HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

November, 2026

TABLE TALK

Tuesday, November 17
7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Parlor

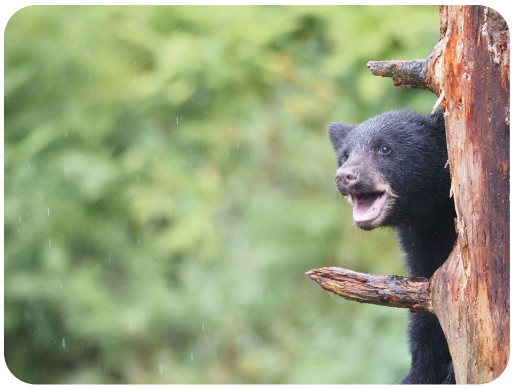
REFORMATION ROOTS

Do you ever wonder why we have so many Christian denominations and if there is really much difference between them? The answers to these questions lie in the dramatic and turbulent times of the sixteenth-century Reformation, beginning with the story of Martin Luther and the birth of the Lutheran tradition. This series brings to life the stories and struggles that still impact us today.

Session Three
From Scholar to Provocateur:
Luther Takes on the Church

THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

Sunday, November 15
6:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall



"Living with Black Bears"

Speakers: **Susan McConnell** & **Helen Wheelock**
Members, Central Virginia Master Naturalist Chapter, Virginia Master Naturalists

The Virginia Master Naturalist Program is a corps of well-informed volunteers who provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

"Learning about bears will help prevent negative interactions and dispel unfounded fears. Distinguishing nervous behaviors (like huffing or jaw popping) from inquisitive ones (like standing up to get a good whiff of something interesting) can help keep encounters positive."
~Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

Join us for 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.

SERMON DISCUSSION

Thursday, November 19
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor

Join us as we discuss recent Sunday sermons, copies of which will be provided in advance.

FIRST LIGHT: JESUS AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Thursday Discussion Group
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor

Join us to watch a video series by John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg, followed by an opportunity for discussion.

November 5 - *Parables as Lures*
November 12 - *Jesus as Lord*

Books available in the church office for $15.00.

SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

9:30-10:20 a.m., in the Parlor

ELUSIVE GRACE by Scott Black Johnston

In a time of deep social and political division, Scott Black Johnston explores how people of faith can pursue justice without losing themselves to hatred or cynicism. From his pulpit in Midtown Manhattan, just one block from Trump Tower, Johnston calls Christians to embrace love, justice, and human dignity while advocating for justice without denying the humanity of those with whom they disagree. Drawing on Scripture and various thinkers, he offers hope and practical guidance for restoring both our souls and our civic life.

November 1
Reclaiming Virtue II
(Courage; Faith; Hope; Love)

November 8
Retraining our Hearts I
(Love God - Love Mercy)

November 15
Retraining our Hearts II
(Love Truth - Love the Good)

November 22
Regarding the Church;
Epilogue; Afterword

KNOW GOD - KNOW SELF

A Journey Toward Wholeness with the Enneagram

"I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate."
~ Romans 7:15

"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

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

The Enneagram is an ancient tool for spiritual growth. If you are new to the Enneagram, the Fall Sessions of our ongoing study will 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.

November 2 - From Gluttony to Sobriety: Type 7
November 9 - From Lust to Innocence: Type 8
November 16 - From Sloth to Right Action: Type 9
November 23 - Know Your Type Review



TOGETHER BY GRACE: PSALMS

Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m., in the Parlor

Since their inception, God's people have found in the Psalms words that help them articulate their experience of life. Martin Luther wrote that the book of Psalms "might well be called a little Bible" as it explores the highs and lows of the life of faith. The Psalms sing with joy and trust from the mountaintop moments and cry out with pain "out of the depths" (Psalm 130:1).

November 3 - Anger in the Psalms
November 17 - Refuge in the Psalms

FALL SEMINAR

ECLIPSING EMPIRE: PAUL, ROME, AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

with Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan

Join us Wednesdays, November 4 and 11, in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy supper at 5:30 p.m., followed by the program at 6:00 p.m., and an opportunity for discussion. This month, the video series will cover *Jesus* and *Paul's Mission*.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST SERIES

GENESIS: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE BEGINNING by Amy-Jill Levine

Light breakfast at 7:00 a.m., Program 7:15 - 7:45 a.m., Matins at 8:00 a.m.

Esteemed Bible scholar Amy-Jill Levine takes us into the foundational stories of the Hebrew scriptures with clarity, depth, and imagination. She presents Genesis as a living text, one that continues to shape faith, identity, and our understanding of what it means to be human. With her signature blend of historical context and engaging storytelling, Levine opens up the book of beginnings, inviting us to linger with stories of creation and responsibility, rivalry and loss, judgment and mercy, promise and perseverance, revealing how these ancient narratives still speak with power today. She shows why these stories matter, bridging ancient scripture and modern life and inviting us to engage the texts with wisdom and wonder.

November 6 - Adam and Eve
November 13 - Cain and Abel
November 20 - Noah

FRIDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

TWELVE STEPS TO A COMPASSIONATE LIFE by Karen Armstrong

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor



Karen Armstrong believes that while compassion is intrinsic in all human beings, each of us needs to work diligently to cultivate and expand our capacity for compassion. Here, in this straightforward, thoughtful, and thought-provoking book, she sets out a program that can lead us toward a more compassionate life.

The twelve steps Armstrong suggests begin with "Learn About Compassion" and close with "Love Your Enemies." In between, she takes up "compassion for yourself," mindfulness, suffering, sympathetic joy, the limits of our knowledge of others, and "concern for everybody." She suggests concrete ways of enhancing our compassion and putting it into action in our everyday lives, and provides, as well, a reading list to encourage us to "hear one another's narratives." Throughout, Armstrong makes clear that a compassionate life is not a matter of only heart or mind but a deliberate and often life-altering commingling of the two.

November 6 - Preface: Wish for a Better World
The First Step: Learn About Compassion
(Part I: pages 25-44)

November 13 - The First Step: Learn About Compassion
(Part II: pages 45-64)

November 20 - The Second Step: Look at Your Own World
The Third Step: Compassion for Yourself

Books available in the church office for $15.00.

November 1 - November 7

Week of All Saints' & Pentecost 23 (Proper 26)

☐	S	**Matthew 5:1-12**	*Blessed are the poor in spirit*
☐	M	**1 Samuel 2:27-36**	*Hope for a better priesthood*
☐	T	**Ezekiel 13:1-16**	*False prophets condemned*
☐	W	**Matthew 23:13-28**	*Woe to the scribes and Pharisees*
☐	T	**Malachi 1:6-2:9**	*False and true priests*
☐	F	**1 Thessalonians 2:13-20**	*Words to the church*
☐	S	**Psalm 5**	*God blesses the righteous*

November 8 - November 14

Week of Pentecost 24 (Proper 27)

☐	S	**Matthew 25:1-13**	*Wise and foolish bridesmaids*
☐	M	**Joel 1:1-14**	*Call to repentance*
☐	T	**Joel 3:9-21**	*Promise of a glorious future*
☐	W	**Matthew 24:1-14**	*Jesus foretells the end*
☐	T	**Amos 8:7-14**	*God's promised judgment*
☐	F	**1 Thessalonians 3:6-13**	*Stand firm in faith*
☐	S	**Psalm 63**	*God as a rich feast*

November 15 - November 21

Week of Pentecost 25 (Proper 28)

☐	S	**Matthew 25:14-30**	*Slaves entrusted with talents*
☐	M	**Zechariah 1:7-17**	*A vision of God's judgment and mercy*
☐	T	**Zechariah 2:1-5; 5:1-4**	*Visions of mercy and judgment*
☐	W	**Matthew 24:45-51**	*Parable of the unfaithful slave*
☐	T	**Job 16:1-21**	*A lament about unjust punishment*
☐	F	**1 Thess. 4:1-12; 5:12-18**	*The Christian life*
☐	S	**Psalm 9:1-14**	*God's reward of the righteous*

November 22 - November 28

Week of Christ the King Sunday & Pentecost 26 (Proper 29)

☐	S	**Matthew 25:31-46**	*The separation of sheep and goats*
☐	M	**Esther 2:1-18**	*Lowly Esther becomes queen*
☐	T	**Esther 8:3-17**	*Queen Esther saves her people*
☐	W	**John 5:19-40**	*The judgment of the Son*
☐	T	**Ezekiel 33:7-20**	*The righteous will live*
☐	F	**Revelation 19:1-9**	*Praise of God's judgments*
☐	S	**Psalm 7**	*God the righteous judge*

November 29 - December 5

Week of Advent 1

☐	S	**Mark 13:24-37**	*The coming of the Son of Man*
☐	M	**Zechariah 13:1-9**	*On that day God will save us*
☐	T	**Zechariah 14:1-9**	*Promises concerning that day*
☐	W	**Matthew 24:15-31**	*Be ready for that day*
☐	T	**Micah 2:1-13**	*God will gather you all*
☐	F	**1 Thessalonians 4:1-18**	*A life pleasing to God till the end*
☐	S	**Psalm 79**	*Prayer for deliverance*