



These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

For just as the body is one and has many members...so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.... If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it (1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 26). Recommendations from the CDC and ecumenical church worship guidelines, have been prayerfully considered by our leaders for our worship practices. Therefore at this time in the Covid pandemic we are worshipping in this way:

WELCOME

- **IN-PERSON WORSHIPERS**, please leave the first few spaces in the front parking lot for parking lot worshipers. Further information on page 2.
- **IN-PARKING LOT WORSHIPERS**, please park in the first few spaces closest to Dock Street and tune your radio to **90.1 FM**.
- **VISITORS**, we welcome you! In this uncertain time of a pandemic, we believe that grace-filled love of God made known in Jesus Christ, and proclaimed in scripture, prayer, and worship sustains us even now. We are glad that you are here with us, so that together, we all can receive the Good News of Jesus Christ, and then be strengthened in daily love for God and our neighbors.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP binders are available in the church lobby.

HOLY COMMUNION

First Sunday in Lent – March 2nd, 2022

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

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CURRENT WORSHIP PRACTICES

- We have resumed congregational speaking and singing in the building.
 - Hymnals are available in the pew racks, and distributed to and collected from people worshipping in the parking lot.
 - Large print worship binders are available inside. Those worshipping in the parking lot can request large print from an usher.
 - Wine and grape juice are once again being offered from the chalice inside, with intinction being offered outside. Please space yourselves as you come forward.
 - The offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary by the door until we can safely pass the plates through many hands.
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PREPARATION

PRELUDE

Jesu Fount of Consolation

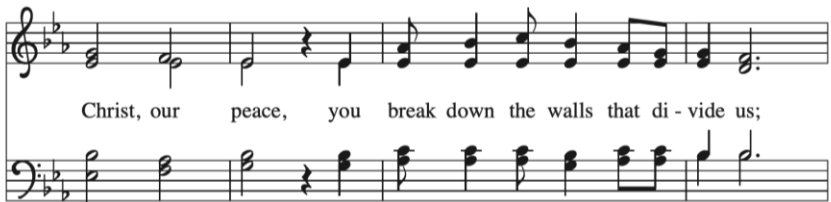
J.S. Bach

The bell rings calling us to worship.

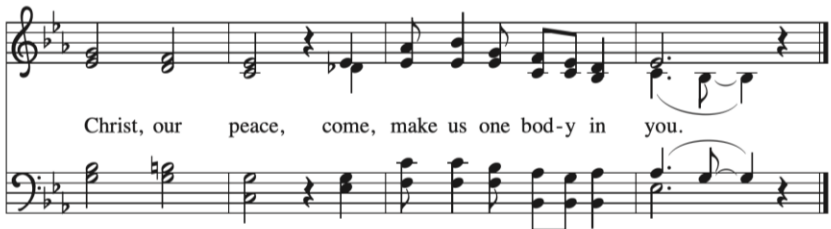
GREETING SONG

Christ, Our Peace

Marty Haugen



Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;



Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
**we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.
Have mercy on us!
Forgive us and turn us again to you.
Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.
In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*
Red Hymnal # 319

GREETING

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.

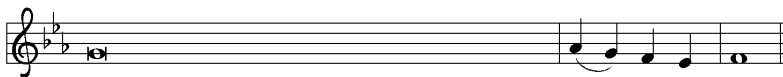
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



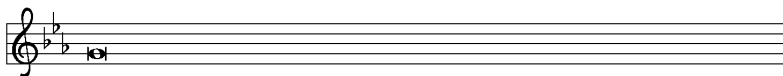
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



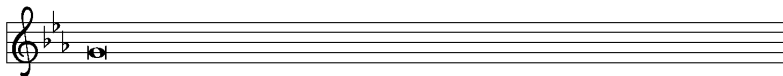
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The assembly inside is seated.

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

¹You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
²**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust.”**
⁹Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,
¹⁰**no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**
¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation.**

SECOND READING

Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b}“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly inside stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live

by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Larry Laine

SERMON

Pastor Larry Laine

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

This Is My Song

Red Hymnal # 887

The assembly stands. All proclaim the word of God in song.

APOSTLES CREED

We confess our faith with the whole church using the ancient baptismal creed that summarizes the teaching of the scripture and the apostles.

**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

As a local assembly of believers, we pray for the whole world and church, as well as our local congregation and neighborhood.

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Sharpen its proclamation of the word so that your people learn to reject voices of deception and distraction. Strengthen all who are tempted to believe lies about themselves or others. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the earth and all its creatures. Protect wilderness places and all plant and animal species that call them home. Sustain farmers and all laborers who work the land and harvest the fruits of its abundance. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the nations of the world. Awaken elected leaders and government officials to the needs of those who are oppressed and grant them compassion to deal mercifully with immigrants and refugees who reside among us. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We pray for those in need. Rescue those experiencing mental illness or contending with addiction. Ease the anxiety of those who live with dementia. Command your angels concerning all who are sick. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. Bless those who bake bread and prepare the table for our communion celebration. Accompany those who share the bounty of this meal with those who are homebound or hospitalized. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O Lord, God of life, as you care for all creation, give us your peace. May our security come not from weapons, but from respect. May our strength come not from violence, but from love. May our own wealth come not from money, but from sharing. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We give thanks for those who have died. Gather them with all the saints into your heavenly dwelling place. Encourage us with the promise that all who call upon your name are saved. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

We greet each other with a nod or gesture of Christian fellowship from a distance, and we also invite you to text or email a word of peace to someone.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANTHEM

Jesus with Us Abide

W. Glen Darst

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The assembly stands. The presiding minister invites the assembly to give thanks.

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.", "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.", "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.", and "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The music is simple and hymn-like, with a clear melodic line and a steady rhythm.

The presiding minister continues with the communion preface; and then the assembly responds with "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER IV

...With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

...burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

...blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who 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.

COMMUNION

Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

INSIDE WORSHIPERS: Ushers will dismiss you by pew, then please allow a six-foot distance from other households as you approach the altar by the center aisle (tape marks in the center aisle are a helpful guide). Please take an empty glass if you wish to receive wine, or a glass prefilled with grape juice. The pastor will place the consecrated wafer into your outstretched palms so that you may receive the body of Christ. Then proceed to one of the chalices where the wine will be poured, or where you will drink the prefilled glass. Those not receiving Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a no-touch blessing.

OUTSIDE WORSHIPERS: The Lord's Supper will be brought to those outside by a Communion Assistant, who will use an intinction set so that the consecrated wafer can be dipped in the grape juice, in order to receive the loving body and blood of Christ.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN *Restore in Us, O God*

Red Hymnal # 328

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need. **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may be seated.

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.
You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.
Almighty God,
motherly, majestic, and mighty,
✠ bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Red Hymnal # 802

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.

CHIMES

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PRAYER LIST

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Those with Long-term health issues:

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Carol Landes, Donna Drenzo, Jim Musico, John Krater, Fawn Goodman, Rebecca Marshall, Sapphire Schaeffer, Mark Wyllie, Krysta Kolbe, Shirley Emrich, Anna Heffner, David Wise, Donna Leashefski, Florence Clemens, Chuck Copley, Jeff Kamar, Mary Sewalt, Pat Thomas, Casey Watson, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Harold & Fay Sausser, Ruth Brown

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

Major Michael Shay, Staff Sgt. Joseph Moyer, Senior Airman Matthew Nettles, Airman Jackie Nettles, Sgt. Travis D. Miller, Sgt. Anthony Cooper, Private 3rd Class Caleb Levan

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Ministers	Ellayna Boyer	Lloyd Wertz
Lectors	Conner Roeder	Jill McCloy
Communion Assistants	Karen Ochenrider	Rob Baessler
Ushers	John Macnutt Faith Batz	Tom Gohsler Amy Gohsler
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Rick Heckrote
Counters	Linda Collins, Deb Reed, and Marie Shay	

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Ministers	Lou Messina	Rob Baessler
Lectors	Laurie Bedford	Linda Covert
Communion Assistants	Karen Ochenrider	Rebekah CdeBaca
Ushers	Bill Shay Conner Roeder	Greg Gross ?
Sound Board	Paul Boyer	Gary Reager
Counters	Lou Messina and Janet Sattizahn	

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Bart Biever, by Rosemary and family.

THE BULLETINS are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Betty Shuman by her daughter, Deb Reed.

CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEK there were Floor Vases last Sunday, which had been omitted from the bulletin by mistake. What should have appeared in the bulletin is ...

THE FLOWERS IN THE FLOOR VASES are to the Glory of God in loving memory of Virgil Scott, by his wife, Barbara, and family.

TODAY WE WELCOME Pastor Larry Laine to our pulpit. Jerusalem will share Pastor Laine with St. John's Lutheran in Friendsburg. His approach to ministry begins with relationships; talking to each other, engaging with each other, and understanding each other. Most importantly, Pastor Laine believes, we all share a common focus as we worship together and share our faith together. What a wonderful experience to engage the diversity and differences among us and worship together.

TUESDAY MORNING MEET AND GREET. To welcome Pastor Laine, starting this Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 at 10:00 am, you are invited to join Pastor Laine in the church library for fellowship. The side office door will be unlocked, and light refreshments will be offered.

"THIS IS MY SONG" - HYMN # 887. Our Hymn of the day, *Finlandia*, is a tone poem by the Finnish composer Jean Sibelius. It was written in 1899 and revised in 1900. The piece was composed for the Press Celebrations of 1899, A COVERT PROTEST against increasing censorship from the Russian Empire. In order to avoid Russian censorship, *Finlandia* had to be performed under alternative names at various musical concerts. Titles under which the piece masqueraded were numerous and often confusing.

Sibelius later reworked the *Finlandia Hymn* into a stand-alone piece. This hymn, with words written in 1941 by Veikko Antero Koskenniemi, is one of the most important national songs of Finland. In 1917 when Finland became independent this song was considered their battle hymn of victory. In response to Russian aggression during World War II this hymn was sung in protest and continues to be a rallying cry in different situations around the world. Today, we sing this hymn along with our siblings in Christ, in churches in Northeastern Pa synod. The words are by Lloyd Stone (vs 1-2) and Georgia Harkness (vs 3). We sing to stand in solidarity with those in UKRAINE! As with all hymns it is a prayer written to music!

DUE TO THE FALLING NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES, the Coronavirus task force and Jerusalem's Church Council have decided to make masks optional in worship. Jerusalem's leaders continue to monitor the severity of COVID-19 cases and will announce worship changes in the Sunday bulletins.

OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN “BUILDING TOGETHER THROUGH FAITH AND VISION,” for our new roof and HVAC system has reached \$327,291.03 as of February 28th! Thank you for your faithful giving to keep our building in good condition.

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER will once again be our Wednesday, Mid-week Lenten Services, from March 9 – April 6 at 6:30 PM. Our theme will be ‘Praying With Others’ in which a story concerning prayer will be told and then time taken to pray as a group. Join us for these Wednesday evening worships, which have become a meaningful part of our Lenten journey.

WEEKLY SOUP SUPPERS BEGIN MARCH 9TH AT 5:30 P.M. We hope that you will join us Wednesday evenings during Lent for "Bread, Bowl and Worship," a simple meal of bread and soup followed by worship in the sanctuary. Please sign the sheets at the sign-up center if you are able to contribute soup, bread, and other items of food needed for the five soup suppers. Volunteers to clean up after the soup suppers are also needed. Thanks.

MINISTRY CELEBRATION FOR 2022, will be held on March 20th at 9:15 AM! There will be no Sunday School on that day. Please join us in the social hall to view displays from Jerusalem’s different committees and ministries. Annual Reports will be distributed that morning as well!

UPCOMING SPRING CONCERTS. SAVE THE DATES!

- ❖ March 20, 2022 at 3:00pm, Organ Recital featuring Randall D. Perry on Organ.
- ❖ April 24, 2022 at 3:00pm, Clarinet and Piano concert featuring Dr. Steven Christ on Clarinet with Caleb Flick on Piano and Dr. Annie Rose Tindall-Gibson on Piano.

ALTAR VASE FLOWER SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE. Would you like to have the altar flowers in memory of or in honor of a special loved one? Sunday, March 13th is an open date. You would call Forget-Me-Not Florist at 570-366-2619 to order the flowers and then contact the church office at 570-385-2657 to let the administrator know what you would like to say in the bulletin for that Sunday. Thanks!

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BE BLESSING US WITH THEIR VOICES ON PASSION/PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2022. Now through Palm Sunday. Our Sunday School children will rehearse a song with our Music Director, Audrey Christ during Sunday School. Please bring your children or grandchildren to join us!

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY worship services will be held on Sunday, April 10. We will have the Procession with Palm branches and the reading of the Passion of Jesus according to the Gospel of Luke. We will need readers to participate in the reading of the Passion gospel. If you would like to be part of this, see Pastor Jim Covert.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE WORSHIP will be held on Good Friday, April 15 at 6:30 pm. A Tenebrae is a worship where the church is gradually darkened as the service progresses. Tenebrae means darkness or shadow. We will need people to participate in the service, including readers of the seven last words of Jesus, someone to do some sound effects, someone to extinguish candles as the service progresses, and most of all, someone to operate the dimming of the lights. If you would be willing to help, see Pastor Jim Covert.

FREE SUMMER CLOTHING “GIVE AWAY”! St. John’s UCC in Schuylkill Haven is offering a summer clothing give away on April 23rd (rain date is April 30th) from 9:00 am til noon. If anyone would like to contribute clean, gently used clothing for this mission, the items can be dropped off at St. John’s Church on the corner of Dock Street and Main Street any Tuesday from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. Or on March 29th, April 5th, or April 12th from 5:00 – 7:00pm. Thank you!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY 8:00am Worship
9:15am Sunday school
9:15am Bell rehearsal
10:30am Worship

TUESDAY 6:30pm Executive Committee Meeting
7:00pm Church Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY 5:30pm Soup Supper
6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer Worship
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY 1:00pm Blood Drive

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