

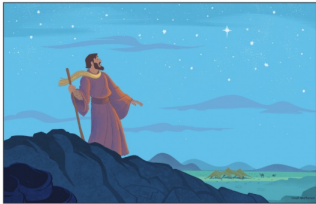
THE BEACON

March 15, 2023

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

12:10 p.m. - Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. - Vespers



PROMISES, PROMISES!

Have you ever been changed by a promise? God forms God's people through promises. These promises are often called "covenants," but the truth we learn over and over through scripture and through our own experience is that God is far more the faithful party in these arrangements.

While humanity breaks its word again and again, God's promises will never fail. The result: that unbending divine faithfulness changes us.

Our midweek Lenten worship series will explore the promises God makes in the Hebrew scriptures to folks like Noah, Abram and Sarai, and others. We will also reflect on how these promises shape who we are – and reveal who God is. "Promises, Promises!" is about the transforming power of God who pursues us in unconditional love to change us forever.

March 15

The Ten Best Ways

March 22

Fiery Serpents

March 29

Written on Our Hearts

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

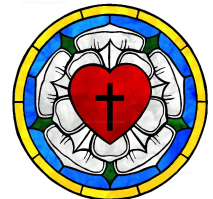
Our **March** outreach project is a canned food drive for the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry. Grocery bags, complete with an attached suggested shopping list, are available in the narthex. We are asked to please fill and return the bags during the month of March. Monetary contributions are also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

PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, March 19

2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in the Parlor

This class is designed for those who would like to learn more about Martin Luther and the Lutheran Church. Join us for an overview of Lutheran Church history, theology, liturgy, the church year, ecclesiology, and life at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please speak with Pastor Roberts for additional information.



THOMAS MASS

Our next *Thomas Mass* will be Sunday, March 19, 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 special worship experience, especially if work, sports, or travel schedules prevent your participation on Sunday morning.

THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

March 19, at 6:00 p.m.

The program has been canceled due to the guest speaker's illness.

TABLE TALK

The next session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, March 21, 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. *By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism* is our theme this year and the next class explores "The Sacrament of the Altar."



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023

The Lessons: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
A coffee hour follows each service.
The liturgical color for Lent is purple.

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

9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL (age three - grade five and adults)

ADULT EDUCATION
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
(Parlor)

Jesus and the Disinherited

Hate

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

2:00 P.M. - PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

4:30 P.M. - HOLY TRINITY YOUTH

5:00 P.M. - THOMAS MASS

6:00 P.M. - THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

THE WEEK OF MARCH 19 - 25	
<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:15 A.M. - FLEA MARKET SET-UP BEGINS 9:50 A.M. - STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS 6:00 P.M. - CHAIR YOGA CLASS 7:00 P.M. - KIDS' HAVEN DINNER
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	7:00 P.M. - BIBLE STUDY - <i>The Extraordinary Women Who Shaped Our Faith</i> (via Zoom) 1:00 P.M. - BIBLE STUDY - James 5:40 P.M. - HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 P.M. - TABLE TALK - <i>By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism</i>
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	12:10 P.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION 7:00 P.M. - VESPERS 7:30 P.M. - ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M. - PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	9:15 A.M. - STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS 9:50 A.M. - CHAIR YOGA CLASS 11:00 A.M. - BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>This Hebrew Lord</i>
<u>SATURDAY,</u>	7:00 A.M. - FLEA MARKET (until noon) 7:00 A.M. - HOLY TRINITY YOUTH

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized at Virginia Baptist is **Julie Taylor**. . . Farewell and Godspeed to **Carol Poftak** as she moves to Florida.

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 2. 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.



NEIGHBORHOOD BLOOD DRIVE

Centenary United Methodist Church, 1501 Rivermont Avenue, will host a Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, March 23, from noon to 6:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "Centenary" to schedule an appointment. Streamline your donation experience and save up to fifteen minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP RESOURCES

Large print worship resources are available each Sunday in the three-ring binders on the narthex table.

EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED

Please email the church office with your current email address if you are not receiving church communications electronically. In addition to **The Beacon**, the following are regularly distributed via email: the monthly adult education newsletter **EDU.NET**, Morning Devotions, and Weekly Online Worship. Anyone wishing to be removed from the U.S. Postal Service distribution of **The Beacon** in order to help reduce postage costs, may also call the office.

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES – THE WEEK OF MARCH 19 - 25

Sunday, March 19

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

4:30 p.m. - Holy Trinity Youth

Mall Scavenger Hunt

Ready to have some fun?

Drop-off and pickup at the mall. We'll eat dinner together after the hunt.

RSVP to Susan by Sunday morning.

Invite your friends!



Saturday, March 25

7:00 a.m. - Holy Trinity Flea Market

We need your help with this very important fundraiser!

Join us to help with unpacking, bagging, boxing up leftovers, and more.

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.

FLEA MARKET – HELPERS NEEDED



Our Holy Trinity Flea Market will be held Saturday, March 25, from 7:00 a.m. - noon. Workers are needed throughout the week prior to the sale and the day of the sale. You may sign-up for a morning, afternoon, or late afternoon shift any day Monday, March 20 - Friday, March 24, or sign-up to work the sale on Saturday during the first shift (6:30 - 9:30 a.m.) or second shift (9:30 a.m. - noon). A sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall during the week and in the narthex on Wednesdays and Sundays, or you may call the church office to volunteer for a shift.

Unwanted "treasures" including furniture, toys, books, kitchen items, sports equipment, jewelry, and electronics may be donated to the sale and brought to the church between **Monday, March 20**, and **Thursday, March 23**. 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 Program Development Fund.

CANDLE TRIBUTES

The 2023 Candle Calendar is available in the hallway next to the church office. All are reminded of the opportunity to dedicate the candles used in worship each week to the glory of God in memory or in honor of loved ones or in celebration of special events (birthdays, baptismal anniversaries, wedding anniversaries, etc.). The tribute dedication is printed in the Sunday worship bulletins along with the altar flower dedication. Included are the altar candles, the sanctuary lamp, and candles for the *Globusleuchter*. The cost is \$20 per week, with checks made payable to *Holy Trinity*. Open dates include **March 26; April 2 and 30; June 18;** and, **July 9, 23, and 30**. Please note "Candle Fund" on the memo line. Please contact the church office with any questions.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating relief work in Syria and Turkey to reach earthquake victims with emergency assistance. Lutheran Disaster Response has already been active in this region for several years, partnering with ACT Alliance, the Lutheran World Federation, and the Middle East Council of Churches to accompany Syrian refugees and internally displaced people with food, water, shelter, health services, and sanitation support. In addition to prayers, monetary gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response are used in full (100 percent) to assist those directly impacted, providing help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster. Please make checks payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* and indicate "Middle East Crisis."

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.

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.**



WANTED: UPDATED YEARBOOK INFORMATION

We are currently working on the 2023 Holy Trinity Yearbook which will be mailed later in the spring. All members are asked to review their family's information as listed in the 2022 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.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS FOR FOOD PANTRY

You can support the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry and help feed those who are hungry in our community by enrolling in the Kroger Community Rewards program. Register your Kroger Plus card number at krogercommunityrewards.com. The organization number for the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry is **BW712**. Use your Kroger Plus card or enter your telephone number on every shopping trip and a percentage of your purchase total goes to support the Food Pantry.



THANK YOU

- Thanks to **Susan Barney, Edith Beck, Don Carter, Joanne Greene, Marjorie Huiner, Esther Keene, Edie Leamon, Louise Martin, Anne Royer, Linda Sanders, and Erica Wolfe** for assisting in the Food Pantry.
- Thanks to **Jim Stock** for his work on installing the new curtains in the Youth House.
- Thanks to the following for preparing food and snacks for the College of William and Mary student group staying at the Youth House this week: **Betty Blevins, Tamara Colagreco, Cheryl and Bruce Gerlich, Barry Lobb, and Julie Taylor.**
- Thanks to **Jürgen Pest** for work around the church grounds.

WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The next Wednesday Children's Ministry will be held March 29, 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.

PASSPORT TO HEALTHY AGING

The Beard Center on Aging and Centra Health are presenting *Passport to Healthy Aging: 50+ Health Fair* on Friday, March 31, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., in Schewel Hall, at the University of Lynchburg. There will be free health screening, healthy aging tips, demonstrations, and giveaways.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thrivent Financial members with 2022 Thrivent Choice Dollars to direct are asked to consider Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. 2022 Thrivent Choice Dollars expire **March 31**.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 2, 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.


EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 9
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 6.



2023 ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2023 Altar Flower calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Please note that no dates are reserved from previous years. There are openings for flowers on **May 28; June 4 and 25; and, July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30**. 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.

VIRGINIA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The 2023 Virginia Synod Assembly will be held June 9-11 at Roanoke College and will include the election of a new bishop. Those interested in attending the Assembly as voting members are asked to speak with Pastor Roberts as soon as possible.



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 (\$17.00 per plant) by **March 26**. 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. (\$17.00 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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