



September 16, 2026

### WELCOME

We welcome **Matthew Storm Falcon** into our membership through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Matt lives at 1063 Brandon Court, Forest, 24551, and is a student at Liberty University.

### WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The first session of our monthly Wednesday Children's Ministry will be held September 16, 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.

### THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

Our Thursday Discussion Group launches into the video series *First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God* September 17, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor. The video segments feature biblical scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan exploring the life, teachings, and mission of Jesus of Nazareth in the context of first-century Jewish and Roman society.

### THOMAS MASS

Our first *Thomas Mass* of the new program year will be held Sunday, September 20, 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

September 20, at 6:00 p.m.

#### ***From Poplar Forest to Florida: Francis Eppes VII, Thomas Jefferson's Grandson***

Guest Speaker: James Wright, MD  
Retired Physician

A grandson of President Thomas Jefferson, Eppes inherited Poplar Forest plantation before moving to Florida in 1829, where he became a prominent figure in local politics, education, and the Episcopal Church. He served as mayor of Tallahassee, and donated land and funds for what is now Florida State University. He was also a cotton planter and involved in citrus farming.

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.

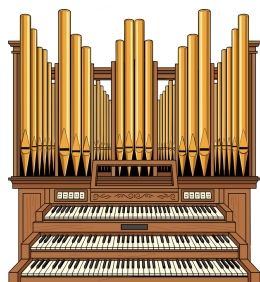
### TABLE TALK

The first session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, September 22, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Parlor. *Reformation Roots* is our theme this year and the first class explores "From Night to Dawn: The Stage is Set for the Reformation" as we begin this seven-session study of Martin Luther and the sixteenth-century Reformation.

### ORGANIST-CHOIRMASTER CANDIDATE TO VISIT

Leen Latorre, a candidate for our Organist-Choirmaster position at Holy Trinity, will play for a special worship service **Wednesday, September 23, at 6:00 p.m.** All are invited to join us for this abbreviated Service of Holy Communion and the opportunity to experience Latorre's musical leadership. He will also meet with the Handbell Choir on September 22, and the Adult Choir on Wednesday evening following the special service.

Latorre is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma (Master of Music in Organ Performance, Emphasis in Sacred Music), and Seton Hill University (Bachelor of Music with a major in Sacred Music). He is currently Principal Organist and choir rehearsal accompanist at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Ardmore, Oklahoma.



### HAPPY HOUR ORGAN RECITAL

Friday, September 25  
5:30 p.m.

#### ***Neglected Gems***

J. William Greene, Organist

Music of Lübeck, Karg-Elert, Bach, Mendelssohn,  
Weinberger, and Ginastera





# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2026

*The Lessons: Jonah 3:10–4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16*  
*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**

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

**12:30 P.M. - HOLY TRINITY YOUTH** (grades three - twelve; meet at Putt Putt Fun Center)

**5:00 P.M. - THOMAS MASS**

**6:00 P.M. - THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM**

## THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20 - 26

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| <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>   | 1:00 P.M.  | - BIBLE STUDY - <i>Together by Grace: Psalms</i>                      |
|                   | 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                                           |
|                   | 6:00 P.M.  | - SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE                                             |
|                   | 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>        |
|                   | 5:30 P.M.  | - HAPPY HOUR ORGAN RECITAL - J. William Greene                        |

## IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Our sympathy to **Jessica and Kyle Polzin** on the death of Kyle's grandmother.

## SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our **September** outreach project is collecting supplies for **The Free Clinic of Central Virginia**. Needed are the following products that will be given to patients: toothbrushes, dental floss, toothpaste, deodorant (both men's and women's formulas), combs, hair brushes, bath soap bars, and shampoo and conditioner (brands for all ethnicities). All items must be new and unopened. Please place items in the narthex outreach basket.

## LUTHERAN VISIT DAY AT ROANOKE COLLEGE

Saturday, September 26, is Lutheran Visit Day at Roanoke College in Salem. This event at our Lutheran college on the territory of the Virginia Synod is an opportunity for high school students and parents to spend time on campus to think together about the process of selecting a college. The program runs from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., during which participants will have the opportunity for conversation with Virginia Synod and College leaders, tour the campus, and enjoy brunch in the Commons. Check out [www.roanoke.edu](http://www.roanoke.edu) for additional information.

## PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, September 27  
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.



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We will have our annual Blessing of the Animals Saturday, October 3, at 5:30 p.m., on the lower lawn, weather permitting. October 4 is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, a thirteenth century renewer of the Church who was very attuned to the care of the poor and needy and all of God's creation. Participants are asked to bring pets caged or restrained appropriately.

## ONLINE GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to **ALL** for their generous, faithful, and ongoing stewardship. Please be reminded that opportunities are available through our online giving portal to make gifts to the general fund and the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry. In addition, memorial gifts, challenge gifts, altar flower payments, disaster relief, world hunger relief, gifts to the Personal Hygiene bags fund, and special seasonal offerings may also be designated through the online portal. Options are available for a one-time gift or a recurring donation through either a bank transfer or a credit card. You may access the portal through our website or by downloading the VANCO Mobile app on your smart phone. Please contact Parish Administrator Ellie Quillen with any questions.

## CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES – THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20 - 26

Sunday, September 20

9:30 a.m.

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Sunday Church School (age three - grade five;  
meet in classroom across from the Nursery)

12:30 p.m.

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Holy Trinity Youth (grades three - twelve;  
meet at Putt Putt Fun Center on Timberlake Road)



### SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

As our new program year gets underway, please be reminded that there is scholarship assistance available for book discussion groups, youth activities, and other events at Holy Trinity. Please speak with Pastor Roberts for additional information.

### EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please email the church office with your current email address if you are not receiving church communications and worship links electronically. As the 2026-2027 program year begins, the monthly EDU.NET adult education newsletter is distributed via email.



## Oktoberfest

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4  
4:00 P.M.



Join us at the home of Barb and Ted Garman, 1177 Spring Mountain Road  
(Take Boonsboro Road (US 501 North) to Coffee Road.  
Turn left on Coffee Road and then right on Walnut Hollow Road at Trinity Church.  
Proceed on Walnut Hollow Road for .7 miles.  
Turn left on Spring Mountain Road [private drive].  
The Garman's house is the second one on the right.)

Enjoy the tastes, sights, and sounds of a festive evening,  
including live oompah band,  
a delicious catered meal by Steve Royer and Debra and Tom Schwab,  
handmade *Apfelstrudel* (Gisela Pest's recipe),  
and tastes from a number of Holy Trinity's *Braumeisters*.

Bring your lawn chairs. Invite your friends and neighbors.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall or call the church office.



*This fellowship event is sponsored by our Program Development Fund. A donation of \$15 per person is requested.*

### THANK YOU

- Thanks to **Cheryl** and **Bruce Gerlich**, coordinators; **Barb Hatin**, **Mitch Overstreet**, **Anna-Liisa Rosner**, and **April Whalen** for preparing and serving our delicious Kick-Off-The-Fall Brunch and/or cleaning afterwards.
- Thanks to **Ann Kreft** for work around the church lawn.
- Thanks to **Mitch Overstreet** for transporting Can House cans to the recycling center.
- Thanks to **April Whalen**, coordinator; **Ted Garman**, **Nancy Overstreet**, **Maria Roberts**, **Anna-Liisa Rosner**, **Anne Royer**, and **Carole Royer** for participating in the *Apfelstrudel* Workshop.

### FALL SCHEDULES

Acolyte/crucifer, Altar Guild, assisting minister, coffee hour, communion assistant, greeter, and lector schedules for the Fall quarter have been emailed. Please review the schedule immediately, arrange for any substitutions that may be needed, and notify the church office of changes. Thanks to all for their faithful service in these various capacities.



### 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.*

### HOLY TRINITY OFFICE and STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

All are asked to update email address books and contact lists  
to reflect the following addresses for staff and parish-related inquiries:

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|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| office@holyltrinitylynchburg.org | - | emails for Parish Administrator Ellie Quillen<br>or for general office and administrative matters                                        |
| susan@holyltrinitylynchburg.org  | - | emails for Director of Youth & Campus Ministries Susan Williams<br>and all inquiries regarding children's, youth, and young adult events |
| greene1204@comcast.net           | - | emails for Organist-Choirmaster Bill Greene                                                                                              |
| luther.church@icloud.com         | - | emails for Parish Nurse Gail Midkiff                                                                                                     |
| dennis@holyltrinitylynchburg.org | - | emails for Pastor Roberts                                                                                                                |

## **LARGE PRINT WORSHIP RESOURCES**

Large print worship resources are available each Sunday in the three-ring binders on the narthex table.

## **CANDLE TRIBUTES**

The 2026 Candle Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Candle sponsors are needed **November 8, December 6, December 20, and December 27**. 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 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.

## **RESERVATIONS FOR CHURCH EVENTS**

We are reminded that it is very important to make reservations for church events at which food will be served. In addition to helping with food purchasing and preparation, it also helps us have sufficient seating pre-set and ready in the Fellowship Hall for luncheons, suppers, etc. Reservation forms for events are available in the narthex and Fellowship Hall, or one may call or email the church office. It is also helpful to make reservations in advance rather than wait until the day of the event.



### **JOIN THE FUN!**

We are currently offering two exercise classes twice weekly on Monday and Friday mornings. Each class is led by Christine Euhus, a registered yoga teacher through Yoga Alliance and an instructor at the YMCA for over ten years.



**Strength and Balance** class meets from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. and focuses on strengthening the body core and improving balance and overall well-being.

**Chair Yoga** class meets from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. and focuses on practicing a gentle form of yoga done sitting in a chair or standing using the chair for support. Everyone is welcome, but it is especially appropriate for those with limited mobility. Benefits of yoga include improved flexibility, better concentration, increased strength, and reduced joint pain.

The cost for either Strength and Balance OR Chair Yoga is \$20.00 per month.

The combined cost for both classes is \$35.00 per month.

Join one or both of these enthusiastic groups and begin improving your strength, balance, and flexibility  
AND enjoy the fellowship and support of your fellow exercisers!

## **COLUMBARIUM & SCATTER GARDEN**

Holy Trinity offers two options to have one's cremated remains rest in the shadow of the church. There is also the choice of a memorial plaque for those whose remains rest elsewhere. The fees are as follows:

**columbarium** - \$2,000 per niche

(each niche holds the ashes of two people; purchase includes containers for the ashes, name plaques, stonemason fees for each opening and closing, and maintenance care)

**memorial plaques** - \$600 per person

(name plaques on the base of the columbarium cross for people interred, inurned, or scattered elsewhere; purchase includes plaque, stonemason fee, and maintenance care)

**scatter garden** - \$800 per person

(purchase includes name plaque, stonemason fee, and maintenance care)

Please speak with Pastor Roberts for additional information and/or to make a purchase.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CAN HOUSE**

The Can House, located in the courtyard outside of the Fellowship Hall, is a great place to deposit your crushed *aluminum* cans. The cans are taken to a recycling center for money which is designated for Habitat for Humanity. Please place cans in a single bag. Do NOT put bags of cans inside bags. Do NOT put aluminum pie plates in the Can House.



## **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.

## **DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS**

We are reminded of daily devotional materials that are available in the narthex, Fellowship Hall, and/or on our website.

- Prayer Ventures are available on the narthex table and also on our website.
- Daily Bible Readings are included in the monthly issue of EDU.NET, available online and in the information racks.
- *Christ in our Home* is a devotional booklet which features a daily Bible reading, reflection, and prayer concern. The current issue is available in the narthex and Fellowship Hall information racks in both regular and LARGE PRINT editions.

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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