

THE BEACON

March 19, 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 19 - Cobwebs of Sadness

March 26 - O Lord, Why?

April 2 - How Long, O Lord?

April 9 - The Hiddenness of God

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

FLEA MARKET

Our Holy Trinity Flea Market will be held Saturday, March 22, from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 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 through **Thursday, March 20**. We are unable to accept clothing or old televisions. All items need to be in good, clean condition and in working order. The proceeds support the Program Development Fund.



Helping hands are still needed Thursday from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and Friday from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. to finish setting up and pricing; and, on Saturday at 12:00 p.m. to assist with pack-up and clean-up following the close of the sale.

A sign-up sheet is available in the church kitchen or you may call the church office to schedule a shift.



PARISH NURSE EDUCATION SERIES

Sunday, March 23

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

Finding Humor and Hope in Aging and Caregiving

Speakers:

Joseph Lugo, Director, Beard Center on Aging, University of Lynchburg
Wayne Lanham, Chaplain, Centra Health (retired) and Tharp Funeral Home; Humorist

Humor is one of God's gifts to humans. The ability to find humor in challenging and stressful situations lightens our burdens and helps us experience the abundant life that Jesus promised. Humor helps us find the hope that saves us from despair. Humor and hope help us find the unexpected gifts in aging and caregiving. Our first speaker will help us understand the benefits of humor and hope in two of life's greatest challenges. Our second speaker will give us a "practicum" by sharing his humor and making us laugh.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

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.



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 23, 2025

*The Lessons: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.
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)

Called On The Way

Prophet / Steward / Conclusion

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

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

2:00 P.M. - PARISH NURSE EDUCATION PROGRAM

THE WEEK OF MARCH 23 - 29

<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>An Enneagram Study</i> (via Zoom)
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	5:40 P.M.	- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	12:10 P.M.	- SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	5:30 P.M.	- CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
	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
	11:00 A.M.	- BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Decolonizing Palestine</i>
<u>SATURDAY,</u>	5:15 P.M.	- HOLY TRINITY DINNER and HOLY COMMUNION at Westminster Canterbury
	8:00 A.M.	- LAWN WORKDAY

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Recuperating from outpatient surgery are **Bruce Gerlich** and **Eric Kenny**. . . . Congratulations to **Mary McCarthy** and **Bob Hornbeck** on their marriage at Holy Trinity last Monday.

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.



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.

THANK YOU

- Thanks to **Betty Blevins** for providing a delicious dinner to welcome the University of Maryland students staying at the Youth House this week as they spend their Spring Break volunteering at Lynchburg Grows.
- Thanks to **ALL** who helped us navigate our partial power outage last Sunday near the end of the 10:30 a.m. service. That is the reason that our livestream broadcast ended so abruptly.
- Thanks to **Barb Garman** and **Tracy Martin** for chaperoning the youth trip to the AMF Bowling Lanes.
- Thanks to **Lucy Slagle**, coordinator; **Barb Hatin**, **Tama Howell**, **Ann Kreft**, **Nancy Overstreet**, **Chris Pickle**, and **April Whalen** for their delicious St. Patrick's-themed Third Sunday Program supper; and, to **ALL** who assisted with cleanup afterwards.

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES - THE WEEK OF MARCH 23 - 29

Sunday, March 23 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (age three - grade five)

Wednesday, March 26 5:30 p.m. - Children's Ministry (age three - grade five)

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.

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**.

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.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please email the church office with your current email address if you are not receiving church communications and worship links electronically. In addition, our monthly EDU.NET adult education newsletter is distributed via email. Also, there is the option to receive *The Beacon* each week via email, which helps reduce postage expenses.

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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

(in-town members and students)



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| 1 - Alex Betz
Jon Collins | 9 - Conrad Kauppi
Steve Oboth
Austin Royer
April Whalen | 19 - Jerry Johnson
Sue Ellen Petchul |
| 2 - Lauren Almond
Marilyn Brooks
Diane Kizer | 10 - Terri Campbell
Cooper Nixon
Austin Strothman | 20 - Ryan Smith
22 - Karl Biesemier
Carol Espinosa |
| 4 - Janet Loy | 11 - Liam Martin | 23 - Cal Farmer
Kyleighana Hancock |
| 6 - Claudia Arp
Carrie Wisman | 12 - Mark Hemmerlein
Billy Shumaker | 24 - Maxine Bice
Doris Hybl
Billy Royer |
| 7 - Peter Ploch | 14 - Lilly Farrar
Nancy Goodman
Erica Wolfe | 25 - Pam Carroll
Tara Witt |
| 8 - Ellen Peterson
Blake Givens | 15 - Wilma Beebe
Ellen Nygaard
Maggie Wolfe | 26 - Sarah Gross
27 - Arthur Sprouse
28 - Stephanie Quirk
29 - Betsy Farrar
Madilyn Kluender
Louise Martin |
| | 16 - Donald Swanson
Ryan Wolfe | 30 - Betsy Craig |
| | 18 - Esther Keene
Richard Newton | |

ONLINE GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to **ALL** for their generous, faithful, and ongoing stewardship. Please be reminded that opportunities are available through our online giving portal to make gifts to the general fund and the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry. In addition, memorial gifts, challenge gifts, altar flower payments, disaster relief, world hunger relief, gifts to the Personal Hygiene bags fund, and special seasonal offerings may also be designated through the online portal. Options are available for a one-time gift or a recurring donation through either a bank transfer or a credit card. You may access the portal through our website or by downloading the VANCO Mobile app on your smart phone. Please contact Parish Administrator Carol Dee Robertson with any questions.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CAN HOUSE

The Can House, located in the courtyard outside of the Fellowship Hall, is a great place to deposit your crushed *aluminum* cans. The cans are taken to a recycling center for money which is designated for our next Holy Trinity Habitat for Humanity house. **Please place cans in a single bag. Do NOT put bags of cans inside bags. Do NOT put aluminum pie plates in the Can House.**



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*

Pastor: *Dennis S. Roberts*

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