 A.M.	- MATINS (Morning Prayer)
	9:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
<u>SATURDAY,</u>	11:00 A.M.	- BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>A Journey Called Hope</i>
	10:30 A.M.	- TRINITY TRAVELERS

FUNERAL SERVICE

The funeral service for Jim Page will be held at Holy Trinity on Thursday, October 31. Visitation begins at 11:00 a.m., with the service at 12:00 Noon. A reception will be held afterwards.

TIME CHANGE REMINDER

We are reminded that we "fall back" to Eastern Standard Time at 2:00 a.m. this Sunday morning, November 3. Please remember to set clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday evening and enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response is working with various partners to provide immediate relief – such as water, food, clothing, gift cards, tarps, and other needs – to those impacted by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. In addition to prayers, monetary gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response are used in full (100 percent) to assist those directly impacted, providing help and hope for those who have experienced the death of loved ones, lost homes or businesses, or who have been otherwise affected by this disaster. Please make checks payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* and indicate "Hurricane Response."

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our November outreach project is a canned 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 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.

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES – NOVEMBER 3 - 9

Sunday, November 3	9:30 a.m.	- Sunday Church School (age three - grade five)
	9:30 a.m.	- Holy Trinity Youth
	11:30 a.m.	- Soup Luncheon
	6:00 p.m.	- Confirmation Class

THANK YOU

- Thanks to **Bruce Gerlich**, coordinator; **Chris Elbrecht, Joe Fedeler, Jeff Fleck, Ted Garman, Karl Gerlich, Dave Gillis, Cindy Kauppi, Eric Kenny, Barry Lobb, Wade Neiman, Grace Newton, Richard Newton, Mitch Overstreet, Carol Dee Robertson** (labels), **Mike Rooney, Neville Rowland, Steve Royer, Susan Royer, Jeff Schneider**, and **April Whalen** for assisting with Brunswick Stew preparation.
- Thanks to **Ann Kreft** for work around the church lawn.
- Thanks to **Cheryl and Bruce Gerlich**, coordinators; **Rob Bass, Karl Gerlich, Karen Kenny, Moira Rafferty**, and **April Whalen** for preparing and serving our Gifts Festival Breakfast and cleaning afterwards.
- Thanks to **Ann Mitchell** for assistance in the church office and for delivering outreach items to Miriam's House.
- The "Trunk or Treat" sponsored by the youth was a GREAT success! Thank you to **ALL** the generous folks who provided the treats. Those who provided "trunks" for decorating are appreciated: **Jennifer Brown, Barb Garman**, the **Hutchinson Family, Martha Johnson, Marisa Jones, Tracy Martin, Sarah** and **Eric Percival, Gretchen Roberts, Maria Roberts**, and **Lisa Turille**. Thanks, also, to **Kay Rice** for her hands-on help.

NEW TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN

Our Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study Group begins a new, eight-session exploration of The Gospel according to Luke on November 5, at 1:00 p.m. Study booklets are available for purchase in the church office for \$11.00.

TABLE TALK

The next session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, November 5, 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. *Signs of Belonging: Luther's Marks of the Church and Christian Life* is our theme this year and the next class explores "The Word: The Story Where We Belong" and "Baptism: The Bath Where We Belong." Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$9.00 each.

COFFEE HOUR RECEPTION

Sunday, November 10, at 11:30 a.m.

Join us as we catch-up from pandemic-interrupted recognitions and honor members of our Holy Trinity staff for their years of service:

Parish Administrator Carol Dee Robertson (thirteen years)
Director of Youth and Campus Ministries Susan Williams (thirteen years)
Parish Nurse Gail Midkiff (seventeen years)
Organist-Choirmaster Bill Greene (twenty-five years)

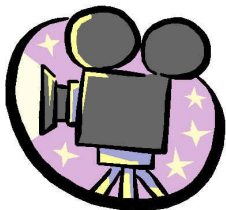
We give thanks for their partnership in our mission and ministry.

Come join the celebration!

PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, November 10
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.



GOD IN FILM

Sunday, November 10, at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a light supper and theological discussion as we view *The Son*.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall by noon, November 10.

HARVEST FOOD FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Food Festival will be held Saturday, November 23, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Needed are homemade soups, chowders, chili, stew, barbecue, casseroles, jellies and butters, baked goods, and other delicious homemade foods. There is much demand for foods that can be frozen easily for later enjoyment. Quart food containers are available at the church. Please watch *The Beacon* for additional details.

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*

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