

THE BEACON

February 25, 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.

- February 25 - "Sight: to see the world as Jesus does"
- 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.

- February 25 - *Why Doesn't God Make Up His Mind?*
- 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.

NEW THURSDAY DISCUSSION

Our Thursday Discussion Group will begin a four-week session on the theme *Awakening the Divine: A Journey Into the Heart of God* February 26, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor. The video series explores profound spiritual insights and rediscovers the divine presence within and around us.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

All are invited to join the Holy Trinity Youth for "The Coldest Night of the Year" Event on Saturday, February 28, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Miriam's House, 409 Magnolia Street. This awareness and fundraising event benefits Miriam's House financially and gives us a knowledge of the great need the homeless face in our community. All ages are welcome to join the youth in this important event. Please register for the walk (2 km or 5 km) and/or donate at <https://www.cnoy.com/location/lynchburg> under our team name, HTLC Youth.



NEW SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Our Sunday Morning Book Discussion Group will begin a three-week exploration of *Hanging By A Thread: The Questions of the Cross* by Samuel Wells Sunday, March 1, at 9:30 a.m., in the Parlor. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$13.00.



JEWISH-CHRISTIAN TEXT STUDY

Sunday, March 1

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

Join Rabbi Michael Gillette and Pastor Roberts as they explore

**"Atonement and Repentance:
An Overview of Yom Kippur and Ash Wednesday Worship."**



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2026

*The Lessons: Genesis 12:1-4a; 3:1-7; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17
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

INTRODUCTION
Story

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

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

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

6:00 P.M. - CONFIRMATION CLASS

THE WEEK OF MARCH 1 - 7

<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>Know God - Know Self</i> (via Zoom)
	1:00 P.M.	- BIBLE STUDY - <i>1 John</i>
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	5:40 P.M.	- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	12:10 P.M.	- SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	5:30 P.M.	- WINTER SEMINAR - <i>The Bible Tells Me So</i>
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	7:00 P.M.	- LENTEN VESPERS
	7:30 P.M.	- ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	11:00 A.M.	- SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP
	9:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
<u>SATURDAY,</u>	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	11:00 A.M.	- BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>The Four Vision Quests of Jesus</i>
	10:00 A.M.	- ALTAR GUILD
	11:00 A.M.	- YOUTH LEAVE FOR VIRGINIA SYNOD 7 th DAY EVENT

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Recuperating from outpatient surgery is **Lynn Brooks**.

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Our sympathy to his family.

A private family service was held.

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.

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, March 29, May 3, May 17, and May 31**. 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.



PARISH NURSE SCHEDULE

Parish Nurse Gail Midkiff will be out of the office March 5. She returns to regular schedule Thursday, March 12.

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.

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES – THE WEEK OF MARCH 1 - 7

Sunday, March 1

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

5:00 p.m. - Senior Youth (grades nine - twelve)

Eat, Paint, & Pray

Join us as we create artwork!

Wear old clothes and meet at the Youth House.

Dinner will be served.

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

Saturday, March 7

11:00 a.m. - Youth leave for Virginia Synod 7th Day Event



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.

LENTEN OFFERINGS

Our special Lenten 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, Gracelnside 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 placed in Lenten envelopes, or marked clearly as special Lenten gifts, or made through the online giving portal available on our website by selecting the Seasonal Special Offerings fund.

CANDLE TRIBUTES

The 2026 Candle Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Candle sponsors are needed **March 8, March 15, April 19, and April 26**. 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.

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.



THANK YOU

- Thanks to **Stacy Cravens, Susan** and **Peter Manion, Maria Roberts, Carol Dee Robertson, and Tonda Ulmer** for preparing and serving food for our Winter Breakfast Series classes.
- Thanks to **Frank Williams** for his help in transporting furniture to the Youth House.
- Thanks to **Tasha Gillum** and the Bonner Leader Program Team from the University of Lynchburg for packing hygiene bags for the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry and assembling bunk beds for the Youth House.

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.

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.

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.
- * 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, and communicated to Lynchburg/Roanoke television stations. Please consult the "Closings" listings on the television station web sites.

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*

Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

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