

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. 10:00AM Prayer Time with Pastor Pat  
1/24 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**1/28 10:00AM Worship Service**  
Congregation Meeting Review

Wed. 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
1/31

Sat. 2/3 - Sat. 2/10 Mission Trip to Kentucky/Tennessee

**Sun. Scout Sunday**  
**2/4 9:00AM Sunday School**  
**10:00AM Worship Service**  
*Endowment Committee Meeting after Worship*

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal  
2/7 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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### Card Shower for Janet Weaver

**Phoebe Berks Health Center**  
**9 Reading Drive, Room 124**  
**Wernersville Pa 19565**

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He had compassion for them, because  
they were like sheep without a shepherd

**W**e welcome you to Salem (Bellemans's) 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  
Oliver Blatt, Director of Music Ministry  
James Fitterling, Administrator  
Joe and Bobbie Jo King, Sextons (484-671-2531)

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Web Site: www.bellemanschurch.org

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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.**

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

*January 21, 2024*

*Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the Time after Epiphany plays out the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.*

*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, Oliver del Fierro Nater, Jim Gilmer, Keith Gilmer,  
Richard Bausher, Dennis Bausher, Paul Leshner,  
Samantha Watkins, Kelly Kauffman, Rex Kissinger,  
Dorothy Yeakel, Janet Machmer, Nick Morrissey, Linda Houck,  
Douglas Bausher, Jim Blatt, Kassy Kirkwood, Florence Deisher,  
Leah Kopicz, Marian Gordon, Russell Minner,  
Lloyd and Ruth Barnett, Nancy, Janet Weaver, Edith Cassaday

#### *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. O \*Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing, To tell to all the
2. Be - hold how man - y thou - sands still are ly - ing, Bound in the dark - some
3. Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue and na - tion That God, in whom they
4. Give of thy sons to bear the mes - sage glo - rious; Give of thy wealth to



world that God is Light; That He who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
pris - on - house of sin, With none to tell them of the Sav - ior's dy - ing,  
live and move, is love: Tell how He stooped to save His lost cre - a - tion,  
speed them on their way; Pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious;



*Refrain*

One soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
Or of the life He died for them to win. Pub - lish glad ti - dings,  
And died on earth that man might live a - bove.  
And all thy spend - ing Je - sus will re - pay.



ti - dings of peace; Ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.



We gather in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The baby Jesus was "A light for the revelation to the Gentiles and a light for the glory of Israel."

**We come from the darkness of our lives to seek the light of Christ.**

We come from many nations and many cultures;

**But we are all one in Jesus Christ.**

We come seeking the light that guides our life;

**Let us lift our voices and praise the God of all peoples.**

Let us now confess our sins and allow the light of God to enter us.

(Silent time with God)

Eternal light;

**Shine in our hearts.**

Eternal Goodness;

**Deliver us from evil.**

Eternal Wisdom;

**Scatter the shadows of doubt and uncertainty.**

Eternal Love;

**Have mercy on us, that we may seek your face and be brought into your infinite care, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

The true light that gives light to everyone has come into the world. To all who receive him; to those who believe in His name, he gives the right to become children of God. – John 1:9,12

**Amen 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.**

*Share a sign of God's peace with those around you.*

*Praise Hymn*

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;  
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

*\*PRAYER OF THE DAY*

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

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.

**Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

*Proclaiming The Word*

*FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

<sup>1</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." <sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." <sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

*PSALM 62:5-12*

<sup>5</sup> Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.

<sup>6</sup> **Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup> My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

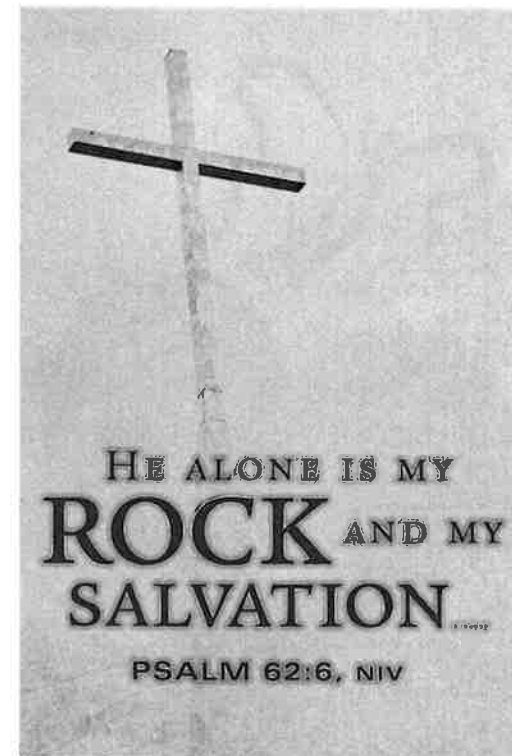
<sup>8</sup> **Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.**

<sup>9</sup> Surely the lowborn are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie. If weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath.

<sup>10</sup> **Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

<sup>11</sup> One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard: "Power belongs to you, God,

<sup>12</sup> **and with you, Lord, is unfailing love"; and, "You reward everyone according to what they have done."**





*SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

<sup>29</sup> What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; <sup>30</sup> those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; <sup>31</sup> those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

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

*\*Alleluia (Sung)*

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



**ALLELUIA!**

*\*The Holy Gospel*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st Chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: *Mark 1:14-20*

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" <sup>16</sup> As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." <sup>18</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup> Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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

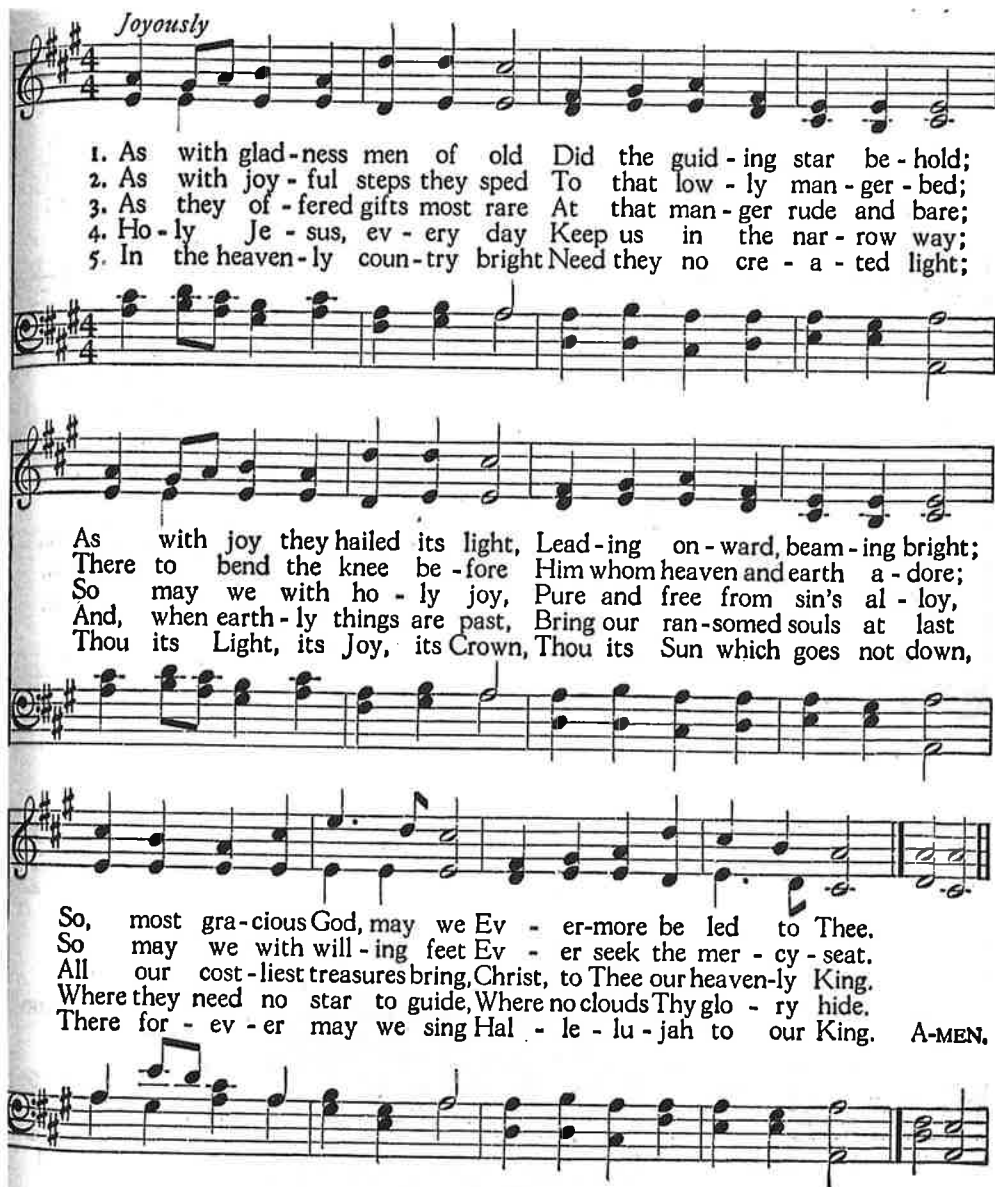
*Children's Message*

*Jingle Offering: Church Family in Need*



# Hymn

*Joyously*



1. As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
 2. As with joy-ful steps they sped To that low-ly man-ger-bed;  
 3. As they of-fered gifts most rare At that man-ger rude and bare;  
 4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day Keep us in the nar-row way;  
 5. In the heav-en-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-a-ted light;

As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
 There to bend the knee be-fore Him whom heav-en and earth a-dore;  
 So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,  
 And, when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last  
 Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown, Thou its Sun which goes not down,

So, most gra-cious God, may we Ev-er-more be led to Thee.  
 So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek the mer-cy-seat.  
 All our cost-liest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee our heav-en-ly King.  
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.  
 There for-ev-er may we sing Hal-le-lu-jah to our King. A-MEN.

# 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)*



...know that God goes with you.

*\*Sending Hymn*

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, Of Je - sus  
2. I love to tell the sto - ry—'tis pleas - ant to re - peat What seems, each  
3. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best Seem hun - ger-

and His glo - ry, of Je - sus and His love; I love to tell the  
time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet; I love to tell the  
ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest; And when in scenes of

sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true, It sat - is - fies my long-ings  
sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard The mes - sage of sal - va - tion  
glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry

*Refrain*  
as noth-ing else can do.  
from God's own ho - ly Word. I love to tell the sto - ry! 'Twill be my  
that I have loved so long.

theme in glo - ry— To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

*Silence for Meditation*

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

*Postlude*

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*Altar flowers* are presented by Sindy Bachman in memory of Susan Bowers.

*Bulletins* are presented by Ron Burkhart in honor of his grandchildren.

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*Assisting in Worship*

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|------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------|
| <i>Acolyte:</i>        | 10:00AM | Livia Kiwak                              |
| <i>Lectors:</i>        | 10:00AM | Karen Harle, Livia Kiwak<br>and Ben King |
| <i>Greeters/Ushers</i> | 10:00AM | Mike and Karen Harle                     |

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**Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Next Sunday, January 28, 2024 following worship**

**Important Notes:**

- **Year End Ministry Report.**
- **2023 Financial Report.**
- Presentation of motion for Congregational Consideration:  
**-to approve the SolveIT quote for \$11,807 to install wiring and hardware to upgrade the wireless internet at the church and fellowship hall. This would be paid from the Ray Bauder bequest funds.**



**Relay for Life of Kutztown and Eastern Berks**

**Event Date: May 18, 2024, 12 p.m. till 9 p.m.**  
At Bower's Park, Lyons

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**American Cancer Society Daffodil Days are here!**

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| Bunch of fresh-cut daffodils.....                    | \$12 |
| Daffodils vase.....                                  | \$5  |
| Pot of mini daffodils.....                           | \$15 |
| Bunch of gorgeous tulips.....                        | \$15 |
| Tulips vase.....                                     | \$10 |
| Gifts of Hope... (Delivered to local hospitals)..... | \$25 |

**Must order by 2/13/2024**

Delivery week will be 3/18/2024

Please Sign-up on the sheet in the narthex  
or call/email Ann Stump  
(610-824-7799 or mstarduster@aol.com)

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Another way to support Relay for Life is a Dine and Donate on Saturday, **January 27, 2024, 12:30-8 p.m.**  
**Spectators Bar and Grille**  
**45 Old Rt 22**  
**Kutztown Pa 19530**

15 percent of food sales (dine in or take out) will go to Relay for Life of Kutztown and Eastern Berks

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**Coming soon...  
Sandwich Sale!!!**

Mark your calendars for our popular **Sandwich Sale** on **Thursday, February 29th.**

