

# THE BEACON

October 13, 2021

## FALL SEMINAR

The final Fall Seminar session of **BEYOND BELIEF: A Marcus Borg Retrospective** will be Wednesday, October 13, from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The theme this week is *Followers of The Way*. A light supper will be served.

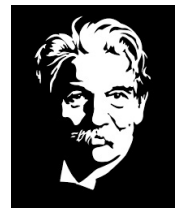
### HAPPY HOUR ORGAN RECITAL

Friday, October 15  
5:30 p.m.

#### Albert Schweitzer's Musical Legacy

J. William Greene, organist

The program includes music by  
J. S. Bach, Helmut Bornefeld, Nicolaus Bruhns,  
Hugo Distler, and Ernst Pepping.



Afterwards, join us for light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

## WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

The Walk to End Alzheimer's will be held Saturday, October 16. Due to the large number of Covid cases in our area, the traditional Walk will be a "Walk From Home" this year. Join with friends and neighbors and walk your neighborhood at your leisure as we remember and honor those having Alzheimer's disease, and help fund research to find a cure. To learn more, and to donate to this worthy cause, go to [act.alz.org/site/TR](http://act.alz.org/site/TR). The Team name for donations is HTLC Youth.



## SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our **October** outreach project is paper products – such as paper towels, toilet paper, and facial tissues – for **Miriam's House**, a transitional housing facility for homeless women and children. Paper products may be brought to the church throughout the month of October and placed in the outreach basket in the narthex.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Two, one-session First Communion classes will be held this year: Sunday, October 17, from 2:00 - 2:45 p.m., and Wednesday, October 20, from 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. Classes will be held in the Parlor. First Communion will be Sunday, October 31, at the Reformation Day Festival Service to be held at 10:30 a.m. Parents are asked to speak with Pastor Roberts to pre-register their child or to discuss schedule conflicts.



## THOMAS MASS

The next *Thomas Mass* will be held Sunday, October 17, 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. The nature of this service allows for physical distancing for those who want to spread out for safety's sake.

### THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

October 17, at 6:00 p.m.

#### "Need a Haircut?": The Origins of the Craft of Surgery

Guest Speaker: David W. Frantz, MD  
retired thoracic surgeon



The origins of the craft of surgery were not among the physicians of antiquity or even the academics of the great universities of Europe. Rather, surgery arose from the practice of barbers in the Middle Ages. Dr. Frantz explores how surgery evolved from a gruesome and dangerous craft into an integral part of medical care, dramatically expanding our ability to intervene in the course of disease.

We will begin with a light supper at 6:00 p.m. (baked chicken breast, fresh broccoli, tossed salad, rolls and butter, and dessert), followed by the program at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for supper, or come for the program only.  
Please make supper reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.



# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 17, 2021

*The Lessons: Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45*

*The liturgical color for the Season of Pentecost is green.*

*Altar Guild: Maria Roberts & Carol Barclay; Usher Team 2*

*Beacon Assistants (October 20): Gary Gwin, Cindy Gwin, Nancy Goodman, Bob Shafer*

**8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL** (for adults)

**ADULT EDUCATION**  
**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
(Parlor)

**Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence**

Lord (pp. 138-160)

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

**2:00 P.M. - FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**

**5:00 P.M. - HOLY TRINITY YOUTH**

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

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

**THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17 - 23**

<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:15 A.M. - STRENGTH & BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:50 A.M. - CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	7:00 P.M. - BIBLE STUDY - <i>Dreams That Shaped the Church and Other Fascinating Things About Dreams</i> (via Zoom)
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	1:00 P.M. - BIBLE STUDY - <i>The Gospel According to John</i>
	7:00 P.M. - TABLE TALK - <i>Making Sense of Martin Luther</i>
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	12:10 P.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	7:00 P.M. - FIRST COMMUNION CLASS
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M. - PARISH NURSE AVAILABLE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
	11:00 A.M. - DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Embracing a Life of Meaning: Kathleen Norris on Discovering What Matters</i>
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	9:15 A.M. - STRENGTH & BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:50 A.M. - CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	11:00 A.M. - BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>The Making of Biblical Womanhood</i>
	11:00 A.M. - BRUNSWICK STEW PREPARATION
<u>SATURDAY,</u>	7:30 A.M. - BRUNSWICK STEW PREPARATION

**IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY**

Hospitalized and released to The Summit Rehabilitation Center is **Mary Lightle**. Hospitalized at Virginia Baptist Acute Rehabilitation Center is **Vivian Lazo**. . . . Our sympathy to **Helene Mann** on the death of her sister.

**TABLE TALK**

The next session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, October 19, 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. "Making Sense of Martin Luther" is our theme this year. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$13.00 each. All participants are asked to wear a face mask.

**CANDY NEEDED**

Our Holy Trinity Youth are requesting donations of candy for the Drive-Through Halloween Party. Please bring candy to the church office no later than Sunday, October 24.



**THANK YOU**

- Thanks to **ALL** who assisted with and attended our annual Oktoberfest. Our appreciation to **Barb** and **Ted Garman** for once again hosting the event; to **Steve Royer** and **Tom** and **Debra Schwab** for preparing the delicious food; to **Gisela Pest**, coordinator; **Edith Beck**, **Betty Camden**, **Christine Euhus**, **Patty Kauppi**, **Charles Layne**, **Debbie Repass**, **Anna-Liisa Rosner**, and **Carole Royer** for making and/or baking the *Apfelstrudel*; to our *Braumeisters* **Steve Euhus**, **Joe Fedeler**, and **Kim Hall**; to the **Oompah Band**; and, to **ALL** who assisted with set-up, decorating, and the clean-up afterwards.
- Thanks to **Faye Hesson** and **Carol Barclay** for assisting 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.

## CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17 - 23

**Sunday, October 17** 5:00 p.m. "Under Peer Pressure"

Not to put pressure on you but bring your peers and join us!  
"Under Peer Pressure" – What it is? What do you do about it? Let's look for the answers!  
Masks are required.  
Dinner, games, and the devotion are all a part of our time together.  
As always, friends are VERY welcome!

### RECOGNITION OF THIRTY YEARS AT HOLY TRINITY

Pastor Roberts and his wife Maria were recognized last Sunday at our parish Oktoberfest for their thirty years of service at Holy Trinity. As requested, the remarks shared by Mike Rooney, president of the congregation, before the gift presentation are reprinted here:

*Dennis,*

*We congratulate you on your 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. You have a great partner, your loving wife Maria, who is dedicated to you and supports Holy Trinity in so many ways.*

*Your congregation and friends want to thank-you for extraordinary efforts to keep us together for worship, prayer and fellowship during these trying times. We are thankful for morning devotions, Sunday services (outside, inside and recorded), Wednesday services, virtual coffee hours, daily Bible readings and prayer ventures, recorded Third Sunday presentations, virtual and in-person book discussions, ministering to the sick and bereaved and your Christian service to the community.*

### THANK YOU

*Words cannot even begin to express our thanks and appreciation for Sunday's recognition of our thirty years at Holy Trinity. It's mind-boggling to contemplate all that has happened in our own lives and the life of the congregation since our arrival in January 1991. We are forever indebted to Steve and Judy Schulz for their friendship and partnership that welcomed us to Lynchburg and set in motion what has now grown to thirty years of ministry at Holy Trinity. Very few clergy are blessed with such a wonderful congregation and long-term pastorate. Our profound gratitude to the congregation for the extremely generous monetary gift, and to the Church Council and congregational officers, our church staff, and others who worked surreptitiously behind the scenes to mark this occasion. It is such a privilege to be a part of the Holy Trinity family. Many, many thanks.*

*– Maria and Dennis Roberts*

### DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS and PRAYER VENTURES

We are reminded that printed daily devotional materials for September - December are available in the narthex and Fellowship Hall information racks, and online resources are accessible on our website.

- Spark Family** is a resource designed for families with children and includes Bible readings, activities, and prayers.
- Christ in Our Home** is a devotional booklet for adults which features a daily Bible reading, reflection, and prayer concern. It is also available in LARGE PRINT.
- The October issue of **Prayer Ventures** is available on the narthex table.
- EDU.NET** includes daily Bible readings and is available in the narthex and on our website: [www.holytrinitylynchburg.org](http://www.holytrinitylynchburg.org).

Additionally, we send out the following regular emails: weekly link to our Sunday morning online worship service; monthly links to the **EDU.NET**, Daily Bible readings, and Prayer Ventures; weekly and seasonal devotions from Pastor Roberts; and, the link to our weekly newsletter, *The Beacon*.

Please contact the church office if you would like to be added to the distribution of any of the above emails.

### 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.*



### LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

- **U.S. WILDFIRES** - Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is working with synods and social ministry organizations in California and other western states to develop a coordinated response to the wildfires. Immediate needs include food and other necessities. Long-term recovery will likely take years. Because emotional and spiritual care is a key aspect of disaster response, the Sierra Pacific Synod is developing a Lutheran Chaplaincy Corps, training rostered leaders and laypeople to offer such care to first responders and survivors after a disaster.
- **HAITI EARTHQUAKE/FLOODING** - For over two decades, the ELCA has maintained a presence in southern Haiti through support for agricultural and sustainable development work. LDR is collaborating with partner organizations in the impacted communities to meet relief needs, including food, water, medical supplies, and temporary shelter.
- **HURRICANE RESPONSE** - The impact of Ida is yet to be fully assessed, but with a hurricane of this scale, rebuilding will be costly and take years. With extensive experience in accompanying communities throughout the relief and long-term recovery phases, LDR is working with local ELCA synods and Lutheran social service organizations to coordinate a response to Hurricane Ida.

Those desiring to assist these relief efforts are asked to make checks payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*, indicating "Disaster Response" to designate your contribution. LDR uses these special gifts in full (100%) to assist those in need.

## 2022 EVERY MEMBER RESPONSE – “ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES!”

Our 2022 Every Member Response mailing will be sent later this month. A series of daily devotional emails are now underway. Those without email access may contact the church office for printed copies of the devotions. Due to pandemic safety precautions, we will not have an in-person Gifts Festival Breakfast this year, but will release a mission and ministry video presentation via YouTube in the coming weeks.



### REFORMATION DAY FESTIVAL SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

10:30 a.m.  
(one service only)

Join us for boisterous hymns and special music for organ and brass ensemble. We hope to celebrate with a more complete sung liturgy this festive day.

### 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. Among those served by those ministries are the sick, the aged, prisoners, families in trouble, college students, inner-city youth, candidates for ministry, people in need of counseling, and many others. We, through our gifts, become the hands of Christ through Virginia Lutheran Homes, Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp and Retreat Center, Hungry Mother Lutheran Retreat Center, enCircle (formerly Lutheran Family Services of Virginia), Gracelnside Virginia prison ministry, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, National Lutheran Communities and Services, and Roanoke College. 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.

The Holy Trinity Youth are hosting a

### Drive Through Halloween Party!

Sunday, October 31  
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.  
Holy Trinity Parking Lot

All those ages birth to age 100+ are invited!  
So, get in your car and drive through for some treats and fun!  
Please invite others to this great way of celebrating  
the community of Holy Trinity.



### CHURCHES FOR URBAN MINISTRY FRUIT SALE

Churches for Urban Ministry (CUM) is taking orders for its annual citrus fruit sale. The company that provides the fruit will be using strict CDC-approved measures to ensure the safe handling of the fruit, and the local volunteers will be doing the same on our end. **One change this year is the option to purchase Florida navel oranges as well as California navel oranges.** The Florida oranges are less expensive, but the company cannot vouch for the quality of the Florida navels to the same degree as the California navels. The prices are as follows:

Navel oranges	- half box (2/5 bushel)	- \$24.50 (Florida) or \$28.50 (California)
	- large box (4/5 bushel)	- \$39.00 (Florida) or \$45.50 (California)
Red grapefruit	- half box (2/5 bushel)	- \$27.50
	- large box (4/5 bushel)	- \$43.00
Mandarins	- family size (1/5 bushel)	- \$31.50
	- large box (1/2 bushel)	- \$52.00
Mixed citrus	- combination of all three (2/5 bushel)	- \$41.00
Half box of oranges to donate to the Lynchburg Area Food Bank		- \$24.50 (Florida) or \$28.50 (California)

The fruit order form is on the hallway bulletin board beside the church office, or you may contact the church office to place your order. Payment is due to Holy Trinity by **Sunday, November 7**, and may be made by check (payable to Holy Trinity), cash, or through the online giving portal on the Holy Trinity website (select FRUIT SALE as the fund for your donation). The fruit will be delivered around December 6, 7, or 8. Proceeds support Camp Timothy, tutoring, mentoring programs for girls and boys, the CUM food pantry, and other projects that help provide emotional, spiritual, and physical programs for children.

### CANDLE TRIBUTES

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.). Open Sundays are **November 7, 21, 28, and December 5**. The cost is \$20 per week. The Candle Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Checks should be made payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*.

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*

Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

Parish Administrator: *Carol Dee Robertson*

Director of Youth and Campus Ministries: *Susan H. Williams*

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