



September 2, 2026



ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS

Our Adult Choir resumes regular weekly rehearsals beginning Wednesday, September 2, at 7:00 p.m. Our faithful choir members serve valiantly, and new members are always welcome. Please speak with Organist-Choirmaster Bill Greene for additional information.

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our **September** outreach project is collecting supplies for **The Free Clinic of Central Virginia**. Needed are the following products that will be given to patients: toothbrushes, dental floss, toothpaste, deodorant (both men's and women's formulas), combs, hair brushes, bath soap bars, and shampoo and conditioner (brands for all ethnicities). All items must be new and unopened. Please place items in the narthex outreach basket.

A CELEBRATION OF ROMANIAN MUSIC, HERITAGE, AND STORYTELLING featuring Michael Cretu

Sunday, September 6, at 4:00 p.m.

The program begins in the Fellowship Hall with a brief award-winning documentary tracing more than 300 years of the Cretu family's musical heritage, to be followed in the nave by a solo double bass recital by Michael Cretu.

Join us for this special educational and musical event.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study will begin an eight-session exploration of "Together by Grace: Psalms" September 8, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., in the Parlor. Study books are available for purchase in the church office for \$13.00 each.

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

Handbell Choir rehearsals begin Tuesday, September 8, from 5:40 - 6:30 p.m., in the right transept. New ringers are always welcome. Please speak with Organist-Choirmaster Bill Greene for additional information.

SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

The next Sermon Discussion Group will meet Thursday, September 10, at 11:00 a.m., in the Parlor. We will discuss several previous Sunday 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.

FRIDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Friday Morning Book Discussion Group will begin the new program year by reading and discussing *Separation of Church and Hate* by John Fugelsang. The first class session is September 11, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$24.00 each.

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild will meet Saturday, September 12, at 10:00 a.m. Meetings are held on the first Saturday morning of the month (except when the first Saturday falls on a holiday weekend) so that Altar Guild members who work during the week are able to participate. We would love to welcome new members to the Altar Guild. The Altar Guild is divided into two teams, with alternating teams meeting each month to polish the silver and brass (September - May). Two-person teams are scheduled for Sunday altar care approximately four to six times throughout the year. Please contact **Wilma Beebe**, Altar Guild chair (528-2678) for additional information.

KICK-OFF-THE-FALL CATERED BRUNCH BUFFET Sunday, September 13, at 11:30 a.m.

Join us for fellowship and delicious food
as we begin our Fall schedule.
Food and drinks will be provided.

The suggested donation is \$5.00 per adult and children are free.



Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall or call the church office (384-8441) by **September 10**.



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2026

The Lessons: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
The liturgical color for Sundays after Pentecost is green. A coffee hour follows each service.

8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

4:00 P.M. - DOCUMENTARY & MICHAEL CRETU RECITAL

THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6 - 12

<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- CHURCH OFFICE closed - Labor Day holiday
	9:30 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	1:00 P.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	5:40 P.M.	- BIBLE STUDY - <i>Together by Grace: Psalms</i>
	7:00 P.M.	- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	10:00 A.M.	- CHURCH COUNCIL
	12:10 P.M.	- WOMEN'S SEWING GROUP
	7:00 P.M.	- SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
	11:00 A.M.	- PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP
	9:30 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	11:00 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
<u>SATURDAY,</u>	10:00 A.M.	- BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Separation of Church and Hate</i>
		- ALTAR GUILD

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized at Lynchburg General is **Judy Gillum**. . . Congratulations to **Meg** and **Brant Osborne** on the birth of Marley Elizabeth. Proud grandparents are **Karen** and **Eric Kenny**. . . Our sympathy to **Todd Leap** and **Mark Little** on the death of Todd's mother, Evelyn.

WALKER RECEIVES SEMINARY ENTRANCE DECISION

The Virginia Synod Candidacy Committee has granted Holy Trinity member **Thom Walker** a positive entrance decision to continue discernment and begin his seminary studies. Thom has served as an assisting minister, and as a member of the Handbell Choir and Adult Choir at Holy Trinity. He is attending United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg. We pray for the Spirit's nurture and guidance as Thom begins his formation and academic process for rostered ministry.

FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS

Sunday, September 13

8:30 a.m. - Service of Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School

10:30 a.m. - Service of Holy Communion

11:30 a.m. - Kick-Off-The-Fall Catered Brunch Buffet



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

Sunday Church School learning opportunities for children, age three - grade five, begin Sunday, September 13, at 9:30 a.m. Additional information is included in the 2026-2027 Program Brochure.

SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our Sunday Morning Book Discussion Group begins with *The Dream of God* by Verna Dozier, September 13, from 9:30 - 10:20 a.m., in the Parlor. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$15.00 each.

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

Our 2026-2027 Confirmation Ministry for youth in grades six and older gets underway Sunday, September 13. During the Fall Term, confirmation classes will be held from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Sundays, September 13, September 27, October 11, November 1, November 8, and December 13. Please speak with Pastor Roberts for additional information.

FALL SCHEDULES

Acolyte/crucifer, Altar Guild, assisting minister, coffee hour, communion assistant, greeter, and lector schedules for the Fall quarter have been emailed. Please review the schedule immediately, arrange for any substitutions that may be needed, and notify the church office of changes. Thanks to all for their faithful service in these various capacities.



MONDAY EVENINGS CONNECTING WITH GOD

Mondays, 7:00 - 8:15 p.m., via Zoom
beginning September 14

KNOW GOD - KNOW SELF: A Journey Toward Wholeness with the Enneagram

15 *I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. . .*
19 *For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.* (Romans 7, NRSVue)

Our study of the Enneagram, an ancient tool for spiritual growth, continues with two great opportunities. If you are new to the Enneagram, the Fall Sessions offer information to help you discern which of the nine Enneagram Types looks most like you. We will all see parts of ourselves in each of the nine types, but eventually one will emerge as our fit. The first hurdle will be to accept that we are not our Ego Personality.

What we seek is our Essence, the potential and purpose for which God created us. The Journey will require honesty, curiosity, and learning to accept ourselves and others as GOD sees us. Those who have been on the Enneagram Journey and already know their Enneagram Type are invited to join us to share their wisdom about the process of finding your number and for a review of what they already know.

The Enneagram brings into focus an essential truth of our soul. It does this in a way that most people have seldom or never experienced. The Enneagram's wisdom is compelling.

Richard Rohr, *The Enneagram: A Christian Perspective*, p. 23

The Winter Sessions beginning in January 2027 will offer a new level of Enneagram knowledge as we learn about three instinctual variants that all humans share. Becoming mindful of how our instincts interact with our Enneagram Type can shed light on our blind spots that hold us back from finding our way back to our essence. This part of the class requires knowledge of your Enneagram Type to make sense of your path toward transformation and wholeness. For more Information or to register for this class, please call or text Becky Cloud, instructor, at 540-420-7145.

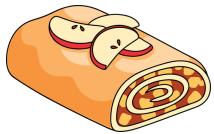
"Know thyself" is a philosophical maxim which was inscribed upon the Temple of Apollos in the ancient Greek precinct of Delphi. The best-known of the Delphic maxims, it has been quoted and analyzed by numerous authors throughout history, and has been applied in many ways. —Wikipedia

To know oneself is, above all, to know what one lacks. It is to measure oneself against Truth, and not the other way around. The first product of self-knowledge is humility. —Flannery O'Connor

Please contact the church office for the Zoom link to participate in these classes.

APFELSTRUDEL

Helping hands are needed Tuesday, September 15, at 9:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall, to help April Whalen make *Apfelstrudel* for our annual parish Oktoberfest to be held Sunday, October 4. The recipe, instructions, and all ingredients will be provided. Each participant is asked to bring a rolling pin and a paring knife. Please make reservations in the narthex or call the church office. Come join the fun and fellowship!



WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The first session of our monthly Wednesday Children's Ministry will be held September 16, 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.

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

Our Thursday Discussion Group launches into the video series *First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God* September 17, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor. The video segments feature biblical scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan exploring the life, teachings, and mission of Jesus of Nazareth in the context of first-century Jewish and Roman society.



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.

THOMAS MASS

Our first *Thomas Mass* of the new program year will be held Sunday, September 20, 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 special worship experience, especially if work, sports, or travel schedules prevent your participation on Sunday morning.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please email the church office with your current email address if you are not receiving church communications and worship links electronically. As the 2026-2027 program year begins, the monthly EDU.NET adult education newsletter is distributed via email. Also, there is the option to receive *The Beacon* each week via email.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP RESOURCES

Large print worship resources are available each Sunday in the three-ring binders on the narthex table.

THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

September 20, at 6:00 p.m.

From Poplar Forest to Florida: Francis Eppes VII, Thomas Jefferson's Grandson

Guest Speaker: James Wright, MD
Retired Physician



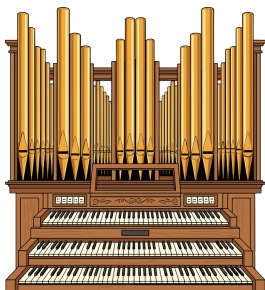
A grandson of President Thomas Jefferson, Eppes inherited Poplar Forest plantation before moving to Florida in 1829, where he became a prominent figure in local politics, education, and the Episcopal Church. He served as mayor of Tallahassee, and donated land and funds for what is now Florida State University. He was also a cotton planter and involved in citrus farming.



We 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.

TABLE TALK

The first session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, September 22, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Parlor. *Reformation Roots* is our theme this year and the first class explores "From Night to Dawn: The Stage is Set for the Reformation" as we begin this seven-session study of Martin Luther and the sixteenth-century Reformation.



HAPPY HOUR ORGAN RECITAL

Friday, September 25, at 5:30 p.m.

Neglected Gems

J. William Greene, Organist

Music of Lübeck, Karg-Elert, Bach, Mendelssohn,
Weinberger, and Ginastera

PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, September 27, 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.



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!

CANDLE TRIBUTES

The 2026 Candle Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Candle sponsors are needed **November 8, December 6, December 20, and December 27**. 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.

SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

As our new program year approaches, please be reminded that there is scholarship assistance available for book discussion groups, youth activities, and other events at Holy Trinity. Please speak with Pastor Roberts for additional information.

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*

Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

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