

Thank you for worshipping with us this day.

If you are visiting with us today, please sign the guest book located in the Narthex.

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Calendar of Events

Wed. (9/20) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sun. Harvest Home

9/24 9:00AM Sunday School and First Communion Class

9:00AM Confirmation Class First Meeting
with Parents in the loft

10:00AM Worship Service

Wed. (9/27) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sat. 1:00PM PA Dutch Service in the
Old Church

9/30 3 to 6PM Turkey Waffle Dinner
pickup at Fellowship Hall

Sun. World Communion Sunday/First Communion

10/1 9:00AM Sunday School

10:00AM Worship Service

Mon, (10/2) 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall

Tue. (10/3) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. (10/4) 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

10/8 10:00AM Worship Service

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*Book of Worship, United Church of Christ, Office for Church Life
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The Worship Sourcebook of CRC Publications, 2004

Confirmation Class
Begins next Sunday!
For info please see
page 13 of the
September
Newsletter



LET US RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE

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We welcome you to Salem (Bellemans') Church.

We are a shared ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and the United Church of Christ.

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Rev. Dr. Patricia Horst, Interim Pastor  
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James Fitterling, Administrator  
Joe and Bobbie Jo King, Sextons (484-671-2531)

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Church: 610-926-0461
Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and Worship at 10:00 a.m. weekly

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*Children's Bulletins are available in the  
pink crate in the entrance of the church.*

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Mission Statement:

**With the strength of our combined traditions
We strive to be unified through CHRIST as...
A community that reaches out and welcomes
individuals of various ages and faith
backgrounds... offering a diversity of
opportunities in worship and service... so that
we are spiritually enriched by the power,
promise and presence of the Holy Spirit.**

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 17, 2023

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

Welcome and Announcements

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Prayers for Healing

Jackie Lynn, Bailey Unterkofler, Steve Lynn,  
Eric Kissinger, Jean Smith, Missy and Brian Boyer,  
George Del Fierro, Karen Becker, Richard Rothenberger Sr.,  
Oliver del Fierro Nater, Jim Gilmer, Keith Gilmer, Jim Sweeney,  
Maya Hein, Richard Bausher, Dennis Bausher, Arlene Gilmer,  
Valerie Driedger, Barbara Spatz, Oscar Miller, Paul Leshner,  
Layton Raffiner, Samantha Watkins, Pete Lukawski,  
Kelly Kauffman, Lloyd Barnett, Russell Minner, Luke Seymour,  
Barbara Weber, Bill and Lynda Scholl, Deb Flanley Herrlinger,  
Jim Sickles, Norm Dieffenbach, Katelynn Kajunski,  
Steve Rost, Karen Blich, Marian Gordon,  
Rex Kissinger, Dorothy Yeakel

Military

Alfred Cross, Bradley Hoppes, John R. Wesner, Phillip Spatz,  
Cydney Lawrence, CWO2 Josh Linderman, Andrew Cichowicz,  
J. Michael Fluck, David Peterman, MSgt Kevin Mohn,  
Nathan P. Stump, Andrew D. Potts, Anthony Butt, Alex Hoffman,  
Dakotah Dailey, SSgt. Matthew Wurster, Dustin Spatz  
and all men and women serving our country.

*Prelude*

*welcome*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*\*Gathering Hymn*



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy Like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. There is wel-come for the sin-ner And more grac-es for the good;
3. For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas-ure of man's mind;
4. If our love were but more sim-ple We should take Him at His word,



There's a kind-ness in His jus-tice Which is more than lib-er-ty.  
There is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; There is heal-ing in His blood.  
And the heart of the E-ter-nal Is most won-der-ful-ly kind.  
And our lives would be all sun-shine In the sweet-ness of our Lord. A-men.



We come to give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts.  
**From the rising of the sun to it setting,  
we will praise the name of the Lord!**

The Lord raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy  
from the ash heap,  
**From the rising of the sun to it setting,  
we will praise the name of the Lord!**

The Lord brings fruitfulness from barrenness and gives  
homes to the solitary;  
**From the rising of the sun to it setting,  
we will praise the name of the Lord!**

This is our God, the Holy One.  
**Come before him with thanksgiving  
and offer him the sacrifice of praise.**

New every day is God's love for us, and new every day is our  
opportunity to come to the Lord with a contrite heart. Trusting  
in God's grace and mercy, let us confess our sin in the pres-  
ence of God and of one another.

*Silent self-examination*

Generous God,  
**we confess that we often take your blessings for grant-  
ed. We hold on when we should let go. We hoard when  
we could be generous; we are doubting when we could  
lean on faith. We are fearful instead of trusting in your  
care. Give us again the assurance of your love and mer-  
cy, and fill us with grateful hearts and open hands.  
Amen.**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, the mercies of God are from  
everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the Good News:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

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.**

*Please share a sign of peace with those around you!*

*\*Praise Hymn (Sung)*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son.**

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Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us."  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us."  
Give thanks, give thanks.**

*\*PRAYER OF THE DAY*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray...

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.

**Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

*Proclaiming The Word*

*FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21*

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. <sup>18</sup> His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup> So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

*PSALM 103:1-13*

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
<sup>2</sup> **Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—**  
<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,  
<sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,**  
<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.  
<sup>6</sup> **The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all the oppressed.**  
<sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses,  
his deeds to the people of Israel:  
<sup>8</sup> **The LORD is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.**  
<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;  
<sup>10</sup> **he does not treat us as our sins deserve  
or repay us according to our iniquities.**  
<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;  
<sup>12</sup> **as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**  
<sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. <sup>2</sup> One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup> One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. <sup>6</sup> Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup> You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. <sup>11</sup> It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God." <sup>12</sup> So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*\*Alleluia (Sung)*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*\*The Holy Gospel*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th Chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: *Matthew 18:21-35*

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times." <sup>23</sup> "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. <sup>26</sup> "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' <sup>27</sup> The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. <sup>28</sup> "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. <sup>29</sup> "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' <sup>30</sup> "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. <sup>32</sup> "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' <sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. <sup>35</sup> "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

*Children's Message*

*Jingle Offering: Maui Wildfire Response*

Hymn

1. Je - sus loves me! this I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so; Lit - tle  
 2. Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gate to o - pen wide; He will  
 3. Je - sus loves me! He will stay Close be-side me all the way; He's pre-

Refrain

ones to Him be-long, They are weak but He is strong.  
 wash a - way my sin, Let His lit - tle child come in. Yes, Je-sus loves me!  
 pared a home for me, And some day His face I'll see.

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Sermon

(Silence for Meditation)

Response to the Word

\*The Apostles' Creed

In response to hearing God's word for us, we confess our faith.

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

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

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

**Amen.**

Offering

Choir Anthem

\*Offering Response (Sung)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

\*National Prayer (Sung)

**Our Father's God to thee, author of liberty,  
To thee we sing; long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might,  
Great God our king.**

*\*Pastoral Prayer*

*\*The Lord's Prayer*

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

*\*The Benediction*

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*\*3-Fold Amen (Sung)*



*\*Sending Hymn*

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."  
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

*Silence for Meditation*

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude*

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Assisting in Worship

Lector: 10:00AM Mica Kornfeind
Greeters: 10:00AM Mae Weber and Nancy Zipp

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**Prayer Time with Pastor Pat**

Beginning **Wednesday, September 27 at 10 am** and then the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month for those who are able to attend. We will share in a brief reflection and then pray together. We'll pray for individuals on the Prayer List, the Military and their Families, the Call Committee and prospective pastors submitting their profiles, our church and surrounding community, our world, and any other concerns you might have. We will conclude by 11 am and meet in the chapel. (PS -- I've heard that doughnuts and coffee will be provided!)

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It is Sandwich Sale time again!

Date of the sale will be:
Thursday, October 19.

Pick-up is from 2-6 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall.

Call 484-256-5705 to order or use the order sheet in the narthex.

Please call in orders by October 12!

As always, options are Italian, Ham/Cheese and Turkey/Provolone.

Price for each 10 inch hoagie is \$8.00.

Thanks for your support!



#ADVENTUREON



Join us for incredible adventures!

Cub Scouting offers something for everyone. Come take an adventure while learning new skills, making new friends, and having fun!

Meet the Pack Night

September 21st, 7:00pm

The Fellowship Hall at Belleman's Church 3540 Bellemans Church Rd, Mohrsville, PA 19541

(fellowship hall is opposite the cemetery from the church)

Pack 154 Registration

In person or online!

Visit BeAScout.org or Scan the QR Code →



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