

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

**Happening Today!** Apple Dumpling and Cheeseburger Soup  
pickup after worship. Limited extras are available.

Mon. 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall  
10/20 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal  
10/22 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 2:00-6:00PM Sandwich Sale Pickup at the Fellowship Hall  
10/23 (Helpers needed around 9 a.m.)

**Sun. Reformation Sunday**

**10/26 9:00AM Sunday School**

**9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**

(Chapter 8 – Rivalry or Reconciliation, Genesis 32:22-  
33:11, 50:15-21, Matthew 25: 31-40, Luke 10:25-37)

**10:00AM Worship Service**

Mon. 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall  
10/27

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal  
10/29 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

**Sun. All Saints Sunday/ Holy Communion**

**11/2 9:00AM Sunday School**

**9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**

(Chapter 9 – Freedom!, Exodus 1:1-14, 3:1-15,  
John 8: 1-11, Galatians 5:1, 13-15)

**10:00AM Worship Service**

*Daylight Savings Time Ends*

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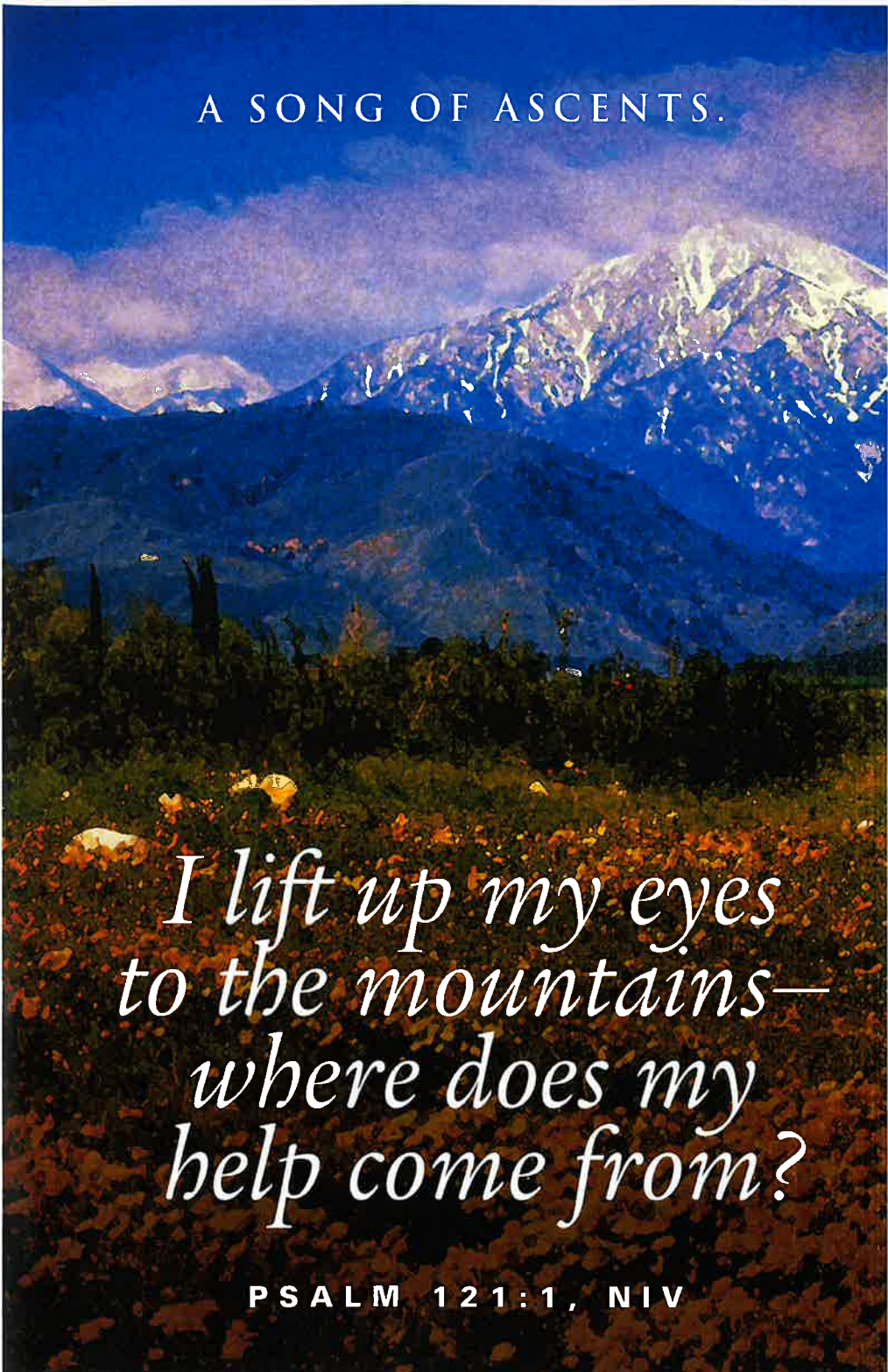
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A SONG OF ASCENTS.



*I lift up my eyes
to the mountains—
where does my
help come from?*

PSALM 121:1, NIV

We 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. Kevin Fruchtl, 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](http://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.**

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is the encouragement of the Christ of the gospel today. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

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Prelude

*Welcome and Announcements*

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Prayers for Healing

Mark Zipp, Lloyd and Ruth Barnett, Riley Rejniak,
Peggy Hartman, Maya Hein, Dorothy Dougherty,
Kelly Schoellkopf, Richard Hartman, Matthew Machmer,
Lucas Batchelor and Family, Richard Bausher, Sarah Rhoads,
Bonnie Flickinger, Charlie Miller, Robert Elliott, Livia Kiwak,
Janet Machmer, Tamara Boyhont, Angela Boyer,
Rich and Oralee Folk, Jaclyn Kunkle, Robert Reppert

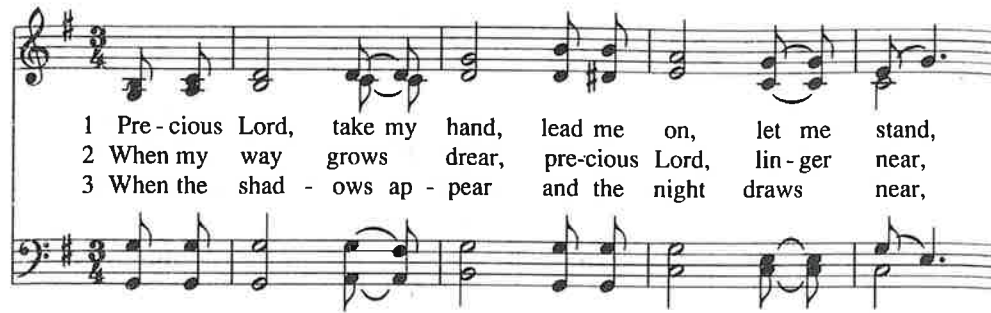
Note: Please know that not all hospitals notify the church when a parishioner has been admitted. Please make the office or Pastor Kevin aware if anyone from our Bellemans's family has been hospitalized. Thank you!

Military

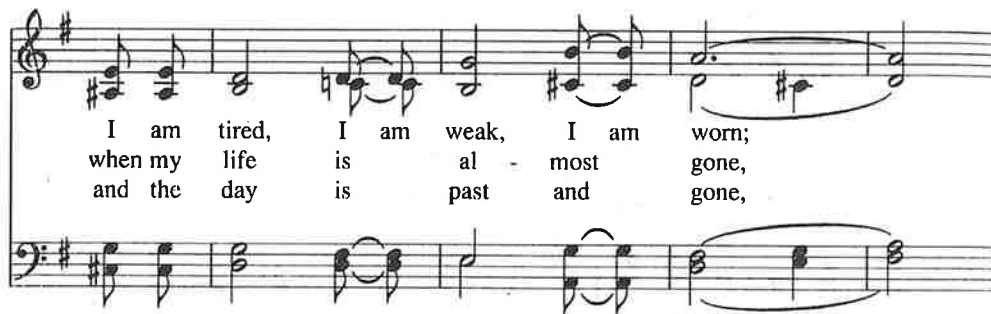
Alfred Cross, Bradley Hoppes, John R. Wesner,
Phillip Spatz, Cydney Lawrence, CWO2 Josh Linderman,
Andrew Cichowicz, J. Michael Fluck, David Peterman,
MSgt Kevin Mohn, Nathan P. Stump, Andrew D. Potts,
Anthony Butt, Alex Hoffman, Dakotah Dailey,
SSgt. Matthew Wurster, Dustin Spatz and all men and
women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

** Please stand if you are able.*

***Gathering Hymn**



1 Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near,
3 When the shad-ows ap-pear and the night draws near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
when my life is al-most gone,
and the day is past and gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:
At the riv-er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

***Call to Worship**

Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.

Thanks be to God for God's mighty wonders.

Like the image of the powerful wind, God's majesty is revealed in all creation.

We look around us at the wonders and marvel and the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.

Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

We are God's beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for the world. Amen.

***Call to Confession**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Faithful God, when our prayers are absent, speak to us and return our attention to you. When our prayers and attitudes are self-serving, humble us and bring us back to compassionate and caring ways. God of faith and God of glory, give us confidence when our faith falters. Empower us with your Spirit, that we may pray with confidence and faith and courage all the days of our lives.

***Acknowledgment of God's Forgiveness**

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised.

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!
(The sharing of hands/hugs are optional.)*

**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, tireless guardian of your people,
**You are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day
and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring jus-
tice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Sav-
ior and Lord. Amen.**

Proclaiming The Word

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your

name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

PSALM 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
² **My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**
³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴ **He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**
⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
⁶ **The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
⁸ **The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent

whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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 18th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Jingle Offering: US Disaster Relief

Hymn

1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
2 Dark . . . mid - night was my cry, dark . . . mid - night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,

in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain
Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.

You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

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.**

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)

*Sending Hymn

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, Lord, send Your Spir-it

in this place; Lord, lis-ten to Your chil-dren pray - ing,

1 (optional) D.C. Final

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. grace!

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

Postlude

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### Assisting in Worship

Lector:

Louise Elliott

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Mission Trip Opportunities 2026!

Mission Trip to North Carolina

When: March 1-7, 2026

Where: Asheville, NC/Black Mountain, NC

Reason: To help with recovery from Hurricane Helene. This trip is once a gain being coordinated through the Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders and is the same location Belleman's served in March 2025.

Cost: \$60 deposit per person, other costs of the trip are covered by Mission Trip Sandwich Sale profits.

How to help: Please sign-up in the narthex so you can be notified when we will meet as a team to firm up details.



Summer 2026 Mission Trip

When: June/July 2026

Where: To be Announced

Reason: This summertime trip gives an opportunity for youth to participate in a mission trip. The date and location will be set at a later date based on interest and the ages of those serving.

Cost: \$60 deposit per person, other costs of the trip are covered by Mission Trip Sandwich Sale profits.

How to help: Please sign-up in the narthex so we can judge interest in this trip opportunity. You will be notified when we will meet as a team to firm up details.

Please contact James in the church office if you have any questions. Also, feel free to talk to any past mission team members to see what it's like to go on a Mission Trip!



Remember to pick-up your Sandwiches!!

Thursday, October 23.

Pick-up is from 2-6 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. As always, options are Italian, Ham/Cheese and Turkey/Provolone.



Price for each 10 inch hoagie is \$8.00.

The proceeds from this sale will go to assist a family in need.

Thanks for your support of this project!

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### RELAY FOR LIFE OF **Kutztown**

Upcoming fundraiser:  
**Bosco's Friends Helping Friends**

**On Wednesday, October 22, 2025 from 8am-11pm**

Purchase a shopping pass for \$5 and save 25% off purchases that day. **If you would like a shopping pass contact: Ann Stump at 610-926-3416.**

**Thank you for your support.**

**Ann and Mark Stump, Relay for Life of Kutztown  
Live Long and Prosper**

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It's Flea Market Time!

The upcoming collection dates are Monday, **October 20 and 27** from 6-7:30PM.

If you need a different time, call Linda Henne. **Do not bring items and leave them by the door.** Questions about items to bring, call Linda (610-926-4506).

Help is needed on collection evenings to assist in unloading cars, unpacking boxes, sorting, arranging and pricing. All help is welcome whether a person comes every night or just one night. See you there!

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Belleman's Church  
**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

in the Fellowship Hall  
3730 Belleman's Church Road  
Mohrsville, PA 19541



**FRIDAY**

November 7, 2025  
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

November 8, 2025  
8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**  
**Home Made Foods Served**  
**Soups, BBQ, Chicken Pot Pie**  
**Platter, Sandwiches & more**  
**Pastries, Candy, Crafts, Raffle,**  
**Quilt**

**FLEA MARKET**



*Blue Mountain  
Heritage Chorus*

*Presents*

**A Traditional  
Christmas Concert**



**Salem Bellemans Church**  
3540 Bellemans Church Rd.  
Doors open at 1:30 PM  
Concert starts at 2:00 PM



**Sunday, November 30, 2025**

*Refreshments Following Program  
A free will offering will be taken.*

Director: Catherine S. Zimmerman  
Accompanist: Sara Jackson

For additional information contact:  
Carol Kissinger 484-671-2567

