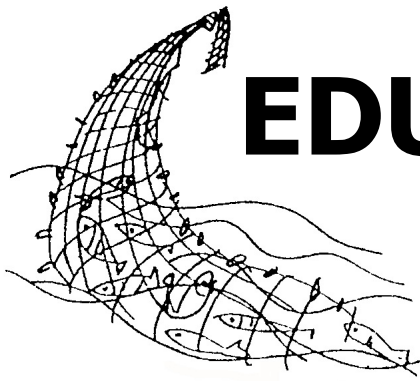




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ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

September, 2026

TABLE TALK

Tuesday, September 22
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 One

From Night to Dawn:
The Stage is Set for the Reformation

THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

Sunday, September 20, at 6:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall



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

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.

SERMON DISCUSSION

Thursday, September 10
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.

PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, September 27
2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in the Parlor



Join Pastor Roberts for an overview
of Lutheran Church history, theology,
liturgy, the church year, ecclesiology,
and life at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.



KNOW GOD - KNOW SELF

A Journey Toward Wholeness with the Enneagram

Mondays, 7:00 - 8:15 p.m., via Zoom

Please register by emailing the church office (office@holytrinitylynchburg.org) so that you may receive the Zoom invitation by email.

"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

Our study of the Enneagram, an ancient tool for spiritual growth, continues with two great opportunities. If you are new to the Enneagram, the Fall Sessions 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. Those who have been on the Enneagram Journey and already know their Enneagram Type are invited to join us to share their wisdom about the process of finding your number and for a review of what they already know.

**"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*, p. 23

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| September 14 | - | Enneagram Overview |
| September 21 | - | From Anger to Serenity - Type 1 |
| September 28 | - | From Pride to Humility - Type 2 |

TOGETHER BY GRACE: PSALMS

Tuesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., in the Parlor
The cost of the book is \$13.00.

Since their inception, God's people have found in the Psalms words that help them articulate their experience of life. As often happens in religious life, the more powerful an image, the more readily it lends itself to music. The words of the Psalms have power—so much so that they are often put to music. In fact, the very name "Psalms" comes from the Latin word "psalmos," which means "song." In the New Testament epistles, several passages exhort Christians to sing psalms in their faith life (1 Corinthians 14:26; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16).

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.



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| September 8 | - | What Are the Psalms? |
| September 22 | - | The Poetry of the Psalms |



SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

THE DREAM OF GOD by Verna Dozier

Sundays, 9:30 - 10:20 a.m., in the Parlor
The cost of the book is \$15.00.

Respected teacher and author Verna Dozier explores the ways that humanity and the institutional church have strayed far from Jesus' original message. To help us get back on track, she examines the Bible: a theological and historical record of hundreds of years in which two communities of faith (Jewish and early Christian) explored their own life experiences. Our task now is not to ask which interpretations are correct, but to ask "what did it mean to them" and "what does it mean for us?" Dozier encourages us to see Christianity not as creed or institution, but as "the vision of a new possibility for human life rooted in an ancient understanding of God and lived out by a Nazarene carpenter."

Through adept storytelling and study, Dozier reawakens our sense of calling and our desire for truth.

September 13
The Dream of God

September 20
The Biblical Story

September 27
The Rejection of the Dream

FRIDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

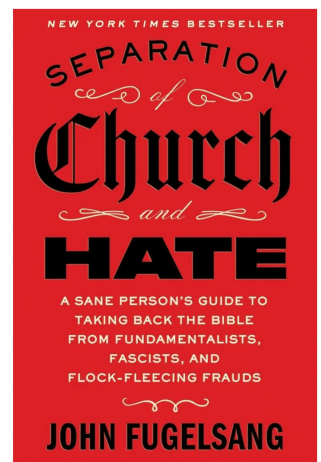
SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND HATE by John Fugelsang

Fridays, 11:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor
The cost of the book is \$24.00.

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.

Addressing fundamentalist arguments about abortion, immigration, LGBTQ rights, and more, Fugelsang exposes hypocrisy and inaccuracy through scripture, common sense, and humor. He also offers practical advice for debating the issues that divide us using the Bible itself.

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.



September 11 - An Introduction
An Inconvenient Radical Jew

September 18 - Paul, Jesus' PR Man, Who Is Not Jesus
Master-Race Christians of the Twenty-first Century
and How to Debate Them

September 25 - Thou Shalt Not Hate Feminists

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

August 30 - September 5

Week of Pentecost 14 (Proper 18)

□ S	Matthew 16:21-28	The rebuke to Peter
□ M	2 Samuel 11:2-26	David sins
□ T	2 Samuel 11:27b-12:15	Nathan rebukes David
□ W	Matthew 12:22-32	Jesus comes to cast out Satan
□ T	Jeremiah 17:5-18	The vindication of the righteous
□ F	Revelation 3:1-13	Rewarding those with endurance
□ S	Psalms 17	The righteous shall see God

September 6 - September 12

Week of Pentecost 15 (Proper 19)

□ S	Matthew 18:15-20	Reconciliation in the community of faith
□ M	Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14-16	Atoning for sin in the community
□ T	Deuteronomy 17:2-13	Punishment for sin in the community
□ W	Matthew 21:18-22	Jesus teaches about communal prayer
□ T	Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28	The scapegoat cleanses the community
□ F	Romans 13:1-7	Obedying authority
□ S	Psalms 119:65-72	The law humbles me

September 13 - September 19

Week of Pentecost 16 (Proper 20)

□ S	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable of forgiveness
□ M	Genesis 37:12-36	Joseph's brothers sin against him
□ T	Genesis 41:53-42:17	Joseph acts harshly against them
□ W	Matthew 6:7-15	Forgiving one another
□ T	Genesis 45:1-20	Joseph forgives his brothers
□ F	Romans 14:13-15:2	Building each other up
□ S	Psalms 133	How good it is to live in unity

September 20 - September 26

Week of Pentecost 17 (Proper 21)

□ S	Matthew 20:1-16	The parable of the vineyard workers
□ M	Genesis 27:1-29	The younger son gets the blessing
□ T	Genesis 28:10-17	God blesses the runaway Jacob
□ W	Matthew 19:23-30	The last will be first
□ T	Isaiah 41:1-13	God will be with the last
□ F	Romans 16:1-20	Workers in the church of Rome
□ S	Psalms 106:1-12	God's mercy

September 27 - October 3

Week of Pentecost 18 (Proper 22)

□ S	Matthew 21:23-32	A parable of doing God's will
□ M	Judges 16:1-22	Samson asked about his strength
□ T	Judges 16:23-31	Samson prays to do God's will
□ W	Matthew 9:2-8	Jesus' authority
□ T	Joshua 4:1-10, 19-24	Joshua leads the people God's way
□ F	Philippians 1:3-30	Proclaiming Christ
□ S	Psalms 28	Prayer to do God's will

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