

# THE BEACON

March 4, 2026

## MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

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

7:00 p.m. - Lenten Vespers

### The Senses Incarnate: The Christ Dwells in Us

As human beings, we have five senses – sight, sound, smell, touch, and taste. Our senses are, of course, always in dialogue with and processed by our intellect, but followers of the risen Christ have also long understood faith as that work of the Holy Spirit within us that integrates our senses and intellect to give us a deeper and more complete understanding of reality.

- March 4 - "Sound: the Holy Spirit gives us ability"
- March 11 - "Smell: filled with love's fragrance"
- March 18 - "Touch: your faith has made you well"
- March 25 - "Taste: taste and see that the Lord is good"

## 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.

- 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.

## SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

The next Sermon Discussion Group will meet Thursday, March 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.

## TIME TO "SPRING AHEAD"

Please remember that Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. this Sunday morning. We set our clocks **AHEAD** one hour.

## WELCOME TO GIRL SCOUTS

We welcome members of Girl Scout Troops 311 and 676 to our 10:30 a.m. service this Sunday, March 8. The troops meet regularly at Holy Trinity and will be assisting with worship bulletin distribution and coffee hour as an expression of appreciation to the congregation. In addition, Girl Scout cookies will be available for purchase at coffee hour.

## SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our March outreach project is a canned food drive for the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry. Grocery bags, complete with an attached suggested shopping list, are available in the narthex. We are asked to please fill and return the bags during the month of March. Monetary contributions are also encouraged. Special envelopes are available on the narthex desk.

## GOD IN FILM

Sunday, March 8, at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a light supper and theological discussion as we view  
*The Son.*

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.





# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2026

*The Lessons: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42  
The liturgical color for season of Lent is purple.*

**8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION and HOME COMMUNION**  
**9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL**

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

***Hangin' By A Thread: The Questions of the Cross***

Trust / Life / Purpose

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

*The Handbell Choir prelude will begin around 10:20 a.m.*

**1:30 P.M. - YOUTH RETURN FROM VIRGINIA SYNOD 7<sup>th</sup> DAY EVENT**

**6:00 P.M. - GOD IN FILM**

## THE WEEK OF MARCH 8 - 14

<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>	5:40 P.M.	- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	7:00 P.M.	- CHURCH COUNCIL
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	10:00 A.M.	- WOMEN'S SEWING GROUP
	12:10 P.M.	- SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	5:30 P.M.	- WINTER SEMINAR - <i>The Bible Tells Me So</i>
	7:00 P.M.	- LENTEN VESPERS
<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>Awakening the Divine</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>The Four Vision Quests of Jesus</i>

## IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized at Virginia Baptist Acute Rehabilitation is **Lynn Brooks**.

**CHARLES LEE DUGGER**

1964 - 2026

Our sympathy to his family.

The funeral will be at Holy Trinity  
Thursday, March 5, at 2:00 p.m.

## UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES

Please mark your calendars for the following memorial or columbarium services:

- Saturday, March 14, at 2:00 p.m. - Memorial Service for Ken Hawkins
- Saturday, April 11, at 11:00 a.m. - Columbarium Service for Dick Park
- Friday, May 1, at 11:00 a.m. - Memorial Service for Jerry Martin
- Thursday, May 7, at 11:00 a.m. - Memorial Service for Mary Ann Lippincott

## CANDLE TRIBUTES

The 2026 Candle Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Candle sponsors are needed **March 8, April 26, May 31, June 7, 14, 21, and 28**. 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.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2026 Altar Flower Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Flowers are needed for **March 8, May 3, May 17, May 31, June 21 and 28**. 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.

## CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES – THE WEEK OF MARCH 8 - 14

Sunday, March 8

9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (grades one - five)

1:30 p.m. - Youth return from Virginia Synod 7<sup>th</sup> Day Event

### 7<sup>th</sup> DAY SYNOD YOUTH EVENT

The following Holy Trinity Youth will be participating in the Virginia Synod's 7<sup>th</sup> Day youth event this weekend at Eagle Eyrie: **Indie Gillum, Penny Percival, and Charlotte Schappeit**. They will be accompanied by **Barb Garman** and **Susan Williams**, Director of Youth and Campus Ministries.

### LENTEN OFFERINGS

Our special Lenten offerings are designated for the work of Holy Trinity through our partnership with the Virginia Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Our offerings respond to human needs through over 600 Lutheran Social Service agencies, the World Hunger Program, and by providing emergency relief to people around the world. We are encouraged to support the work of the wider church generously. Offerings may be made using the special Lenten envelopes included in our envelope packets or through the online giving portal available on our website by selecting the Seasonal Special Offerings fund.

### WORSHIP ETIQUETTE

To create a worshipful space for spiritual preparation, reflection, and prayerfulness, we are reminded to refrain from conversations during the Prelude, Offertory Anthem, and Communion Distribution. Let us be respectful of other worshipers and our musicians.

### THOMAS MASS

Our next *Thomas Mass* will be Sunday, March 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

March 15, at 6:00 p.m.

#### ***The American Chestnut: Restoring America's Greatest Hardwood Tree***

Speaker: David W. Frantz, MD  
Retired Cardiothoracic Surgeon

An estimated four billion American chestnut trees once flourished on over 200 million acres of eastern woodlands from Maine to Mississippi. The nuts were an important food source for wildlife, humans, and farm animals, and the lumber was used for furniture, fencing, log cabin foundations, caskets, and utility poles. The trees were wiped out by an imported fungus known as the chestnut blight during the first half of the twentieth century. Dr. Frantz will highlight current efforts here in Virginia to develop a blight-resistant variety to resurrect the mighty American chestnut.



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

### TABLE TALK

The final session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, March 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 "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic."



### LAWN "PARTY"

There will be a church lawn workday Saturday, March 21, 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.

### THANK YOU

- Thanks to **ALL** who walked and/or donated to "The Coldest Night of the Year" event to benefit Miriam's House and their mission to fight homelessness.
- Thanks to **Ginny and Rudy Straub** for the gift of a toddler swing for the playground.
- Thanks to **Eric Percival and Paul Ulmer** for assembling bunk beds and hanging blinds at the Youth House.

### 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.

### 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.

### UPDATED YEARBOOK INFORMATION NEEDED

We are currently working on the 2026 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 2025 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.

## PARISH NURSE EDUCATION SERIES

Sunday, March 22  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

### ***Funeral Pre-Planning and Advance Medical Directives Individual and Family Concerns***

Speakers:

Erica Hall, Licensed Funeral Director, Tharp Funeral Home  
Wayne Lanham, Chaplain, Centra Health (retired) and Tharp Funeral Home

What are the advantages of pre-planning your funeral? What are the potential financial and emotional costs to families in the absence of funeral pre-planning? Are pre-planned funeral contracts portable? What can happen if you have no advance medical directive and are unable to make decisions for yourself when critically ill? What can happen if you are critically ill and unable to make decisions and you have no family? How can an advance medical directive help you and your family? These and many other questions about funeral pre-planning and advance medical directives will be answered at this informative program. Adults of all ages will benefit from this information.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

## HOLY TRINITY FINE ARTS SERIES

Sunday, March 22  
4:00 p.m.

### TRIO NICHE

Susan Via, violin  
Sarah Glosson, cello  
Tom Marshall, fortepiano  
with John Kumro, tenor

Music of Mozart, Hummel, Haydn, Schubert,  
and Beethoven Irish and Scottish songs



## 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.

## 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](http://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](http://www.holytrinitylynchburg.org), and communicated to Lynchburg/Roanoke television stations. Please consult the "Closings" listings on the television station web sites.

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## 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 **March 22**.  
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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