

PRAYER FOR HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

May we be guided by the words of this prayer as we prepare for our 2027 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)



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, Fellowship Hall, or church office.

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.

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 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.

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.





Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026

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 509 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. All are encouraged to wear red.***

9:00 A.M. - GIFTS FESTIVAL BREAKFAST

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 (birth to grade five)

THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25 - 31

<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
	7:00 P.M.	- TABLE TALK - <i>Reformation Roots</i>
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	12:10 P.M.	- SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	5:30 P.M.	- FALL SEMINAR - <i>Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God</i>
	7:00 P.M.	- ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
	11:00 A.M.	- DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God</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>Separation of Church and Hate</i>

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized at Lynchburg General is **Norma Jean Glass**. . . Congratulations to **Kristen** (Kenny) and **Cole Bonner** on the birth of Florence Adele. Proud grandparents are **Karen** and **Eric Kenny**.

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 Ghoultide*. Participating musicians are Cantate Children's and Youth Choir, and organists Peggy Howell, J. William Greene, and Sumner Jenkins.

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!



INURNMENT SERVICE

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

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
THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25 - 31



Sunday, October 25

- 3:30 p.m. - Junior & Senior Youth (grades six - twelve)
- 4:30 p.m. - Trunk or Treat (birth to grade five)

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE: SERVE & GIVE

Information about our *Let Your Light Shine* 2027 Every Member Response has been mailed. 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.)

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.

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.

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 Beginners Guide to the Beginning
with Amy-Jill Levine

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

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

NEW FRIDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Our Friday Morning Book Discussion Group will begin its exploration of *Twelve Steps to A Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong on November 6, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$15.00 each.

SOUP LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 8
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.



**HOLY TRINITY FINE ARTS SERIES
CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT**

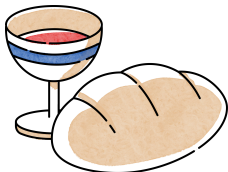
Sunday, November 8, at 4:00 p.m.

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.

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.



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.*



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.

HARVEST FOOD FESTIVAL & SALLY von OESSEN 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 _____

Please return this form to the church office as soon as possible.

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