Thank you for worshipping with us this day.

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

#### **Calendar of Events**

Mon. (3/3) 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting

Wed. 1:00PM Ash Wednesday Worship At Belleman's

3/5 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:00PM Ash Wednesday Worship At Epler's UCC

(1151 W Leesport Rd, Leesport, PA 19533)

Sun. Holy Communion

3/9 9:00AM Sunday School

9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group

(Chapter 27 – A New Identity, Matthew 5: 1-16)

10:00AM Worship Service

Sun. 3/9 - Sat. 3/15 Mission Trip to Ashville, North Carolina (Office Closed)

Wed. 12 Noon Lenten Lunch Worship at Lutheran 3/12

3/12 Church of the Holy Trinity

(102 Apple Street, Leesport PA 19533)

5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal

6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sat. 8:00AM-Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport

3/15 (Belleman's Month to serve)

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School

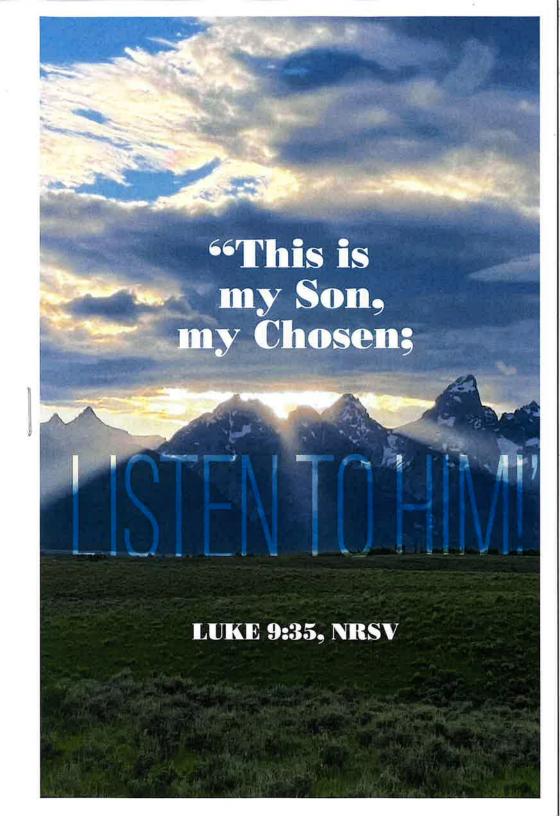
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(Chapter 28 – A New Path to Aliveness, Matthew 5: 17-48)

10:00AM Worship Service

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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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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.

## **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.

## Transfiguration Sunday

#### March 2, 2025

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by the Spirit of God.

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prayers for Healing

Missy and Brian Boyer, George Del Fierro, Karen Becker,
Oliver del Fierro Nater, Keith Gilmer, Kelly Kauffman,
Payton Shaffer, Mark Zipp, Nancy James, Ron Burkhart,
Richard and June Dautrich, Grace Hoffman, Maya Hein,
Lloyd and Ruth Barnett, Janet Weaver, Megan Snyder,
Bobbie Jo King, Charles Werley, Peggy Hartman,
Bridget Hoffert, Mike Hoffert, Nancy Rickert,
Dorothy Dougherty, Harold Sunday, Steve Rentschler,
Karen Himmelberger, Kelly Schoellkopf, Robert Eisenhower,
Robert Musselman, Craig Richards,
Family of Robin Campbell

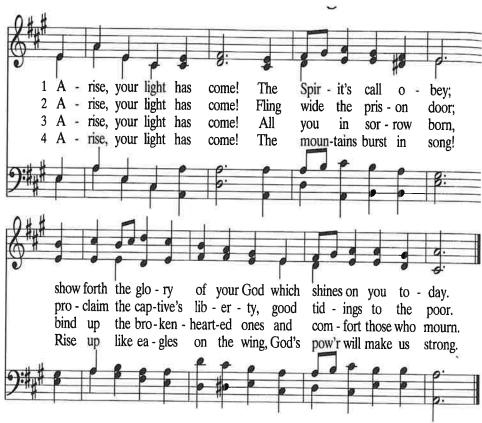
Note: Please know that not all hospitals notify the church when a parishioner has been admitted. Please make the office or Pastor Kevin aware if anyone from our Belleman's family has been hospitalized. Thank you!

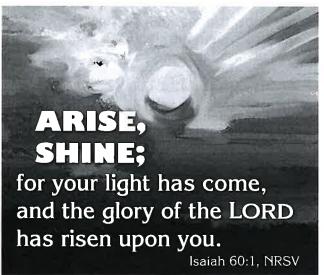
## <u>Military</u>

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.

## \* Please stand if you are able.

## \*Gathering Hymn





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

Amen.

Great is the Lord!

God is exalted among the nations.

Mighty is the Lord!

Our Lord is King of heaven and earth.

Holy is the Lord!

Our Creator and Redeemer is beyond our comprehension or understanding.

(Time with God)

Holy God;

Your presence in our lives is often hidden in the clouds of our sin. We want marvelous revelations from you and usually do not hear your still small voice. We desire mountain top experiences and forget that you are present in our daily lives. Forgive us and renew us, that our eyes might see the light of your salvation in our lives. In Jesus' name we ask this.

Amen.

In Jesus Christ, we are created in the newness of life. As you believe and repent, so you are forgiven of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, rejoice and be glad! In Christ we are forgiven of all our sins.

Amen. We will walk as children of light.

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! (Sharing hands/hugs are optional during the Flu season.)

## \*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.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, 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...

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

## Proclaiming The Word

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand. Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. 30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. 32 Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face: 34 but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, 35 the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

#### PSALM 99

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

<sup>2</sup> The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

<sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he!

<sup>4</sup> Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

<sup>5</sup> Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

<sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

<sup>7</sup> He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

<sup>8</sup> O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

<sup>9</sup> Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

#### SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:17 - 4:2

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of 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. Luke, the 9th Chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them;

and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

Children's Message - "Alleluia! Praise Ye the Lord!"

Jingle Offering: Blessing Bag Service Project

Hymn:



How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

## 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)

As they offered gifts most rare At thy cradle, rude and bare; So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

\*Pastoral Prayer

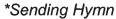
\*The Lord's Prayer

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

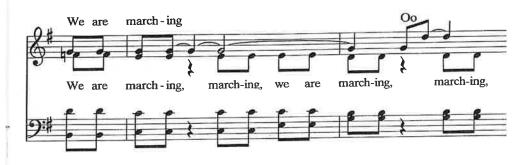
\*3-Fold Amen (Sung)

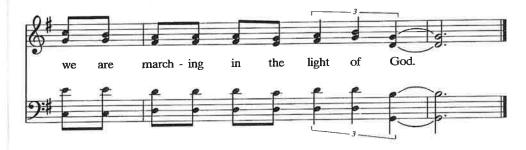
...know that God goes with you.











- 2. We are Dancing...
- 3. We are Praying...
- 4. We are Singing...

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

Postlude

#### Assisting in Worship

Acolyte: 10:00AM

Madison Weyandt

Lector:

10:00AM

Eileen Fruchtl

Greeters/Ushers

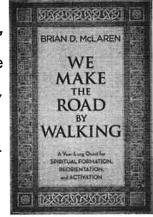
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Joe and Ben King

# Feeling the winter blues? Feeling low & sluggish in your faith journey?

Let's get started on A Year-Long Quest for SPIRITUAL FORMATION, REORIENTATION, and ACTIVATION

The Coffee Talk Adult Discussion group will be restarting NEXT WEEK, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am with Brian McLaren's book, *We Make the Road by Walking*. Anyone can participate in this guided study by engaging in weekly Bible readings, devotions & prayer. The Coffee Talk discussion on Sunday mornings is encouraged but not required. We will be connecting via online, virtual and live events throughout the year as we reorient our lives and reactivate



our faith journey. **Connect on Facebook by following** "**Belleman's Walkers**" See Eileen Fruchtl (in person or text 610-858-2053) for a book.

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

Belleman's is the sponsoring church for the March 15, 2025 distribution. That means that we need your help at the food pantry that day. Help will be needed from 8 a.m. till noon at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Leesport

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

# Belleman's Church day at the Pines

When: April 5, 2025, dinner at 12:30 p.m., show at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Pines Dinner Theatre (315 S. Cedar Crest Blvd, Allentown PA 18103)

We will plan to organize a car pool for anyone interested.

**Cost:** \$65 per person due to the Church Office

The show presented this day is titled Nunsense.



Contact the Church Office or sign up in the narthex to assure yourself a ticket!



#### Ash Wednesday is this week!

### **Now Two Worship Opportunities!**

We begin the season of Lent on "Ash Wednesday" with two worship services on <a href="March 5">March 5</a>. First, at 1:00 p.m. there will be a worship service at Belleman's Church (3540 Belleman's Church Rd, Mohrsville Pa 19533). Then, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a service at Epler's UCC (1151 W Leesport Rd, Leesport, PA 19533). The services include an opportunity to receive ashes on your forehead. Ashes are a sign of both our penitence and our mortality, allowing us to begin our Lenten journey in a spirit of humility.