

THE BEACON

April 9, 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.

April 9 - The Hiddenness of God

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our April outreach project is a baby supply drive for the Johnson Health Center.

Needed items include diapers, wipes, formula, and pacifiers. Please place donations in the narthex outreach basket.

PASSION SUNDAY PALM PROCESSION

Our worship services this Sunday will begin with the Passion Sunday Palm Procession as we remember Jesus of Nazareth's entrance into Jerusalem and start our spiritual journey through Holy Week.

The Eco-Palms we are using are from Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and their partnership with palm harvesters in Latin America. LWR pays fair-trade prices to encourage sustainable harvesting practices. These Eco-Palms are sorted and packed within the harvesting community, extending income opportunities to even more people. Eco-Palms harvesters often earn five to six times more per frond than for traditional palms, and a portion of the purchase price goes directly back to the community. In this way, more families and communities can find pathways out of poverty.



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.

LENTEN OFFERINGS

Our special Lenten and Holy Week offerings are used for the broader work of the Lutheran Church through the Virginia Synod. Among those served by these ministries are the sick, the aged, prisoners, families in trouble, college students, people with developmental challenges, inner-city youth, candidates for ministry, people in need of counseling, and many others. We, through our gifts, become the hands of Christ through Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp and Retreat Center, GraceInside Virginia Prison Ministry, enCircle (Lutheran Family Services), Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Virginia Lutheran Homes, Roanoke College, and National Lutheran Communities and Services. We are proud of the broad mission outreach of our Church and are challenged to give it our generous support. Offerings should be marked clearly as special Lenten gifts until the new envelopes arrive, or made through the online giving portal available on our website by selecting the Seasonal Special Offerings fund.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP BOOKLET

A special consolidated worship booklet for the evening Holy Week services on Maundy Thursday (7:00 p.m.), Good Friday (7:30 p.m.), and Holy Saturday (8:00 p.m.) will be used again this year as a way of emphasizing that our celebration of The Triduum is one, unbroken liturgy that flows from Maundy Thursday through the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday. **Worshippers are reminded to leave worship booklets in the pews on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday so that the booklets may be re-used.** Please join us for worship as we walk the way of the cross during this great and holy week. An overview of The Triduum is provided on page four of this issue of *The Beacon*.

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.

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.



SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

April 13, 2025

The Lessons: Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 23:1-49
The liturgical color for Lent is purple. A coffee hour follows each service.

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

9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

ADULT EDUCATION
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
(Parlor)

A Faith of Many Rooms

Beyond Belief: Story
She Blows Where She Wills: Spirit

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

12:00 P.M. - JUNIOR YOUTH (grades six - eight)

5:00 P.M. - SENIOR YOUTH (grades nine - twelve)

THE WEEK OF APRIL 13 - 19

<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	12:10 P.M.	- SPY WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	7:00 P.M.	- ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
	12:10 P.M.	- MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	7:00 P.M.	- MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION & STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	12:10 P.M.	- GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY
	7:30 P.M.	- GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY & TENEBRAE (Service of Shadows)
<u>SATURDAY,</u>	8:00 P.M.	- GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized at University of Virginia Medical Center is **Linda Woody**. Recuperating from outpatient surgery is **Susan Smith**.

THANK YOU

- Thanks to **Carole Royer** for sorting Can House cans; and, to **Nancy** and **Mitch Overstreet** for transporting the cans to the recycling center.
- Thanks to **Susan Barney** for assisting in the church office.
- Thanks to **ALL** who made the Easter Egg Hunt a huge success, even on a potentially rainy afternoon. The children were quite happy and the Holy Trinity Youth did a great job of facilitating the Hunt and the craft activities. Thank you to those who provided the candy. There are many very happy and satisfied children on a sugar high due to your donations! A special thank you to **Barb Garman** for her continued support of the youth group functions.
- Thanks to **Ida Proco**, coordinator; **Wilma Beebe**, **Judy Berryman**, **Todd Leap**, **Jessica Polzin**, **Bruce Royer**, and the **Holy Trinity Youth** for preparing and serving dinner to Kids' Haven.

INTERFAITH OUTREACH ASSOCIATION SEEDS OF HOPE EVENT

Interfaith Outreach Association invites all to its Forty-third Anniversary Seeds of Hope free fundraising event on Thursday, April 24, at 11:30 a.m., at the Academy Center of the Arts Warehouse Theatre. Special honorees are Phyllistine Mosley and George Dawson. Boxed lunches to go will be provided. Please RSVP by **April 10** to director@interfaithoutreach.org or call 434-846-6098.

BELLS SILENT DURING THE TRIDUUM

It is tradition that church bells are not rung during the solemn days of The Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). The ringing of the bells will return with the first Eucharist of Easter at the Saturday evening Easter Vigil.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2025 Altar Flower Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Flowers are needed for **May 4, June 8, June 29, 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, and August 3**. 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.

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES THE WEEK OF APRIL 13 - 19

Sunday, April 13

- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (age three - grade five)
12:00 p.m. - Junior Youth (grades six - eight)
5:00 p.m. - Senior Youth (grades nine - twelve)
Scavenger Hunt

We will search all over the grounds of the church for clues to tell the story of Passion Sunday through Easter Day. A meal and Easter treats will be provided for each group.



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

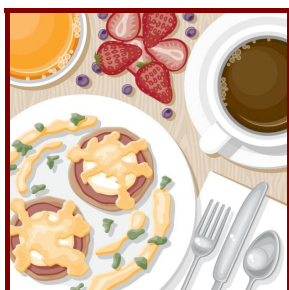
- 8:00 p.m. - Great Vigil of Easter

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.

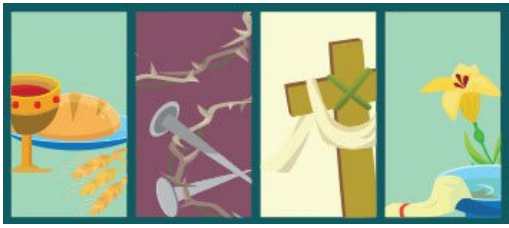
Please join us for an Easter Breakfast Buffet immediately following the 7:00 a.m. service.

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**.

TIME TO START PAINTING AND PRACTICING!

The Holy Trinity Art and Music Showcase will be Sunday, June 8 - only two months away! The purpose of the Showcase is to share our talents with our Holy Trinity family and friends. Artists and musicians of all skill levels are encouraged to start NOW working on that piece of art, or practicing that piece you haven't played since high school! Dust off those paints, and get your old instrument out of the attic NOW!! For encouragement, contact **Christine Rooney** at christine_rooney@msn.com or **Susan Manion** at plsemanion@gmail.com.



**Join us for an exciting
and moving liturgical journey
through Holy Week.**

Our Holy Week journey begins on **PASSION SUNDAY** (*Palm Sunday*) when we receive palm branches and begin our worship with a palm procession to commemorate our Lord's entry into Jerusalem. Ritually and symbolically, the church becomes *OUR* Jerusalem. Here, we will participate in Jesus the Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. The mood of our entry is one of exultant joy. The Messiah marches to his glory – to be lifted up to draw the whole world to himself. After the procession, the mood shifts dramatically with the presentation of the Passion Gospel. This is the story in which we will participate in the coming days.



WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK (12:10 p.m.) is also known as **Spy Wednesday**, for it focuses on the role of Judas Iscariot in the events leading to Jesus of Nazareth's death on the cross. His betrayal of our Lord becomes the basis for our reflection on the ways in which we also abandon and forsake God and God's will for us.

THE TRIDUUM

On Maundy Thursday, we begin **THE TRIDUUM**, which means **THE THREE DAYS**. The **TRIDUUM** includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday (Easter Eve). The three liturgies during these days are **ONE LITURGY**. No benediction separates them. We leave the nave for awhile to then return and continue celebrating the great mystery of our redemption.



MAUNDY THURSDAY (12:10 & 7:00 p.m.) - Maundy means "command." On this day, our Lord commanded his disciples to serve one another and remember him in the breaking of the bread. We begin our worship with confession and absolution. The absolution marks the end of our Lenten journey which began with the Ash Wednesday confession of sin. We then share the Eucharist because, on this night, Jesus of Nazareth instituted the supper saying, "THIS IS MY BODY" and "THIS IS MY BLOOD."

At the evening service, as we sing *Go to Dark Gethsemane*, the altar is stripped and all worship appointments are removed. We are reminded that our Lord walked from the supper to his humiliation and death. If we are united to him, we must also die. We must give up everything. We exit in silence....

GOOD FRIDAY (12:10 & 7:30 p.m.) - We return to a barren nave to contemplate the passion of our Lord. We see the crucifixion as the glorification of Jesus the Christ. Lifted up, he draws the whole world to himself. In solemn adoration, we behold the cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world. In silence, we meditate on the mystery of the crucified savior.

At the midday and the evening services, we hear the Passion Gospel according to St. John and pray the Bidding Prayer which is global in its concerns. Thus, we affirm that the Christ died for all! *Tenebrae*, or the Service of Shadows, concludes the evening service as we reflect on the last words of our Lord in a gradually darkening nave. We exit in silence....



HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER EVE) (8:00 p.m.) - This is the most holy of all nights as we gather to make passage with Christ from death to life. The service this night is one of the older and richer liturgies in all of Christian worship as believers around the world gather for the Great Vigil of Easter, the Christian Passover. The liturgy includes the Service of Light, the Service of Readings, the Service of Baptismal Renewal, and the Service of Holy Communion.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT - The new paschal candle (Easter candle) is lit for the first time. Individual candles lit from the paschal candle illuminate the darkened nave. The light of Christ breaks the darkness of sin and death! Through the words of the glorious and ancient paschal hymn of praise (*The Exultet*), we join all creation in praising God for the mystery of redemption.

THE SERVICE OF READINGS - We read passages from the Hebrew Scriptures which were used by the early church to instruct baptismal candidates. The lessons help us to understand our own baptismal passage from death to life.

THE SERVICE OF BAPTISMAL RENEWAL - On this night, when Christ passed from death to life, we then process to the baptismal font where we renew the covenant of our baptism. Water is sprinkled (the *Asperges*) on the congregation to remind us of our own baptism.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION - As Easter people who have passed with Christ from death to life, we are met by our risen Lord who comes to us through his life-giving body and blood in the Eucharistic meal. The darkness of the worship space is transformed by light, music, and celebration as we share the first Eucharist of Easter.

The TRIDUUM is ended. . . we have celebrated the mystery of the world's redemption. . .

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

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