

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!      Holy Communion/Scout Sunday** Congregational Meeting after Worship

Mon. 6:30PM March Mission Trip Meeting  
2/2 7:00PM Summer Mission Trip Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal  
2/4 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

**Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**

**2/8 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**  
(Chapter 24 – Jesus and Hell,  
Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 16:19-31; Matthew 25:31-40)

**10:00AM Worship Service**

Congregational Vote  
Community Outreach Meeting after Worship

Tue. 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting  
2/10 6:30PM Fundraising Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal  
2/11 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Thu. (2/12) Sandwich Orders due to Karen Harle

**Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School**

**2/15 9:00AM Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**  
(Chapter 25 – Jesus, Violence, and Power,  
Isaiah 42:1-9, 53:1-12; Matthew 16:13-17:9)

**10:00AM Worship Service**

Endowment Committee Meeting after Worship

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#### Acknowledgements:

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Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.

For the  
message  
about the  
cross ... is  
the power  
of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18, NRSV



**W**e 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.*

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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.**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Scout Sunday**

**February 1, 2026**

*Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, mourners, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peace-makers. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Prayers for Healing**

Mark Zipp, Peggy Hartman, Maya Hein, Dorothy Dougherty, Kelly Schoellkopf, Richard Hartman, Lucas Batchelor and Family, Richard Bausher, Livia Kiwak, Rich and Oralee Folk, Sindy Bachman, Ruth Van Pelt, Robert Elliott, Ron Miller, Shirley Felix, Arlene Gilmer, Mathew Machmer, Family of Chuck Randazzo

**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!**

### **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***

\*Gathering Hymn

1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, In love and  
2 You sent your Son to die for all, That our lost  
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: To feel for  
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, Since Je - sus

mer - cy in - fi - nite, Teach us, as ev - er  
world might hear your call; Oh, hear us lest we  
those his blood has bought, That ev - 'ry deed and  
Christ for all has died; Grant us the will, and

in your sight, To live our lives in you.  
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
word and thought May work a work for you.  
grace pro - vide To love them all in you.

\*Call to Worship

Jesus, Teacher, your teaching surprises us!  
**Not the world's wisdom, but God's.**  
You move us with sorrow for the sorrow of the world  
**And make us strong through our tears.**  
You offer us humility to admit our failures  
**And plant seeds of hope in the ashes.**  
You make us hungry for justice  
**And give us food that lasts.**  
You invite us to practice what we preach  
**And offer joy in that challenge.**  
You support us in standing firm for truth, even when it costs  
**And promise the truth will make us free.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

The world's wisdom surrounds us:  
**Look after number one...** (pause after each response...)  
**Get them before they get you...**  
**Better be safe than sorry...**  
**What's someone else's problems got to do with me...?**  
**Only the strong survive...**  
**Money makes the world go 'round...**  
**Revenge is sweet...**  
**Avoid pain at all costs...**  
May God forgive us when we, as Christ's own people, believe  
these words to be life-giving when Jesus has shown us a better  
way.

\*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)

**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... Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure of heart.

**Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Proclaiming The Word*

**FIRST READING: Micah 6:6-8**

<sup>6</sup> With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? <sup>8</sup> He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

**PSALM 15**

LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?

**The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;**

Whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others;

**Who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the LORD; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;**

Who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things, and the things that are not, to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God, that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

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 5th Chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain-side and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them.

He said:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

*Children's Message*

*Jingle Offering: Opportunity House*

Hymn

1. Blest are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God;  
2. The Lord, who left the heavens Our life and peace to bring,  
3. He to the low - ly soul Doth still Him - self im - part;  
4. Lord, we Thy pres - ence seek; May ours this bless - ing be;  
The se - ret of the Lord is theirs; Their soul is Christ's a - bode,  
To dwell in low - li - ness with men Their pat - tern and their King;  
And for His dwell-ing and His throne Choos-eth the pure in heart;  
Give us a pure and low - ly heart, A tem - ple meet for Thee. A-MEN.

**Blessed**  
to Be a  
**Blessing**

## Sermon

### *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*

## *HOLY COMMUNION*

### *\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION*

Luke the evangelist wrote of our risen Savior, who at the table with two of the disciples took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

**In company with all believers, in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know Christ in the breaking of the bread.**

### **\*COMMUNION PRAYER**

**God be with you.**

**And also with you.**

**Lift up your hearts.**

**We lift them to God.**

**Let us give thanks to God most High.**

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We join with every creature in heaven and on earth, every creature under the earth and in the sea, to sing your praises. You created all that is, bringing forth goodness and new life. You are at work in our world still, transforming lives, healing brokenness, comforting those who mourn. Your people were not always faithful. They followed their own desires, lashing out in anger, forgetting those in need. You sent prophets to call them back to your paths, reminding them of your love, and telling them to care for one another. You were always faithful, for you loved your people. And so, we join all creation as we sing praise to you:

*(Sung)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

You gave us Jesus to walk with us and to show us your love. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and taught us your ways. He showed us the abundance of your love and reminded us to share it with others. On the night before his death, Jesus gathered with his followers, telling them to love one another. He shared a meal with them, taking bread, blessing it, breaking it, and giving it to them, saying, "This is my very being. When you eat this, remember that I am with you." He took the cup, blessed it, and gave it, saying, "This is the cup of forgiveness, poured out in abundance for you and for all people. As you drink this, remember that I am with you."

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Consecrate by your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and cup, and bless us that as we receive them at this table we may offer to You our faith and our praise, we may be united with Jesus Christ and with each other, and we may remain faithful to you O God for the rest of our lives.

**\*BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE WINE**

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

**\*INVITATION**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. All things are ready.

*(Sung)* Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
 Have mercy on us. Lamb of God,  
 You take away the sin of the world;  
 Have mercy on us. Lamb of God  
 You take away the sin of the world;  
 Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

*Sharing of the Elements*

*All are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.*

*Holy Communion will be offered at the Pew.*

*(Grape juice is provided in the center of the trays)*  
*(Ask the ushers for Gluten-free options)*

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of your son Jesus Christ.  
 Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen!

**\*The Benediction**

**\*3-Fold Amen (Sung)**

**\*Sending Hymn**

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

*Postlude*

Assisting in Worship

Lector: Scouts

Communion Assistants Today (Pew Communion)

Ushers: Eric Weyandt, Maura Wesner, Roxanne McMurtry,  
Diane Rothenberger, Sam Stump

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

Bunch of fresh-cut daffodils.....	\$15
Pot of mini daffodils.....	\$20
Bunch of tulips.....	\$15
Gifts of Hope...(Delivered to local hospitals).....	\$25

**Must order by 2/17/2026**

Delivery week will be 3/23/2026

Please Sign-up on the sheet in the narthex  
or call/email Mark or Ann Stump  
(610-926-3416 or [mstarduster@aol.com](mailto:mstarduster@aol.com))

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***It's Sandwich time again!!!***

Mark your calendars for our popular **Sandwich Sale on Thursday, February 19** which will be to benefit mission work locally and afar. The 10" (ham, Italian or turkey) sandwiches are \$8.00 & can be picked up at the Fellowship Hall from 2:00 to 6:00PM.

Contact Karen Harle (484-256-5705) to place your orders.

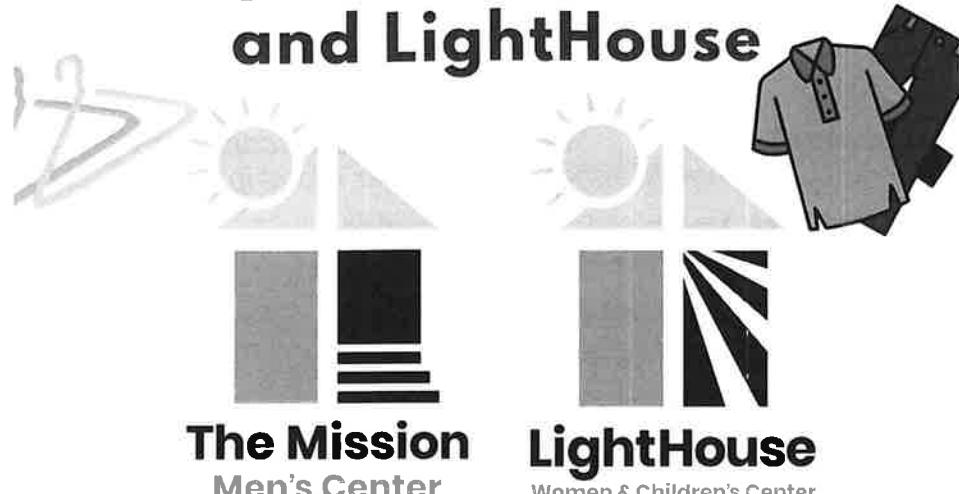
There is also a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.

Help will be needed on the 19th to make the sandwiches. The Mission Team is grateful to all who are able to lend a hand.

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# Hope Rescue Mission and LightHouse



## Clothing Collection

Collections will be from now until February 15.  
Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex.  
Thank you in advance for your participation in this drive.

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### Support your favorite team and the SV Food Pantry!

Sunday, February 8 (Super Bowl), bring a food item(s) for the SV Food Pantry to support the team you think will win.

**Let's see if Belleman's can pick the Super Bowl winner!**