



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

October, 2026

TABLE TALK

Tuesday, October 27
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 Two

From Bondage to Freedom:
Luther Rediscovered Grace

SERMON DISCUSSION

Thursday, October 15
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.



THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

Sunday, October 18, at 6:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall



“Bound by Class”

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



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.

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.

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.

- October 1** – *God's Great Cleanup*
- October 8** – *Collaborative Eschaton*
- October 29** – *The Lake as the World*

SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

9:30–10:20 a.m., in the Parlor

Books available in the church office for \$15.00.

THE DREAM OF GOD by Verna Dozier

October 4

The Temptations of the Church

October 11

The Persistence of the Dream

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 thinkers including Emily Dickinson, Ta-Nehisi Coates, Ayn Rand, and Mister Rogers, he offers hope and practical guidance for restoring both our souls and our civic life.



October 18

Foreword, Introduction, & Reclaiming Virtue (1)

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

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.

- October 5** - From Self-Deceit to Veracity: Type 3
- October 12** - From Envy to Equanimity: Type 4
- October 19** - From Avarice to Non-attachment: Type 5
- October 26** - From Fear to Courage: Type 6



"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*

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). The Psalms weep with those who suffer, laugh with those who celebrate, and teach all of us about the long journey of faith.

- October 6** - God in the Psalms
- October 13** - Problems & Protests in the Psalms

FALL SEMINAR

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

with Marcus Borg
and John Dominic Crossan

Join us Wednesday, October 28, at 5:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall to watch the video series and discuss. The topic of this first session is *Empire*.

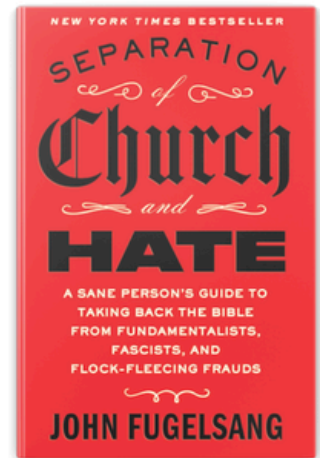
FRIDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND HATE by John Fugelsang

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

In the spirit of George Carlin and Christopher Hitchens, comedian and broadcaster John Fugelsang, the son of a former Catholic nun and a Franciscan brother, delivers a deeply irreverent, biblically-grounded takedown of far-right Christian hatred. Fugelsang examines how far-right groups and politicians have used Christianity and the Bible to justify oppressive and unequal policies, arguing that those who weaponize scripture for political power are not following the example of Jesus.

Separation of Church and Hate is ultimately a call to reclaim the love, mercy, and service at the heart of Christianity—and to resist using religion as a cover for hate.



- October 2** - Thou Shalt Not Hate Gays
- October 9** - Thou Shalt Not Hate People Who Have Abortions
Thou Shalt Not Hate "Illegals"
- October 16** - Thou Shalt Not Hate Poor People
Thou Shalt Let Go of Thy Sex Hang-ups
- October 23** - Thou Shalt Not Kill People Who Kill People to Prove
Killing People is Wrong
Thou Shalt Not Hate Gun Control or Worship Warrior
Bro-Dude Jesus
- October 30** - Thou Shalt Not Hate Jews, Muslims, or Even Atheists
Thou Shalt Not Be, or Defend, A White Supremacist
The Christians and the Christ Followers

NOVEMBER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

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| November 1 | Pastor's Information Class |
| November 4 | Fall Seminar: <i>Jesus</i> |
| November 6 | Friday Breakfast Series Begins: <i>Genesis</i> |
| November 11 | Fall Seminar: <i>Paul's Mission</i> |
| November 15 | Third Sunday Program: <i>Living with Black Bears</i> |
| November 17 | Table Talk: <i>Reformation Roots</i> |
| November 19 | Sermon Discussion |
| November 22 | God in Film: <i>The Greatest Showman</i> |

October 4 – October 10

Week of Pentecost 18 (Proper 22)

□	S	Matthew 21:33–46	<i>A parable of doing God's will</i>
□	M	Judges 16:1–22	<i>Samson asked about his strength</i>
□	T	Judges 16:23–31	<i>Samson prays to do God's will</i>
□	W	Matthew 9:2–8	<i>Jesus' authority</i>
□	T	Joshua 4:1–10, 19–24	<i>Joshua leads the people God's way</i>
□	F	Philippians 1:3–30	<i>Proclaiming Christ</i>
□	S	Psalms 28	<i>Prayer to do God's will</i>

October 11 – October 17

Week of Pentecost 19 (Proper 23)

□	S	Matthew 22:1–14	<i>The parable of the unwelcome guest</i>
□	M	Exodus 19:7–20	<i>God meets Moses on the mountain</i>
□	T	Amos 9:5–15	<i>God will restore Israel on the mountain</i>
□	W	John 6:25–35	<i>God will feed the believer</i>
□	T	Song of Solomon 7:10–8:4	<i>Love like rich fruit</i>
□	F	Philippians 3:13–4:1	<i>Hold fast to Christ</i>
□	S	Psalms 34	<i>Taste and see</i>

October 18 – October 24

Week of Pentecost 20 (Proper 24)

□	S	Matthew 22:15–22	<i>A teaching about the emperor and God</i>
□	M	Daniel 3:1–30	<i>Three men disobey King Nebuchadnezzar</i>
□	T	Daniel 6:1–28	<i>Daniel disobeys King Darius</i>
□	W	Matthew 17:22–27	<i>Jesus pays the temple tax</i>
□	T	Deuteronomy 17:14–20	<i>The limitations on royal authority</i>
□	F	Revelation 18:1–10, 19–20	<i>The fall of Babylon</i>
□	S	Psalms 98	<i>God reigns</i>

October 25 – October 31

Week of Reformation & Pentecost 21 (Proper 25)

□	S	John 8:31–36	<i>The truth will set you free</i>
□	M	Deuteronomy 6:1–9, 20–25	<i>The great commandment</i>
□	T	Deuteronomy 10:10–22	<i>Moses urges the people to obey</i>
□	W	Matthew 19:16–22	<i>Keeping the commandments</i>
□	T	Proverbs 16:1–20	<i>It is good to obey</i>
□	F	James 2:8–26	<i>Faith without works is dead</i>
□	S	Psalms 119:41–48	<i>I will keep God's law</i>

November 1 – November 7

Week of All Saints' & Pentecost 22 (Proper 26)

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