

THE BEACON

March 11, 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 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

Our Winter Seminar series on *The Bible Tells Me So* continues on Wednesdays, from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. The topic on March 11 is "No One Saw This Coming," concluding with "The Bible: Just As It Is" on March 18.

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.

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, with this session focusing on "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic."

LAWN "PARTY"

There will be a church lawn "party" 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.





THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15, 2026

The Lessons: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
The liturgical color for season of Lent is purple.

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

9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

ADULT EDUCATION
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
(Parlor)

Hangin' By A Thread: The Questions of the Cross

Power / Love / Story

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

11:45 A.M. - INTERMEDIATE YOUTH (grades three - five)

4:00 P.M. - MISSION TRIP YOUTH

5:00 P.M. - THOMAS MASS

6:00 P.M. - THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

THE WEEK OF MARCH 15 - 21

<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	6:00 P.M.	- KIDS' HAVEN DINNER
	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>1 John</i>
	5:40 P.M.	- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	7:00 P.M.	- TABLE TALK - <i>The Nicene Creed at 1,700 Years</i>
	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
<u>SATURDAY,</u>	11:00 A.M.	- BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>The Four Vision Quests of Jesus</i>
	8:00 A.M.	- LAWN "PARTY" WORKDAY

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized at Lynchburg General is **Patricia Mickley**. Hospitalized at Virginia Baptist Acute Rehabilitation is **Lynn Brooks**.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service for Ken Hawkins will be held at Holy Trinity on Saturday, March 14, at 2:00 p.m.

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.

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, March 29. 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.



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.

THANK YOU

- Thanks to **April Whalen** for assisting in the church office.
- Thanks to **Girl Scout Troops 311 and 676** for their presence at the 10:30 a.m. service last Sunday and their assistance with bulletin distribution and coffee hour.
- Thanks to **Eric Percival** and **Tonda** and **Paul Ulmer** for assistance with projects at the Youth House.
- Thanks to **Carole Royer** and **Nancy Overstreet** for preparing and transporting Can House cans for recycling.
- *Thank you so much for your many kind expressions of sympathy.*

The family of Calvin DeVese Hughes

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES – THE WEEK OF MARCH 15 - 21

Sunday, March 15

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

11:45 a.m. - Intermediate Youth (grades three - five)

Scavenger Hunt

We're off to find "things" and have some laughs.
We'll grab lunch together along the way.
Invite a friend!

4:00 p.m. - Mission Trip Youth

Join us in the kitchen as we prepare
and serve the Third Sunday Program supper.



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 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 GraceInside 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.

NEW SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Our Sunday Morning Book Discussion Group will begin its exploration of *Cherished Belonging* by Gregory Boyle Sunday, March 22, at 9:30 a.m., in the Parlor. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$24.00.

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



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.

WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our final monthly Wednesday Children's Ministry of this program year will be held March 25, 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.



EASTER EGG HUNT
 Sunday, March 29, 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.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER WORSHIP

March 29
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 1
Wednesday in Holy Week
Spy Wednesday

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

April 2
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 3
Good Friday

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

April 4
Holy Saturday

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

April 5
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 5, 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 2.



FLEA MARKET

Our Holy Trinity Flea Market will be held Saturday, April 18, from 7:00 a.m. - noon. Unwanted "treasures" including furniture, toys, books, kitchen items, tools and gardening equipment, sports equipment, jewelry, and electronics may be donated to the sale and brought to the church between **Monday, April 13**, and **Thursday, April 16**. We are unable to accept clothing or old televisions. **No early deliveries, please.** All items need to be in good, clean condition and in working order. The proceeds support the Holy Trinity Youth Summer Mission Trip.



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*

Pastor: *Dennis S. Roberts*
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