

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

- Mon. (4/15) 7:00PM Board Meeting
- Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
4/17 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport
4/20 (Bellemans' Month to Serve)
- Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**
4/21 10:00AM Worship Service
- Tue. (4/23) 5:00PM Oyster Patting at the Fellowship Hall
- Wed. 10:00AM Prayer time with Pastor Pat
4/24 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. (4/27) 3:00–6:00PM Oyster Supper Pick-up at the Hall
- Sun. Rogation/ Seed and Soil Sunday - Holy Communion**
4/28 9:00AM Sunday School
10:00AM Worship Service
- Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
5/1 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
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5/5 10:00AM Worship Service
- Wed. 10:00AM Prayer time with Pastor Pat
5/8 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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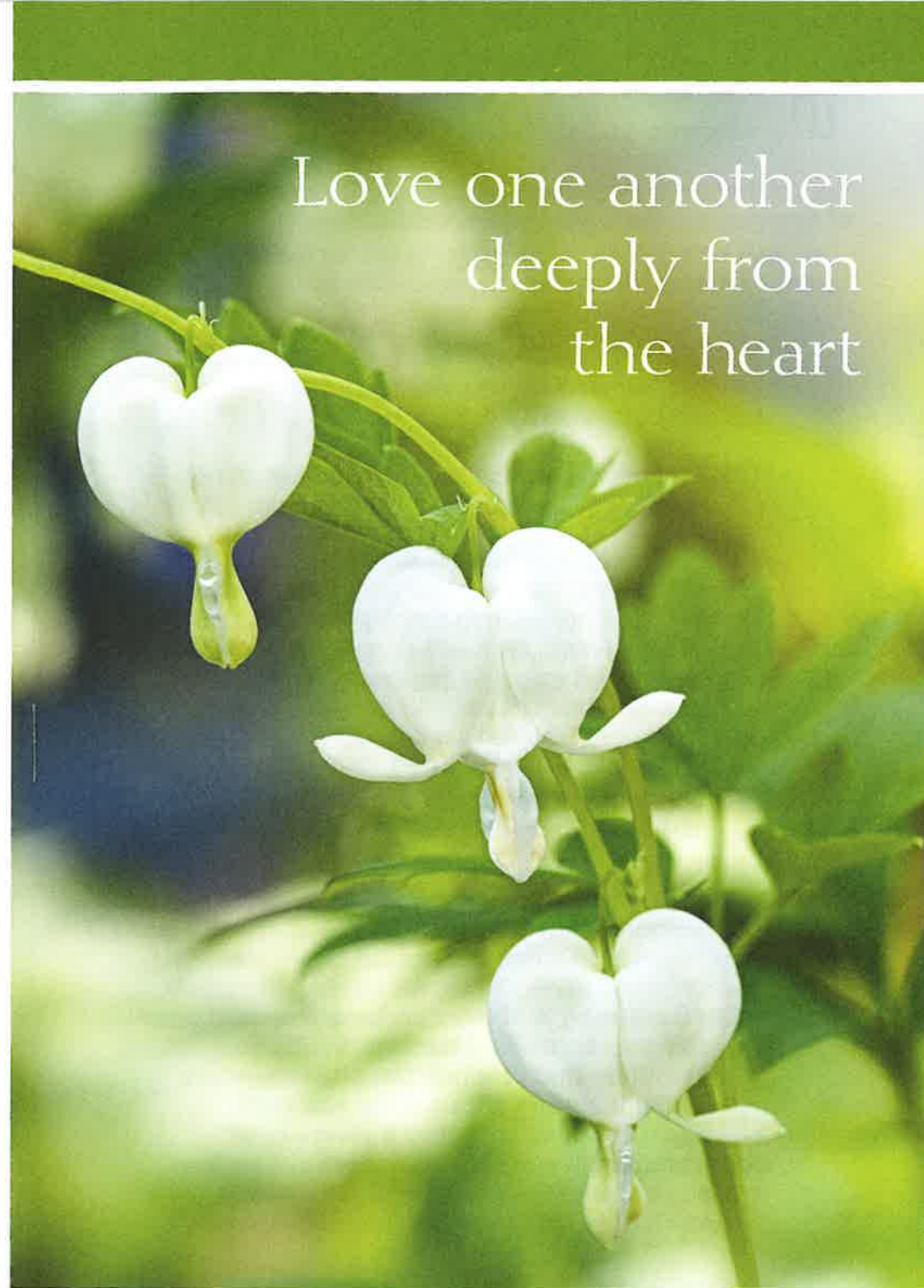
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We welcome you to Salem (Belleman's) Church.

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  
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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 of Easter

April 14, 2024

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

Welcome and Announcements

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*Prayers for Healing*

Bailey Unterkofler, Steve Lynn, 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, Jim Blatt,  
Kelly Kauffman, Rex Kissinger, Douglas Bausher, Leah Kopicz,  
Edith Cassaday, Payton Shaffer, Richard and June Dautrich,  
Mark Zipp, Steve Schaeffer, Ronnie Cline, Skip Rubright,  
Cal Bair, Miriam Mohn, Gloria Otto, Bill Stoner, Bob Batdorf,  
Barb and Tom Rhoads, Jim Runkel, Jim Smith, Nancy Quick,  
Debbie Anderson, Susan Heister

*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 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds In praise of love that  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, There - fore our heart with  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; Set heart and will on  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And with the heav'n - ly

still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 things a - bove That we con - quer through your tri - umph;  
 bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"

Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song  
 Now still he comes to give us life And by his pres -  
 Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day That by our lives  
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, To Spir - it blest,

of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 most ho - ly God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

**Amen.**

Let us pray:

God of glory, fill your church with the power of your resurrection. Breathe on us your peace. Open our eyes so that we might recognize you in our daily lives. Be present with us now as we worship you, in Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for our confession.  
(Time with God)

When we breathe threats and live harshly,  
**God forgive us.**

When we persecute you by harming others in thought word and deed,

**Jesus forgive us.**

When fear keeps us from proclaiming the truth,  
**Spirit, forgive us.**

When we go about our daily lives, forgetting that you are present with us.

**God forgive us. Loving God, raise us to new life in you. May we be witnesses to your awesome deeds in our lives. In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, hear and believe the word of God: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life." *John 3:16*

**We believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!**

The peace of the risen Lord be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*Share a sign of God's 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 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... Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life,  
and you adopt us to be your children. **Fill us with your words of  
life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your  
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever. Amen.**

*Proclaiming The Word*

*FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19*

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why  
do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our  
own power or piety we had made him walk?" <sup>13</sup>The God of Abra-  
ham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our an-  
cestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and  
rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to re-  
lease him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and  
asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author  
of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witness-  
es. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man  
strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Je-  
sus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.  
<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also  
your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through  
all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore,  
and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

*PSALM 4*

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> **How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?**

**How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?**

<sup>3</sup> But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;  
the LORD hears when I call to him.

<sup>4</sup> **When you are disturbed, do not sin;  
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.**

<sup>5</sup> Offer right sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> **There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!  
Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"**

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart  
more than when their grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup> **I will both lie down and sleep in peace;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.**

*SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7*

<sup>1</sup> See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called  
children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world  
does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are  
God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.  
What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him,  
for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him  
purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup> Everyone who commits  
sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that he  
was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No  
one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him  
or known him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone  
who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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. Luke, the 24th Chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: *Luke 24:36-48*

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."<sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.<sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"<sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."<sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.<sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"<sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish,<sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

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

*Children's Message*

*Jingle Offering: Relay For Life - Live Long and Prosper Team*

Hymn

1 I'm so glad, I'm so glad,  
2 Satan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me. Satan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trouble, When I was in trouble,

Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad,  
When I was in trouble, Satan had me bound,  
Je-sus lift-ed me, When I was in trouble,

sing-ing glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! Je-sus lift-ed me.

*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.**

*\*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*

May the God of grace who brought Christ from death to life fill you with joy and peace in believing.

*\*3-Fold Amen (Sung)*



**...know that God goes with you**

*\*Sending Hymn*



1. Hail the day that sees Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. There the glo - rious tri - umph waits: Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. Him though high - est heaven re - ceives, Al - le - lu - ia!



To His throne a - bove the skies! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Still He loves the earth He leaves; Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Though re - turn - ing to His throne, Al - le - lu - ia!



Re - as - cends His na - tive heaven. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Take the King of Glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Still He calls man - kind His own. Al - le - lu - ia! A-MEN.



*Silence for Meditation*

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

*Postlude*

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Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Burkhart's Anniversary presented by Ron Burkhart.

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*Assisting in Worship*

Acolyte: 10:00AM Livia Kiwak  
Lectors: 10:00AM Louise Elliott  
Greeters/Ushers 10:00AM Brynna Kiwak and Jessica Harle

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**Oyster Supper
Helpers needed!**

• Oyster Patting on

Tuesday, April 23

at 5 p.m.

• Helpers are needed at various other times throughout the week leading up to Oyster Day on April 27. There is a signup sheet in the narthex if you would like to signup to help out.

Thank you!



Special Request from Safe Berks

Safe Berks is currently in need of donations of Twin Sheets.
A box is in the narthex to drop off donations. Thank you!



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SV Food Pantry needs your help...mark your calendars!

Belleman's is the sponsoring church for the **April 20, 2024** distribution. **That means that we need your help at the food pantry that day.** Help will be needed from **8 a.m. till noon.**

There is a signup sheet in the narthex.  
Thank you in advance for your assistance!



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The **Spring Blood Drive** is scheduled for May 14 at the Fellowship Hall from 1-7 p.m. Donors are needed!

To schedule an appointment call
Miller-Keystone at 800-223-6667
or visit GIVEaPINT.org and use
Sponsor Code 3227.

COMMUNITY HOEDOWN

FEATURING CALLER

KEN SAUL

FRIDAY, MAY 10

BELLEMAN'S CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP HALL



FOOD AND HOMEMADE ICE CREAM

AT 5:30 P.M.

HOEDOWN 7-10 P.M.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT!

BEGINNERS WELCOME!

**WILL BE OUTDOORS WEATHER PERMITTING,
OTHERWISE INDOORS - RAIN OR SHINE
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR!**

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