



October 14, 2026

SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

The next Sermon Discussion Group will meet Thursday, October 15, 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.

ELEVATOR REPAIRS COMPLETED

Our elevator is operational once again after the program logic controller was upgraded and replaced. The elevator is now over twenty years old and this is the first major issue we have experienced. We thank Romar Elevators for their promptness.

NEW BOOK DISCUSSION TO BEGIN

Our Sunday Morning Book Discussion Group will begin *Elusive Grace*, by Scott Black Johnston, on October 18, at 9:30 a.m., in the Parlor. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$15.00.

THOMAS MASS

Our next *Thomas Mass* will be held Sunday, October 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 special worship service, especially if work, sports, or travel schedules prevent your participation on Sunday morning.

THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

October 18, at 6:00 p.m.

“Bound by Class”:

A Look Into the Diverse Social Structure of Women in Colonial America

Guest Speaker: Michelle Seddon

Community Engagement Coordinator and Historian at Patrick Henry’s Red Hill

How did the rigid patriarchal society of colonial America determine the social structure of the period? This presentation aims to give the audience a broader understanding of how women were viewed in colonial America and the significant role they played in the founding of a nation. The differing dynamics of the “social ladder” will be discussed, as well as a sneak peek into a few women who either succumbed to social rule or fought against the normal expectations of the period.

*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.*



GIFTS FESTIVAL BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m.

Fellowship, Food, and Program
Our 2027 Every Member Response

All are asked to join us as we celebrate our mission and ministry and review our 2027 proposed spending plan.

2027 pledge cards and time and talent sheets will be mailed in advance of the breakfast.

Please make breakfast reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

**REFORMATION
SUNDAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**



**REFORMATION SUNDAY FESTIVAL SERVICE
and CONSECRATION OF PLEDGES**

10:30 a.m.
(one service only)

Special music by our Adult Choir and Brass Ensemble

Completed 2027 pledge cards and time and talent sheets will be received and consecrated in the context of our worship celebration.

Join us as we celebrate Reformation Sunday and make commitments for our 2027 mission and ministry.





FEAST OF ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

October 18

The Lessons: Isaiah 43:8-13; Psalm 124; 2 Timothy 4:5-11; Luke 1:1-4, 24:44-53
The liturgical color for The Feast of St. Luke is red. A coffee hour follows each service.

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

9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

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

5:00 P.M. - THOMAS MASS

5:00 P.M. - SENIOR YOUTH GROUP (grades nine - twelve)

6:00 P.M. - THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18 - 24

<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
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	12:10 P.M.	- SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	7:00 P.M.	- ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
<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>Separation of Church and Hate</i>

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized at Lynchburg General is **Norma Jean Glass**. Hospitalized and released from VCU Medical Center is **Bobbie Rodman**. Hospitalized and released to Westminster Canterbury Rehabilitation Center is **Joan Brooks**. Recuperating from outpatient surgery is **LeAnn James** Congratulations to **Camden Osborne** and **Ian Fleck** on their marriage last Saturday in Low Moor, Virginia.

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

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.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Pastor Roberts will be participating in a clergy continuing education conference in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, from October 20 to 23. The event is sponsored by the Lutheran Association of Larger Churches. The theme this year is "Shift KEEPS Happening!," exploring the ongoing post-pandemic changes in congregational life.

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR: GHOSTLY GARGOYLES & GHOULTIDE CAROLS

A Halloween Spooktacular will be held Friday, October 23, at 5:00 p.m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 611 Clay Street. The program will feature the "famously infamous" Toccata and Fugue in D Minor by J. S. Bach, the same Toccata in D Minor BACKWARDS!, Dance of Death (for Pedals alone) by William Albright, and Funeral March of a Marionette by Charles Gounod. Also included will be the carols *Deck the Halls with Web and Spider* and *We Wish You a Spooky Ghoultime*. Participating musicians are Cantate Children's and Youth Choir, and organists Peggy Howell, J. William Greene, and Sumner Jenkins.

INURNMENT SERVICE

An inurnment service for Jimmie Lou Cothren will be held in the Columbarium Tuesday, October 27, at 4:00 p.m.

DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

We are reminded of new daily devotional materials that are available in the narthex, Fellowship Hall, and/or on our website.

- October Daily Bible Readings and Prayer Ventures are available on the narthex desk and also on our website.
- ***Christ in our Home*** is a devotional booklet for adults which features a daily Bible reading, reflection, and prayer concern. The October-December issue is now available in both regular and LARGE PRINT editions

THANK YOU

We thank **Edie Leamon**, coordinator; **Betty Blevins**, **Don Carter**, **Sallie Cochran**, **Karen** and **CJ Conner**, **Marjorie Huiner**, **Eric Kenny**, **Sheila Krull**, **Susan Manion**, **Karen Pollok**, **Max Pollok**, **Ida Proco**, and **Linda Sanders** for serving on the Holy Trinity team packing food pantry bags last week! We especially appreciate the extra effort moving supplies between floors while the elevator was out of order.

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.

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES
OCTOBER 17 - 24

Saturday, October 17



5:00 p.m. - Flashlight Maze at Yoder's Farm (all ages)
*We meet at the church at 5:00 p.m.
to leave for Yoder's Corn Maze in Rustburg.
Bring your flashlight. Friends and parents are welcome!*
*If you are able, bring money for dinner and \$8 for the Maze.
RSVP to Susan by Thursday, 10/15.*



Sunday, October 18

9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (age three - grade five;
meet in classroom across from the Nursery)

5:00 p.m. - Senior Youth (grades nine - twelve)

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE: SERVE & GIVE

Information about our *Let Your Light Shine* 2027 Every Member Response will be shared in the coming days. Please watch your email and snail mail for additional information and pledge packets containing educational materials, time and talent forms, and financial pledge cards for the coming year. All are encouraged to make reservations for our Gifts Festival Breakfast to be held Sunday, October 25, at 9:00 a.m. The Consecration of Pledges will take place at the Reformation Sunday Festival Service at 10:30 a.m. that day. *(There is no 8:30 a.m. service on October 25.)*

REFORMATION OFFERINGS

Our special Reformation offerings are used for the broader work of the Lutheran Church through the Virginia Synod. Virginia Lutheran Homes serves hundreds of aging residents in two locations across the Virginia Synod. Brandon Oaks, a life-care retirement community, and Brandon Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Center are located in Roanoke. Luther Crest is located in New Market and provides apartment living and supportive services for residents who need subsidized rental assistance. Virginia Lutheran Homes is one aspect of Holy Trinity's extended ministry through our partnership with the Virginia Synod. We are asked to use the special Reformation envelopes included in our envelope packets or give through the online portal on our Holy Trinity website by selecting the Seasonal Special Offerings fund.



CANDY NEEDED

Our Holy Trinity Youth are requesting Halloween candy donations for their Trunk or Treat Halloween Party on Sunday, October 25. All kinds of candy are needed: chocolate, chewy, fruity and/or sour. Thank you for thinking of us as you pass through the candy aisle when you shop!



The Holy Trinity Youth are hosting



Trunk or Treat

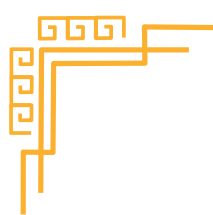
Sunday, October 25
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity Parking Lot

The party is open to children from birth on up!
The "trunk-or-treaters" will enjoy seeing the decorated trunks of cars and receive candy from the stash in each vehicle!
Craft projects will be offered as well.
Please invite your relatives and neighbors to join in this fun time!



TABLE TALK

The next session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, October 27, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Parlor. *Reformation Roots* is our theme this year and the October class explores "From Bondage to Freedom: Luther Rediscovered Grace," as we continue this seven-session study of Martin Luther and the sixteenth-century Reformation.



FALL SEMINAR

Wednesdays
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.





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.

PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, November 1
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.



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.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

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



HOLY TRINITY FINE ARTS SERIES CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

Sunday, November 8
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.

ONLINE GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to **ALL** for their generous, faithful, and ongoing stewardship. Please be reminded that opportunities are available through our online giving portal to make gifts to the general fund and the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry. In addition, memorial gifts, challenge gifts, altar flower payments, disaster relief, world hunger relief, gifts to the Personal Hygiene bags fund, and special seasonal offerings may also be designated through the online portal. Options are available for a one-time gift or a recurring donation through either a bank transfer or a credit card. You may access the portal through our website or by downloading the VANCO Mobile app on your smart phone. Please contact Parish Administrator Ellie Quillen with any questions.



ADULT CPR and DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSION

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



This session will train people in adult 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.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP RESOURCES

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, November 21 – 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Harvest Food Festival & Sally von Oesen Pottery Sale
Contributions of homemade soups, chili, casseroles, baked goods, canned goods, etc., are needed.

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*

Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

Parish Administrator: *Ellie Quillen*

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