

THE BEACON

October 22, 2025

SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

The next Sermon Discussion Group will meet Thursday, October 23, 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.

PRAYER FOR HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

May we be guided by the words of this prayer as we prepare for our 2026 Every Member Response.

O God, our Heavenly Father, make the door of our Parish Church wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship and a Father's care; and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and uncharitableness. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children, to weak and stray feet; but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. O Heavenly Father, make the door of the Parish Church a gateway to thy eternal Kingdom. Bless every member and worker in our Parish. May all that we do be to thy honor and glory, the up building of our Parish, and the extension of thy Kingdom. May we continue to be thine forever and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit of love and service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Bishop Thomas Ken (1637-1711)



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
2026

REFORMATION SUNDAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

GIFTS FESTIVAL BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m.

Fellowship, Food, and Program
Our 2026 Every Member Response

All are asked to join us as we celebrate
our mission and ministry and review our
2026 proposed spending plan.

**2026 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 FESTIVAL SERVICE and CONSECRATION OF PLEDGES

10:30 a.m.

(one service only)

Special music by our Adult Choir and Brass Ensemble

**Completed 2026 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
2026 mission and ministry.

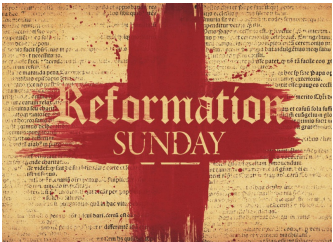
REFORMATION OFFERINGS

Our special Reformation offerings are designated for the work of Holy Trinity
through the Virginia Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

- **DID YOU KNOW** that grounded in the ancient message of Scripture and in the historic confessions of the Church, our Lutheran seminaries in this country have prepared men and women for ordained and lay ministry for nearly 200 years?
- **DID YOU KNOW** that enCircle (formerly Lutheran Family Services of Virginia) ministers to thousands of persons each year, many of whom are emotionally, physically, and sexually abused and in need of a helping hand?
- **DID YOU KNOW** that the GraceInside Virginia prison ministry provides chaplains who provide weekly worship services and pastoral care for thousands of prisoners in our state prisons and juvenile institutions?
- **DID YOU KNOW** that the mission of Virginia Lutheran Homes is to serve the needs of the aging by providing low cost housing in New Market and a continuing care retirement community and rehabilitation center in Roanoke?
- **DID YOU KNOW** that in the past year over 100,000 lives were touched with the Gospel in word and deed through the agencies and institutions supported by our Virginia Synod?
- **DID YOU KNOW** that we at Holy Trinity participate in these extended ministries through our benevolence offerings?

We are challenged to make a contribution equal to our weekly offering as we nurture the church of today and tomorrow.

Please use the special Reformation envelope included in the offering envelope packets
or donate online at www.holytrinitylynchburg.org.



Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

We focus on our Lutheran heritage and remember Martin Luther nailing his Ninety-five Theses to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany, as we gather for worship on Reformation Sunday. We celebrate the Reformation not only as an event that began 508 years ago on October 31, 1517, but also as an ongoing process in the life of the Church.

*The Lessons: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36
The liturgical color for Reformation Sunday is red.*

9:00 A.M. - GIFTS FESTIVAL BREAKFAST

9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL (grades one - five)

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

3:30 P.M. - JUNIOR & SENIOR YOUTH GROUPS (grades six - twelve)

4:30 P.M. - TRUNK OR TREAT

THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 1

<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>Romans</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>The Bible Tells Me So</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>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>	5:15 P.M.	- HOLY TRINITY DINNER & HOLY COMMUNION at Westminster Canterbury
	10:00 A.M.	- ALTAR GUILD

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized at Lynchburg General is **Karen Kenny**. Hospitalized at Duke University Medical Center is **Bruce Schafer**. Hospitalized and released is **Barbara Wright**.

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.

CANDY NEEDED

Our Holy Trinity Youth are requesting Halloween candy donations for their Trunk or Treat Halloween Party on Sunday, October 26. **We currently need more fruity candy, suitable for those with peanut allergies.** Thank you for thinking of us as you pass through the candy aisle when you shop!



THANK YOU

- Thanks to **Tonda Ulmer** for work around the church grounds.
- Thanks to the following for serving on the 2025 Nominating Committee: **Steve Royer**, chair; **Tama Howell**, **Cindy Kauppi**, **Eric Kenny**, **Ken Leamon**, and **Deb Serio**.
- Thanks to **Jeremiah Quarantotto** and **Peter Ramsey** for safely guiding the youth to and through the Corn Maze!
- Thanks to the diners who supported the Youth Mission Team with their donations at the Third Sunday supper. A total of \$395.05 was received which will be used to fund the mission trip in June 2026 to do disaster relief. Great thanks go to the "meal maker" team members: **Charlie Barrick**, **Steph Christmas**, **Arynn Hutchinson**, **Jennifer Hutchinson**, **Martha Johnson**, **Synnove Johnson**, **Madi Kluender**, **Paige Sittason**, **Jennifer Sittason**, **Adalyn Tuggle**, and **Elleri Turille**.



The Holy Trinity Youth are hosting

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 26

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.

CHILDREN’S and YOUTH MINISTRIES
THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 1

Sunday, October 26

9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (grades one - five)
3:30 p.m. - Junior & Senior Youth (grades six - twelve)
4:30 p.m. - Trunk or Treat (Holy Trinity parking lot)



FALL SEMINAR

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

THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO

What if the Bible doesn't need to be protected and defended, but understood – just as it is? What if the real problem isn't the Bible but the false expectations we sometimes bring to it? Perhaps, when we let the Bible be the Bible rather than what we expect it ought to be – or need it to be – we will find a deeper faith in the process. Biblical scholar Peter Enns stirs our imaginations in this video series, helping the Bible come alive in new ways to deepen our trust in God.

October 29 - *I'll Take Door Number Three*
November 5 - *God Did What?*
November 12 - *God Likes Stories*

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

NEW FRIDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Our Friday Morning Book Discussion Group will begin its exploration of *Miracles and Wonders: The Historical Mystery of Jesus* by Elaine Pagels on October 31, 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.

BRUNSWICK STEW

Holy Trinity Brunswick Stew is available for purchase. The 2025 batch is \$12.50 per quart.
There is still some of the 2024 batch available for \$10 per quart.
Proceeds support our Program Development Fund. Please pay in the church office.



SOUP LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 2
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.

GOD IN FILM

Sunday, November 2, at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a light supper and theological discussion
as we view ***Beyond Evolution: Unraveling the Origins of Life.***

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall
by noon, November 2.



TRINITY TRAVELERS – OYSTER ROAST

The Trinity Travelers will enjoy an outing Saturday, November 8, to the Oyster Roast at Cardinal Point Vineyards and Winery in Afton. Carpools leave the church at 10:30 a.m. and return in the mid-afternoon. Advance tickets are \$25 per person (the price increases to \$30 on November 3) and may be purchased online at www.cardinalpointwinery.com or by calling 540-456-8400. This covers live music entertainment, a complimentary glass, and tasting samples. Oysters prepared various ways, crab cakes, and additional beverages are available for purchase separately; or, picnic baskets are allowed for those who want to bring their own food. Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall. **NOTE:** This event has sold out in previous years. Participants should purchase their own tickets or indicate on the reservation sheet **as soon as possible** if you want Pastor Roberts to secure your ticket in advance.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP RESOURCES

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

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.

TABLE TALK

The next session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, November 4, 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 “For Us and for Our Salvation.” Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$14.00 each.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST SERIES

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

The Bible With and Without Jesus
How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently
with Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler

Esteemed Bible scholars Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Brettler take readers on a guided tour of popular stories in the Hebrew scriptures that are referenced in the Christian Testament to explore how Christians, Jews, and scholars read these ancient texts differently. By understanding the depth and variety of reading these passages, we not only enhance our knowledge of each other, but also see more clearly the beauty and power of Scripture itself.

- November 7
- November 14
- November 21
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- The Creation of the World
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- Adam and Eve
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- “A Virgin Will Conceive and Bear a Child”

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

PASTOR’S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, November 9, 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.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

(in-town members and students)



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- Lauren Chester
- Diane Hetzel
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- Scott Mahland
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- Nancy Beasley
- Talia Pollok
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- Michelle Sisk
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- Karlie Cofer
- Stephanie Kruckenberg

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- Michael Christmas
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- Catherine Fedeler
- Robert Howell
- Debbie Repass
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- Lynn Brooks
- Martha Goodman
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- Heather Wiger
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- Elizabeth Clarke
- Skyler McCurley
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- Donald Carter
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- Kaelyn Mahland
- Bobbie Rodman
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- Sara Massie
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- Paula Davis

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- Betty Blevins
- Paula Dahl
- Luther Weiland
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- John Baldrige
- Dean Campbell
- Jack Whisler
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- Greg Cochran
- Judy Gillum
- Ken Hawkins
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- Ellie Hancock Wilson
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- Jorge Lazo
- Barry Lobb
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- Eric Percival
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- Stacy Cravens
- Lisa Mays

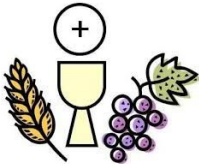
SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR ANIMAL CLINIC

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.

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.



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, which helps reduce postage expenses.