

THE BEACON

March 26, 2025

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

12:10 p.m. - Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. - Vespers

HOLY LAMENT: GOD'S PRESENCE IN TIMES OF DISTRESS



The season of Lent is an opportunity for us to acknowledge our laments of loss, grief, and despair in these challenging times in which we live. The word "lament" is an expression of grief, regret, our mourning over the loss of something. Lament is a cry or prayer of need, appealing to God for help, rescue, or guidance.

Join us for our midweek Lenten series as we hear from the Hebrew and Christian scriptures how our faith ancestors gave voice to their laments and how those ancient texts can still speak to us today.

March 26 - O Lord, Why?

April 2 - How Long, O Lord?

April 9 - The Hiddenness of God

WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our monthly Wednesday Children's Ministry will be held March 26, 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.

NEW FRIDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Our Friday Morning Book Discussion Group will begin its exploration of *Decolonizing Palestine: The Land, The People, The Bible* by Mitri Raheb on March 28, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$19.00 each.

LAWN WORKDAY

There will be a church lawn workday Saturday, March 29, at 8:00 a.m. Please bring tractors, trailers, wheelbarrows, rakes, scoops, shovels, and other lawn tools. The primary task will be spreading mulch. Work will proceed rain or shine, unless there is heavy rain that morning. The inclement weather date is April 5.



NEW SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Our Sunday Morning Book Discussion Group begins its exploration of *A Faith of Many Rooms: Inhabiting a More Spacious Christianity* by Debie Thomas on March 30, at 9:30 a.m., in the Parlor. Books will be available for purchase in the church office for \$19.00 each.



JEWISH-CHRISTIAN TEXT STUDY

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

A Textual Approach to Employee Relations

Join Rabbi Michael Gillette and Pastor Roberts for an exploration of texts from the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. How do the two traditions interpret these texts? What are the similarities and differences? How do these texts speak to our lives today?

MUSIC FOR BRASS AND ORGAN

A concert of Music for Brass and Organ – featuring Randall Speer, conducting, and Organist-Choirmaster J. William Greene, organ – will be presented Sunday, March 30, at 3:00 p.m., at Houston Memorial Chapel at Randolph College. The concert is free and open to the public.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thrivent Financial members with 2024 Thrivent Choice Dollars to direct are asked to consider Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. 2024 Thrivent Choice Dollars expire **March 31**.

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECTS

- Our **March** project is nonperishable food for the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry located at Holy Trinity.
- Our **April** outreach project is a baby supply drive for Johnson Health Center. Needed items include diapers, wipes, formula, and pacifiers. Please place donations in the narthex outreach basket.



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30, 2025

*The Lessons: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.
The liturgical color for Lent is purple. A coffee hour follows each service.*

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

9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

ADULT EDUCATION
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
(Parlor)

A Faith of Many Rooms

Introduction: Belonging / A St. Thomas Pilgrimage: Doubt

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

2:00 P.M. - JEWISH-CHRISTIAN TEXT STUDY

4:00 P.M. - JUNIOR & SENIOR YOUTH (grades six - twelve)

6:00 P.M. - CONFIRMATION CLASS (grades six - eight)

THE WEEK OF MARCH 30 - APRIL 5

<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>An Enneagram Study</i> (via Zoom)
	5:40 P.M.	- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	7:00 P.M.	- TABLE TALK - <i>Signs of Belonging</i>
	12:10 P.M.	- SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	7:00 P.M.	- VESPERS (Evening Prayer)
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	7:30 P.M.	- ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
	9:00 A.M.	- PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
	11:00 A.M.	- DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Living the Questions</i>
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
<u>SATURDAY,</u>	11:00 A.M.	- BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Decolonizing Palestine</i>
	10:00 A.M.	- ALTAR GUILD

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized at University of Virginia Medical Center is **Linda Woody**. Hospitalized and released is **Norma Jean Glass**.

FLEA MARKET RECAP

Thanks to **ALL** who assisted with the 2025 Flea Market – those who organized and priced items throughout the week, those who donated and/or purchased merchandise, and those who worked the day of the sale. It takes many helping hands and hundreds of hours to make this event a reality. Almost \$3,500 has been raised to date to support our Program Development Fund. Our appreciation to **Carole Royer** who served as coordinator.

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.

CANDY NEEDED



The Holy Trinity Youth will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt for young children in our congregation and in the community on Sunday, April 6. Would you be able to make a candy donation? Any kind will be enjoyed! The candy will need to be in individual packages as we'll not be using Easter eggs for hiding the candy. Please drop-off candy at Susan Williams' office for safe keeping.

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. Please speak with **Mary Beth Thompson** (993-2596) for additional information.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP RESOURCES

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

BRUNSWICK STEW FOR SALE

There is still Holy Trinity Brunswick Stew available. The cost is \$10 per quart.
Proceeds support our Program Development Fund. Please pay in the church office.

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES THE WEEK OF MARCH 30 - APRIL 5

Sunday, March 30

9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (age three - grade five)

4:00 p.m. - Junior & Senior Youth (grades six - twelve)

Easter Egg Hunt Prep

Join us for devotions, snacks and Egg Hunt preparations.

*The hunt will be held Sunday, April 6th
and we've got fun work to do in advance!*

6:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class (grades six - eight)



LENTEN OFFERINGS

Our special Lenten offerings are designated for the broader mission and ministry of Holy Trinity Church through our partnership with the Virginia Synod.

- **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 nearly 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 Gracelinside 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 encouraged to be generous in our support of the far-reaching ministries of our church.

Lenten offerings may be made using the special offering envelopes included in our envelope packets or through the online giving portal available on our website by selecting the Seasonal Special Offerings fund.

TABLE TALK

The final session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, April 1, 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. *Signs of Belonging: Luther's Marks of the Church and Christian Life* is our theme this year and the next class explores "The Cross: The Shadow Where We Belong" and "Belonging Together: Community, Risk, and the Presence of Christ." Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$9.00 each.

BRUNCH BUNCH

The Brunch Bunch will meet Sunday, April 6, at 12:00 p.m., at Oliver's on Rivermont Avenue. Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall or call the church office by **Friday, April 4.**



EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 6, at 4:30 p.m., on the lawn

Games, Crafts, Prizes!

Open to all children from birth to fifth grade.

Invite your family and neighbors to join in the fun!

Hosted by the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Youth.

LIMITED NUMBER OF HOLY TRINITY SHIRTS FOR SALE

Several HTLC "casual wear" items are for sale: hoodie sweatshirts in sizes L & S (grey), short-sleeve t-shirts in sizes S (blue) and 2XL (red). The t-shirts are \$20 and hoodies \$40. There are just a few items and it's first come, first served. Contact Susan Williams to purchase.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2025 Altar Flower Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Flowers are needed for **April 27, May 4, June 1, June 8, June 29, August 3, and August 31.** The cost of altar flowers is \$90 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.

CANDLE TRIBUTES

The 2025 Candle Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Candle sponsors are needed **May 11, June 1, July 13, July 27, August 3, and August 10.** 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.

UPDATED YEARBOOK INFORMATION NEEDED

We are currently working on the 2025 Holy Trinity Yearbook which will be mailed later in the spring. All members are asked to review their household's information as listed in the 2024 Yearbook. In particular, let us know if you have discontinued your land line telephone, what cell phone number(s) you would like published, and what email address(es), if any, you would like published. You may email or call the church office with updated information. Thanks for your cooperation.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER WORSHIP



April 13

Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. - Service of Holy Communion with Palm Procession and Passion Story
10:30 a.m. - Service of Holy Communion with Palm Procession and Passion Story

April 16

Wednesday in Holy Week

Spy Wednesday

12:10 p.m. - Spoken Service of Holy Communion

April 17

Maundy Thursday

12:10 p.m. - Spoken Service of Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. - Service of Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar

April 18

Good Friday

12:10 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy
7:30 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy and Tenebrae (Service of Shadows)

April 19

Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. - Great Vigil of Easter

April 20

Easter Day

7:00 a.m. - Service of Holy Communion in the Columbarium
(The service will be held in the Nave if the weather is inclement.)
7:30 a.m. - Easter Breakfast
10:30 a.m. - Festival Liturgy of the Resurrection

Since the use of light and darkness is important in the drama of worship, please note that the Good Friday evening service begins at 7:30 p.m. and the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday begins at 8:00 p.m.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 20, at 7:30 a.m.

Please join us for an Easter Breakfast Buffet immediately following the 7:00 a.m. service.

The menu features egg casserole, Canadian bacon, fruit salad, sweet rolls, biscuits, and beverages.
A free will donation is requested.

Please make reservations in the narthex, Fellowship Hall, or call the church office (384-8441) by April 17.



EASTER LILIES

Those desiring to purchase lilies for the altar for the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday and our worship on Easter Day are asked to return the form below with payment (\$20.00 per plant) by **April 6**. Lilies may be picked up following the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Day.

Given by _____

Number of plants _____

In Honor/Memory _____
(please circle)

Payment of _____ is enclosed. (\$20.00 per plant)

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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