The BEACON

November 11, 2026

WELCOME

We welcomed Callan Antonio Bates into our fellowship through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism last Sunday. Callan is the son of Chelsea (Loy) and Josh Bates, grandson of Doreen and David Loy, and great-grandson of Janet Loy.

2027 MINISTRY COMMITMENTS DUE

We are reminded that 2027 Time & Talent and financial pledges are now due. Please return them to the church office, place them in the offering plates, or complete them online at www.holytrinitylynchburg.org. Responses are needed this week so that the Finance Committee and Church Council can finalize the proposed 2027 Spending Plan for presentation at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 6. We are aware that there have been postal service delivery issues. Anyone who has not received a 2027 packet is asked to contact the church office.



FALL SEMINAR

Our Fall Seminar - exploring *Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God* – concludes Wednesday, November 11, from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. The topic is "Jesus" (Part 2) and "Paul's Mission." A light supper is served. Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST SERIES

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

Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning

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.

November 13 - Cain and Abel **November 20** - Noah

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

CPR and DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSION

This session on Saturday, November 14, from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall, will provide training in adult, child, and infant 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.

THOMAS MASS

Our next *Thomas Mass* will be held Sunday, November 15, 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.



THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

November 15, at 6:00 p.m.

LIVING WITH BLACK BEARS

Guest Speakers: Susan McConnell & Helen Wheelock
Members, Central Virginia Master Naturalist

Black bear numbers in central Virginia are rising. Historically, bears were rare outside remote mountain areas, but due to habitat improvements, reduced hunting, and natural range expansion, Virginia's Department of Wildlife Resources is now attempting to manage black bears to maintain stable, sustainable populations while addressing human–bear conflicts. Learning about bears can help prevent negative interactions and dispel unfounded fears.

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.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 15, 2026

The Lessons: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8, 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30
The liturgical color for Sundays after Pentecost is green. A coffee hour follows each service.

8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

ADULT EDUCATION
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
(Parlor)
Elusive Grace
Retraining Our Hearts
Learning to Love Truth, Your Neighbor, Your Enemy, the Good



10:18 A.M. - HANDBELL PRELUDE
10:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION with LIVESTREAM
11:45 A.M. - SENIOR YOUTH GROUP (grades nine - twelve)
2:00 P.M. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
4:00 P.M. - JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP (grades three - eight)
5:00 P.M. - *THOMAS MASS*
6:00 P.M. - THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15 - 21

MONDAY,	9:00 A.M.	-	STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	-	CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	7:00 P.M.	-	CONNECTING WITH GOD - *Know God - Know Self* (via Zoom)
TUESDAY,	1:00 P.M.	-	BIBLE STUDY - *Together by Grace - Psalms*
	5:40 P.M.	-	HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	7:00 P.M.	-	TABLE TALK - *Reformation Roots*
WEDNESDAY,	12:10 P.M.	-	SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	5:30 P.M.	-	WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (age three - grade five)
	7:00 P.M.	-	ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
THURSDAY,	9:00 A.M.	-	PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
	11:00 A.M.	-	SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP
FRIDAY,	7:00 A.M.	-	FRIDAY BREAKFAST SERIES - *Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning*
	8:00 A.M.	-	MATINS (Morning Prayer)
	9:00 A.M.	-	STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	-	CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	11:00 A.M.	-	BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*
	6:00 P.M.	-	*LOST & FOUND* SYNOD YOUTH EVENT at Eagle Eyrie (grades seven & eight)
SATURDAY,	10:00 A.M.	-	HARVEST FOOD FESTIVAL & Sally von Oesen POTTERY SALE

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized and released to a skilled care facility in North Carolina is **Mary Booth**.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service for Jim Stock will be held at Holy Trinity on Friday, November 13, at 2:00 p.m.

HARVEST FOOD FESTIVAL & SALLY von OESEN POTTERY SALE

Our Harvest Food Festival will be held Saturday, November 21, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This popular Program Development Fund event features our famous Brunswick Stew, assorted homemade soups, chili, stew, barbecue, casseroles, assorted jellies and butters, and baked goods. We need everyone's help to prepare and donate foods. There is much demand for foods that may be frozen easily for later enjoyment. Quart food containers are available at the church. Food items that cannot be put into individual containers should be brought in disposable aluminum pans.

An added feature this year is the opportunity to purchase pottery handcrafted by Sally von Oesen.
Plan to do some holiday shopping.

NAME(S): _____

☐ I will donate _____ casserole(s)/soups(s) Type(s):_____

☐ I will donate _____ baked goods. Type(s):_____

☐ I will donate _____

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES
THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15 - 21

Sunday, November 15	9:30 a.m. -	Sunday Church School (age three - grade five; meet in classroom across from the Nursery)
	11:45 a.m. -	Senior Youth Group (grades nine - twelve)
	4:00 p.m. -	Junior Youth Group (grades three - eight)
Friday, November 20	6:00 p.m. -	*Lost & Found* Synod Youth Event at Eagle Eyrie (grades seven & eight)

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our **November** project is a food drive for the **Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry**. Grocery bags, complete with an attached suggested shopping list, are available in the narthex. We are asked to please fill and return the bags during the month of November. Monetary contributions are also encouraged. Special envelopes are available on the narthex desk.

TABLE TALK

The next session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, November 17, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Parlor. *Reformation Roots* is our theme this year and the November class explores "From Scholar to Provocateur: Luther Takes on the Church," as we continue this seven-session study of Martin Luther and the sixteenth-century Reformation.

WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our monthly Wednesday Children's Ministry will be held November 18, 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.

SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

The next Sermon Discussion Group will meet Thursday, November 19, 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.

BRUNCH BUNCH

Sunday, November 22
12:00 p.m.

Bentley's on Bedford
2302 Bedford Avenue

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall or call the church office by **November 20**.





GOD IN FILM

Sunday, November 22, at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a light supper and theological discussion as we view ***The Greatest Showman***.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

HEAD USHER MEETING

The Head Ushers will meet Tuesday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parlor.
Please notify the church office if you are unable to attend.

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.

2027 TIME and TALENT and FINANCIAL NEEDS

It takes the time and talents of hundreds of people to carry out Holy Trinity's mission and ministry each year. As we prayerfully consider our commitments for the coming year, may we keep in mind these specific needs: Adult Choir, Altar Guild, bulletin and newsletter folders, coffee hour servers, communion assistants, greeters, home communion ministers, lectors, office assistants, and ushers.

Our mission and ministry is also dependent on our financial contributions as we strive "to care actively in the name of Jesus Christ." Please prayerfully consider the following for 2027: make a pledge; increase giving by $10.00 per week; or, increase giving by 1% of income as a step toward the biblical tithe of 10%; or, move beyond 10% for those already tithing; or, make an extraordinary and/or legacy gift to support current and future ministries.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Our Holy Trinity Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, December 6, following both worship services for the purpose of electing members of Church Council and trustees, acting on a property easement for the traffic roundabout at Langhorne Road/ Rivermont Terrace/Vassar Street, and approving a 2027 Spending Plan. All confirmed members are eligible to vote. Those who are unable to be present that day may request an absentee ballot by contacting the church office. Absentee ballots will be available in the church office (or mailed) once the 2027 Proposed Spending Plan is finalized by the Finance Committee and Church Council.

THANKSGIVING DAY

INTERFAITH SERVICE OF UNITY AND REFLECTION

Thursday, November 26, at 9:30 a.m.
Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church
5810 Fort Avenue



We look forward to worshiping with our neighbors from Agudath Sholom Synagogue, Centenary United Methodist Church, Church of the Covenant, First Christian Church, Peakland Baptist Church, Peakland United Methodist Church, Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lynchburg, and the World Community (Muslim).

The Reverend Ruth Dueñez Harrison, pastor of Church of the Covenant, will deliver the sermon.

The monetary and non-perishable food offerings are designated for the Cosby Woods Food Pantry located on Boonsboro Road at Church of the Covenant/Camp Kum Ba Yah.



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.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING



All are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, November 29, at 9:30 a.m., as we make Advent wreaths for our homes. Families are asked to attend together so that older hands may assist those who are younger. Wreath-making materials will be provided and a free will offering is requested. Those who have straw wreath forms from previous years are asked to bring them for reuse.



2027 ALTAR FLOWERS and CANDLE DEDICATIONS

The 2027 Altar Flower Calendar is now available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Please note that no dates are reserved from previous years. The cost of altar flowers is $100 per week for two vases. Payment for altar flowers is requested *before the selected date* and should be made payable to *Holy Trinity*. There are no delivery fees or sales tax. Please contact the church office with any altar flower questions you may have.

The 2027 Candle Calendar is also available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. All are reminded of the opportunity to dedicate the candles used in worship each week to the glory of God in memory or in honor of loved ones or in celebration of special events (birthdays, baptismal anniversaries, wedding anniversaries, etc.). The tribute dedication is printed in the Sunday worship bulletins along with the altar flower dedication. Included are the altar candles, the sanctuary lamp, and candles for the *Globusleuchter*. 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.

THANK YOU

- Thanks to the **Holy Trinity Youth**, **parents**, and **ALL** who participated in last Sunday's soup luncheon. $603.00 was raised to be used for local mission projects and trips during the summer. Thank you especially to the Soup Makers: **Lauren Almond**, **Barb Garman**, **Martha Johnson**, **Lisa Turille**, **Sarah Quarantotto**, and **Leah Wiebe**.
- Thanks to **Carole Royer** for hosting the New River Ensemble musicians in her home last weekend.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 6
in-person meeting following both worship services
(The inclement weather date is Sunday, December 13.)

Our presence is extremely important as we elect five members of Church Council and two trustees, act on a property easement for the traffic roundabout at Langhorne Road/Rivermont Terrrace/Vassar Street, and adopt a 2027 Spending Plan.

- The annual meeting will be called to order at the conclusion of an abbreviated 8:30 a.m. worship service. After balloting for Church Council and trustees, and voting on the property easement and Spending Plan, the meeting will be recessed.
- The meeting will be reconvened at the conclusion of the 10:30 a.m. service. After balloting for Church Council and trustees, and voting on the property easement and Spending Plan, the meeting will be adjourned. The ballots will then be counted and nominees notified of the results that afternoon. The election results will be published in the December 9 issue of ***The Beacon***.

Please contact the church office to receive an absentee ballot.

All confirmed members are eligible to vote. Please make every effort to be present or cast an absentee ballot.

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*
Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*
Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*
Parish Administrator: *Ellie Quillen*
Director of Youth and Campus Ministries: *Susan H. Williams*

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