

# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, *Fourth Sunday in Lent /Setting 10***

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## INTRODUCTION

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

**WELCOME** to worship at St. John's, whether virtually or in person. We are delighted to share this time together. St. John's focus is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, strengthen believers and care for those in Need.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is served by a 2-line procession down the center aisle. We will celebrate with bread, wine, or grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

**GIVE TO ST. JOHN'S** Offering plates are located at each entrance. If you prefer to give electronically, visit our website, and click on the **E-Giving Tab**. Use your existing login information. For new users, search for St John's Lutheran Church Lewistown. Information on **E-Giving** is available on the SJLC resource table. Thank you for your continued support.

**IF YOU ARE A VISITOR**, we would like to get to know you. Please fill out a visitor's card from the pew rack and place it on the offering plate at the entrances. May Christ's spirit be with each and every one of us in our congregational life and faith journey.

**LARGE PRINT SERVICE BOOKLETS** are available, please see a door greeter.

## **SERVING TODAY**

*Pastor* – Rev. Allen Hulslander

*Acolytes* – Nevin Farley, Jackson Druckenmiller

*Altar Guild Volunteers* – Judy Spencer, Josie Baughman, Melissa Rosenberry

*Communion Assistants* – Dave Phillips, Jenna Dudukovich, Tom Beaver

*Lay Reader* – Kim Crone

*Ushers* – Jim Rosenberry – head, Carrie Thierwechter, Andrew Thierwechter

*Media & Production* – Grant and Carrie Stufft, Nancy Ressler, Mary Barr, and Annette Rager

**PRELUDE** "There Is a Fountain" American Melody, Arr. Harold DeCou, 1981 Singspiration

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GATHERING**

*Please stand as you are able. Congregational responses are in **Bold**.*

*Red Hymnal (ELW) will be used for parts of the service.*

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt  
and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,

and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God,

you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead

dwells in you,

pours God's love into your hearts,

and gives you life and peace.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

## ELW #452 "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### Kyrie (spoken)

P: Hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word: it saves us from despair.

**C. Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: Wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

**C. Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: Make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving power; create in us new hearts.

**C. Have mercy on us, Lord.**

## RESPONSE HYMN

## ELW #328 "Restore in Us, O God"

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### Special Music

"I've Heard the Voice of Jesus Say".

English melody, Arr. Lloyd Larson 2003 Lorenz Pub. Co.

**Chancel Choir**

**CHILDRENS MESSAGE** *All children are invited forward.*

## WORD

### First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

*Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup> Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup> He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader ends with: **"The Word of the Lord."**

Congregation responds: **"Thanks be to God."**

## **Psalm: Psalm 23**

*You anoint my head with oil. (Ps. 23:5)*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall not fear no  
evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## **Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

*Because we now live in the divine light, which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

<sup>8</sup> Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

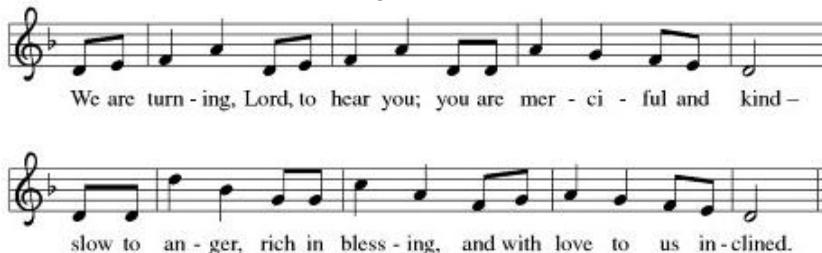
Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.”

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Please stand as you are able.*



The Holy Gospel according to John the 9<sup>th</sup>, Chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: John 9:1-41**

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

<sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." <sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup> He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup> They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until

they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, <sup>21</sup> but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup> He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup> They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup> He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup> The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” <sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Allen**

## **Apostles' Creed**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead  
on the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The petitions end with: "*Hear Us, O God*"

And the Congregational response is:

**"your mercy is great"**

## **SHARING of GOD'S PEACE**

Share the Peace in a safe manner.

Simply say the words. "*Peace be with You.*"

**"And also with you."**

Keep In Prayer: Deb Montgomery,  
Larry Niemond, Peter Marsh, Gail  
Ingram, Linda Goss, Nellie  
Wilson, Joanne Troutman, Toby  
Sweigart, Freda Hook, and the  
Call Committee.

\*To have someone added to the  
Prayer Guide-with their  
permission-please contact the  
church office.

**MEAL** *Please continue to stand.*

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### OFFERING PRAYER

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING (spoken)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*The presiding minister continues:*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on  
these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its  
creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy  
Trinity, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we  
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the  
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

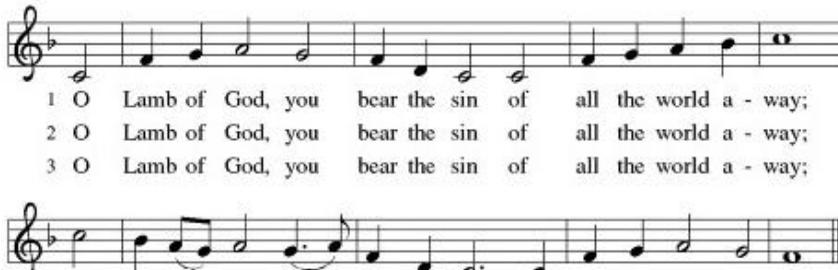
## INVITATION

Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

## Lamb of God

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION

All who are baptized are invited to come forward. Children, if not already communing, may be brought forward for a blessing from the Pastor. Please hold both hands out to receive the bread, then choose a cup from the Acolyte. Please dispose of your communion cup in the nearby waste basket.

### Communion Music

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” Spiritual Arr. Cindy Berry 2015 Alfred Music

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Inspired by Debussy’s “Petite Suite”) John Zundel, Arr. Faye Lopez 2018 Alfred Music

“My Savior’s Love” Charles H. Gabriel, Arr. Lloyd Larson 2016 Lorenz Pub. Co.

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ’s body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## ***Sending***

### **BLESSING**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN**

**ELW #779 “Amazing Grace”**

### **Silent Meditation**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE “O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate” (#722 in our hymnal)**

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### **DEDICATIONS**

**THIS WEEK'S BASKET** is presented by Kathy Seiler in honor of Dolly Purcell by her family.

**THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN** is presented by Ed Stewart in memory of his parents Helen and Chuck Stewart.

**THIS WEEK'S ETERNAL CANDLE BURNS** in honor of her wonderful family given by Gloris Stewart.

**THE COMMUNION WINE** this morning is given by Cheryl and Ed Bressler in honor of their grandchildren.

## ST. JOHN'S NEWS

**PASTOR ALLEN** will be out of the office on **Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**EASTER BASKETS** Once again, we are planning Easter Baskets for kids in need in our area. We are planning to be able to provide for over 50 kids this year. Easter baskets will be placed at each door, starting **Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**. No donation is too small.

**EASTER FLOWERS** for sale. The forms to order this year's Easter Flowers are on the SJLC resource table. The cost is \$10.00 and orders are due **today, March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Flowers being offered are white lilies, yellow, pink, white and purple tulips, and mini daffodils.

**SHINING LIGHT** Through the Darkness is having its yearly soup sale **March 20<sup>th</sup>**. Soups are \$9.00 a quart and pre-orders are **due March 14<sup>th</sup>**. French onion, ham & bean, chicken corn, beef vegetable, stuffed pepper, and creamy potato are available. Please call Darlene to pre-order at 717-953-6352.

**THE BARNABAS BROTHERS** will have their regularly scheduled Breakfast Meeting on **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Fellowship Hall at 8am. Please plan to attend the Breakfast Meeting for a morning of Christian Fellowship, King's Breakfast and a presentation by Mr. Jimmy Conway, Outreach Coordinator for the Pa. Game Commission who will speak on a variety of Game Commission topics. If you have any questions, please contact any Barnabas Brother.

**SUNDAY MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>** Chad Hershberger, Camp Mount Luther Executive Director, will be at our church to share about church camp! Campers of all ages are invited to come this summer to CMT, located near Mifflinburg. Check out a summer brochure to see all camps available for school- aged kids and families. Don't forget if you register **before April 15<sup>th</sup>**, you receive a discount. For more information on Mount Luther, visit **[www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org)**.

**FIRST COMMUNIONS** We will be celebrating communions on Maundy Thursday **evening, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. If your son or daughter is in fifth grade, please see Pastor Allen to arrange for preparation meeting.

**MEET & EAT** ladies' luncheon on **Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** will be at the Downtown O.I.P. Ladies are to meet at the restaurant at 12-Noon.

**REGISTRATION** forms for Camp Mount Luther are on the resource table. The church will cover 75% of Tier 3 Pricing this year. Please register online **by May 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**SJLC COUNCIL** members who are recently coming off council, please be sure and turn in your key to the office or to Hillary Worley as soon as possible.

**THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** Committee is looking for someone to represent SJLC Bible School meetings bringing information back so we can stay involved. Meetings have begun so we are looking to pass on a new representative as soon as possible. Interested parties, please see Hillary Worley.

**THERE WILL BE** no Ham Sandwich sales for the month of March due to the Lumina Center auction. Sandwich sell will continue in April.

**CAMP MOUNT LUTHER SUMMER 2026** flyer with summer programs, registration and scholarship information have been placed at the entrances of the sanctuary and on the resource table. Mount Luther offers 400 acres and a host of awesome, fun-filled programs for summer adventures.

**LENTEN OFFERING** Rainbow Summer

**EASTER OFFERING** Organ refurbishment. Rebuild Capital Improvement Fund.

**FIRST QUARTER** Special Offerings will go towards the Central Pa. Meat Canning Project.

**ORGAN FUND** There is now an option through Vanco (on-line giving) for donations to go towards the organ fund.

**COMMUNION ROBES** If your communion robe is in need of cleaning (i.e. wine) please place it in the laundry basket in the robe room.

**LUMINA CENTER** The new **2026** Restaurant Discount Cards are now available. The cost is \$10.00, and discounts apply to 16 local restaurants in the community. Please see Steve Burk, Mary Barr or the SJLC Office to purchase.

**SJLC OFFICE** lunch hour Tuesday and Thursday is between 11:30am -12:30pm.

**LOST & FOUND** there is a lost and found box in the lobby on the shelf above the coat rack. Please check for any items that you may be missing.

**WEATHER ALERT** If the Mifflin County School District is delayed, closed, or closing due to snow and ice, the SJLC Office and all activities in the church facility will be postponed or cancelled.

### **COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS**

**SJLC COUNCIL MEETING** on **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm.

**MOTHER HUBBARDS CUPBOARD** items for **February** are tissues, toilet paper, paper towels & tea bags.

**HAM SANDWICH SALE (Please see announcement above for March)** is on the second Friday of every month at SJLC. Orders are due the Monday before. Please see Janet Deamer with any questions.

# Worship SCHEDULE

March 22 [Fifth Sunday in Lent] 9:00am Worship, 10:15am Sunday School  
March 29 [Palm Sunday] 9:00am Worship, 10:15am Sunday School  
April 2 [Maundy Thursday] 7:00pm Service  
April 3 [Good Friday] 7:30 pm Service  
April 5 [Resurrection of Our Lord] 9:00am Worship, 10:15am Sunday School  
April 12 [Second Sunday of Easter] 9:00am Worship, 10:15am Sunday School

## **Meetings (Please see above for details)**

Tue. March 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting at 6:30pm.  
Sat. March 21<sup>st</sup> Barnabas Brothers breakfast at 8:00am.  
Wed. Handbell 6:00pm and Chancel Choir at 7:00pm.  
Sun. Praise and Worship Choir at 8:00am

## **Reminders for March**

**Acolytes** – Nevin Farley, Jackson Druckenmiller  
**Altar Guild Volunteers** – Judy Spencer, Josie Baughman, Melissa Rosenberry  
**Communion Assistants** – Dave Phillips – crucifer, Jenna Dudukovich, Tom Beaver  
**Ushers** – Jim Rosenberry- head, Carrie Thierwechter, Andrew Theirwechter  
**Money Counters** – Cheryl Bressler, Genevieve McCardle  
**Lay Lectors**  
March 22 – Adele Craig  
March 29 – Justice Mills

## **Reminders for April**

**Acolytes** – Geneva Kelly, Ava Kelly  
**Altar Guild Volunteers** – Pam Tressler, Katrina Martin, Meagan Earnest  
**Communion Assistants** – Justice Mills – crucifer, Ed Deamer, Janet Deamer  
**Ushers** – Scott Welham – head, Melissa Rosenberry, Jim Rosenberry  
**Money Counters** – Barry Stuck, Susan Phillips  
**Lay Lectors**  
April 5 – Gisele Miller  
April 12 – Cantata Chancel Choir  
April 19 – Jim Rosenberry  
April 26 – Hillary Worley

**Next Sunday Readings:** *Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45*