

THE BEACON

February 4, 2026

SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

The next Sermon Discussion Group will meet Thursday, February 5, at 11:00 a.m., in the Parlor. We will discuss several recent 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.

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

Esteemed Bible scholar Amy-Jill Levine takes us 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.

February 6 - Isaiah's Suffering Servant
February 13 - The Sign of Jonah
February 20 - "My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"

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

SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 8, at 11:30 a.m.

Our Holy Trinity Youth are sponsoring a luncheon featuring homemade soups and chili. Contributions will be received for the Lutheran World Hunger Appeal on this Super Bowl Sunday as our youth participate in the nationwide *Souper Bowl* hunger service project held each year. Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall or call the church office.



The Super Bowl game begins in the evening but the REAL ACTION will be at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church that morning! Our youth are sponsoring a contest for donations. There will be a contribution container for the Seattle Seahawks and one for the New England Patriots. Which team will you support?

PARISH NURSE EDUCATION SERIES

Sunday, February 8, from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

Elder Fraud and Scams Prevention

Speaker: Cynthia Kozerow, Crime Prevention Specialist
Community Relations Unit, Lynchburg Police Department



Scams and fraud cost Americans billions of dollars a year and cause much emotional stress and heartbreak. Scams and fraud take many forms and the elderly are particularly targeted for these crimes. Come and learn from our expert speaker about how to recognize and deal with frauds and scams. Learn to protect yourself and those you love.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our monthly Wednesday Children's Ministry will be held February 11, 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.



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 8, 2026

The Lessons: Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20
The liturgical color for season of Epiphany is green.

8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION and HOME COMMUNION

9:30 A.M. - HOLY TRINITY YOUTH (all ages)

9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

ADULT EDUCATION
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
(Parlor)

I've Got Questions

What Makes Faith So Hard, and What Compels Me to Stay
Your Unsoothed Heart Is Your Most Powerful Weapon

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

11:30 A.M. - SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON

2:00 P.M. - PARISH NURSE EDUCATION SERIES

THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8 - 14

<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	7:00 P.M.	- CONNECTING WITH GOD - <i>Know God - Know Self</i> (via Zoom)
	9:00 A.M.	- PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	5:40 P.M.	- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	7:00 P.M.	- CHURCH COUNCIL
	10:00 A.M.	- WOMEN'S SEWING GROUP
	12:10 P.M.	- SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
<u>THURSDAY,</u> <u>FRIDAY,</u>	5:30 P.M.	- CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
	7:00 P.M.	- ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
	11:00 A.M.	- DISCUSSION GROUP
	7:00 A.M.	- BREAKFAST SERIES - <i>The Bible With and Without Jesus</i>
<u>SATURDAY,</u>	8:00 A.M.	- MATINS
	9:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	11:00 A.M.	- BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>The Four Vision Quests of Jesus</i>
	10:00 A.M.	- ALTAR GUILD

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

RICHARD BOYDEN PARK
1937 - 2026

Our sympathy to his family.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service for Bobbie Schuler will be held at Holy Trinity on Saturday, February 7, at 11:00 a.m.

PARISH NURSE SCHEDULE

Parish Nurse Gail Midkiff will have office hours Tuesday, February 10, instead of Thursday, February 12.
She returns to regular schedule Thursday, February 19.

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our February outreach project is paper napkins, dish detergent, and laundry detergent for the food ministry to the homeless and poor at Daily Bread, located on Clay Street in downtown Lynchburg. Please place items in the outreach ministry basket in the narthex throughout the month.

WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

All are encouraged to make a contribution to the Lutheran World Hunger Appeal in the coming weeks. The World Hunger Appeal responds to poverty in the United States and around the world by addressing root causes through relief, development work, education, and advocacy. Approximately 75% of funds are distributed internationally and 25% domestically. Please indicate *World Hunger Appeal* on your check or envelope.

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES
THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8 - 14

Sunday, February 8 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (grades one - five)
9:30 a.m. - Holy Trinity Youth (all ages)
Join us for fellowship, fun, and service
as we set-up and serve our "Souper Bowl" luncheon.
All proceeds go to Lutheran World Hunger Appeal.
What a "souper" way to make a difference!



Wednesday, February 11 5:30 p.m. - Children's Ministry (age three - grade five)

CANDLE TRIBUTES

The 2026 Candle Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Candle sponsors are needed **February 8, March 8, March 15, March 22, and March 29**. 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.

NEW FRIDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Our Friday Morning Book Discussion Group will begin its exploration of *The Four Vision Quests of Jesus* by Steven Charleston on February 13, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$20.00 each.



MARDI GRAS JAZZ BRUNCH

Sunday, February 15, at 11:30 a.m.

LIVE MUSIC and DELICIOUS CATERED BRUNCH

Join us as we feast before the fast of Lent begins.
Enjoy the great food, fellowship, and live music.
The suggested contribution is \$5 per adult and children are free.
Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

THOMAS MASS

Our next *Thomas Mass* will be Sunday, February 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 service, especially if work, sports, or travel schedules prevent your participation on Sunday morning.

THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

February 15, at 6:00 p.m.

Aspire to Inspire Before You Expire:

Now More Than Ever, Christianity Cannot Be A Spectator Sport

Guest Speaker: Tom Gerdy, Local Building Contractor and Community Volunteer

Join us for an inspirational message that is particularly needed in these troubled times in which we live. Not only does our faith call us to prayer and action, it challenges us to invite others to join in making the world a kinder and gentler place – something our speaker has lived out through decades of volunteer service through Habitat for Humanity.

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

TABLE TALK

The next session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, February 17, 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 "With the Father and the Son."

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18

*We begin the forty-day penitential season of Lent
with the centuries-old traditions of Ash Wednesday.*

12:10 p.m.

Spoken Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

5:30 p.m.

Spoken Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

7:00 p.m.

Sung Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes



ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2026 Altar Flower Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Flowers are needed for **February 22, March 1, March 8, and March 29**. 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.



PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, February 22
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.

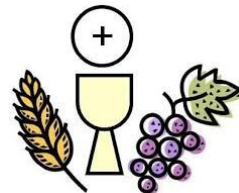
TIME AND TALENT FORMS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED

The church office is in the process of preparing rosters for the many ministry opportunities available in the life of the congregation. If you have not yet returned a 2026 Time & Talent form, or want to serve in additional ways, it is not too late! Specific areas in need of additional participants include: Adult Choir members, Altar Guild members, coffee hour servers, communion assistants, greeters and lectors, home communion ministers, newsletter folders, office assistants, and ushers. Please contact Parish Administrator Carol Dee Robertson if you would like to receive a Time & Talent form or pledge card by mail or email.

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

each Wednesday ✦ 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.



BRUNSWICK STEW FOR SALE

There is still Holy Trinity Brunswick Stew available. The cost is \$12.50 per quart. Proceeds support our Program Development Fund. Please pay in the church office.

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.

THANK YOU

Thanks to **Susan** and **Peter Manion** for delivering Food Pantry hygiene bag supplies to the church.

WINTER 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.

February 25 - *Why Doesn't God Make Up His Mind?*
March 4 - *Jesus Is Bigger Than The Bible*
March 11 - *No One Saw This Coming*
March 18 - *The Bible: Just As It Is*

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

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

We are reminded of the following information in the event of inclement winter weather.

- ✧ Please call the church office for the latest schedule information. Any changes or cancellations will be available on the church voice mail system and at www.holytrinitylynchburg.org.
- ✧ Weekday education activities at Holy Trinity are canceled any day that Lynchburg City Schools are closed because of the weather. Music rehearsals may be held if road conditions improve later in the day. Participants in music groups will be notified if a rehearsal will be held.
- ✧ Sunday cancellations will be determined by 7:00 a.m. that morning. Wednesday cancellations will be determined by 9:00 a.m. that morning. The information will be shared by email, placed on the church voice mail system, at www.holytrinitylynchburg.org, and communicated to Lynchburg/Roanoke television stations. Please consult the "Closings" listings on the television station web sites.

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*

Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

Parish Administrator: *Carol Dee Robertson*

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