

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!

#### *Father's Day*

**Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
6/28**

Mon. (6/29) 7:00PM Board Meeting

**Sun. Holy Communion -  
7/5 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary**

**Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
7/12**

Sat. (7/18) 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport

**Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service in the Grove  
7/19**

**Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
7/26**

**Mon. (7/27) - Thur. (7/30) 6-8 p.m. Vacation Bible School  
"Rainforest Falls"**

Fri. (7/31) Reading Phillies Game

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#### Acknowledgements:

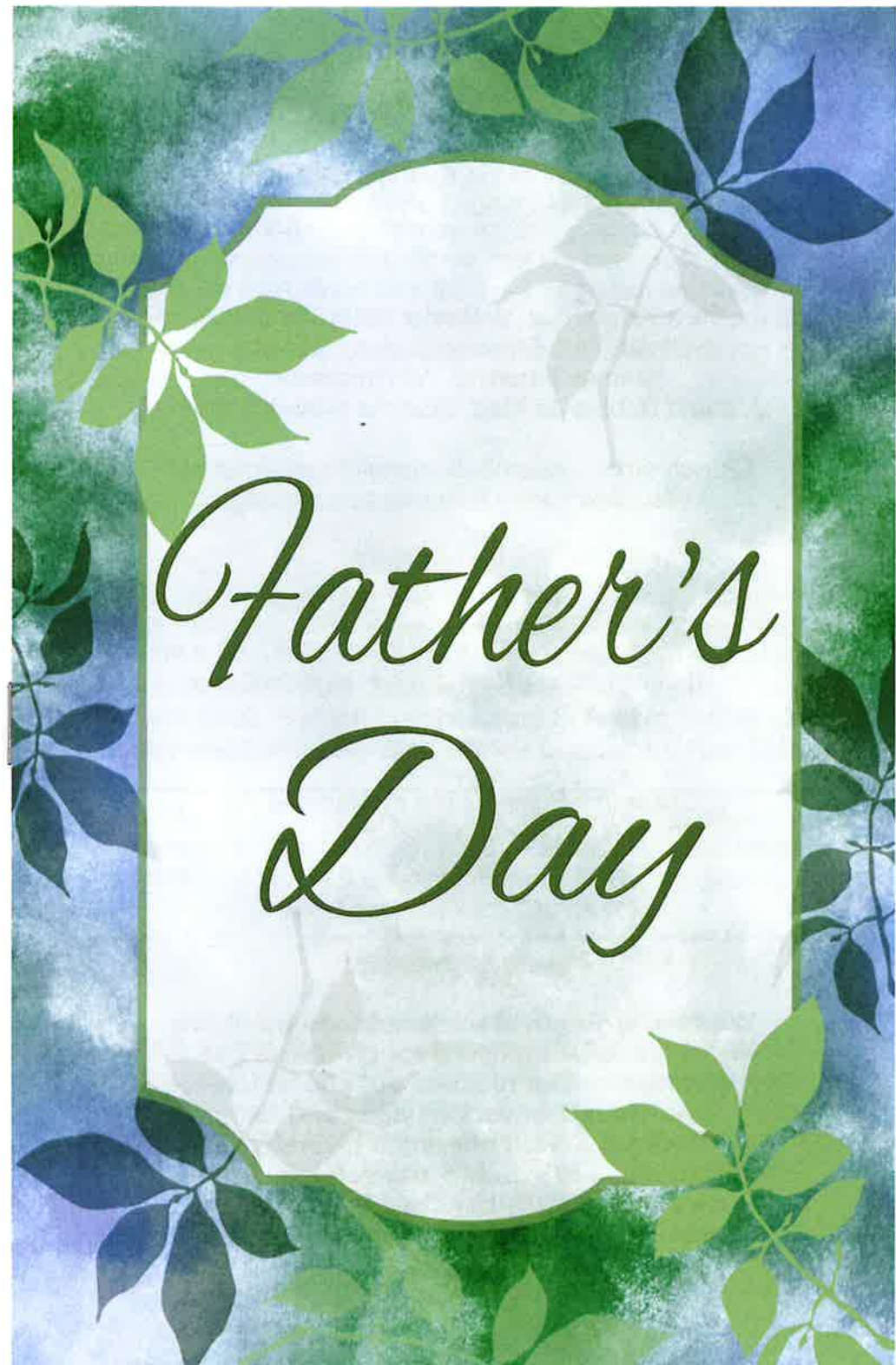
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**W**e welcome you to Salem (Belleman's) Church.

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.  
Summer Sunday Worship Time is at 9:00 a.m.

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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 Pentecost*

*Father's Day*

*June 21, 2026*

*Jeremiah knew the frustration of having his words rejected. Jesus declares that his words may not bring peace, but division. In baptism we are buried with Christ that we may walk in newness of life. As we take stands for the sake of justice and lose our lives for the sake of others, we need not be afraid. The hairs of our head are counted. In baptism we are marked with the cross of Christ forever.*

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*Welcome and Announcements*

*Prayers for Healing*

Mark Zipp, Peggy Hartman, Maya Hein, Dorothy Dougherty, Richard Hartman, Richard Bausher, Livia Kiwak, Sindy Bachman, Shirley Felix, Mathew Machmer, Xavier Shaffer, Larry Blatt, Brenda Anderson, Joe Barton Sr., John Geib, Donna Rueppel, Robert Elliott, Batdorf Family, Laura Schoeller, Deb Steffey, Lester and Gloria Gambler, Dennis Linderman, Rick Phillips

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, Dakota Dailey, MAJ Michael Kufro, SSgt. Matthew Wurster, Dustin Spatz and all men and women serving our country.

*Prelude*

*\*Gathering Hymn*

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my list-'ning ears  
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world- The birds their car-ols raise;  
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world- O let me ne'er for - get

All na- ture sings, and round me rings The mu- sic of the spheres.  
 The morn- ing light, the lil- y white, De- clare their Mak-er's praise.  
 That tho the wrong seems oft so strong God is the Rul- er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world! I rest me in the thought Of  
 This is my Fa-ther's world! He shines in all that's fair; In the  
 This is my Fa-ther's world! The bat- tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas- His hand the won- ders wrought.  
 rus- tling grass I hear Him pass- He speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
 sus who died shall be sat- is- fied, And earth and heav'n be one.

*\*Call to Worship*

Incline your ear, O God.

**Hear the praises of your people.**

Gladden the hearts of your servants, as we lift up our souls to you.

**For you, O God, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.**

In the day of trouble we call on you, knowing you will answer.

**Your people everywhere glorify your name.**

For you are slow to anger, and abound in steadfast love.

**Turn to us and be gracious.**

*\* Call to Confession*

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious and Loving God, lead us in ways that lead to life. Free us to love as completely as you love. Help us find our worth, not by lifting ourselves above others, but by accepting that we belong to you. May our fulfillment be found, not in what we hold onto, but in what we freely give in your name. Free us, dear God, to live without fear, following wherever your Spirit leads. In the spirit of Christ's compassion, we pray. Amen.**

*\*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 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...

**Thank you, Loving Spirit, for the warmth of summer and  
for your invitation to embrace abundant life. Your promise  
of resurrection allows past troubles to die, as we rise with  
you to new life. Inspire us to follow your lead, even when it  
requires us to bear a cross of sacrifice in your name. May  
our love for you be complete, as we share words and acts  
of compassion with a world that yearns for your peace.  
Amen.**

*Proclaiming The Word - Read by Michael Holcombe*

*SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 6:1-11*

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup>By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup>Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead

through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— <sup>7</sup>because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*RESPONSIVE READNG: PSALM 69:7-18*

<sup>7</sup> For I endure scorn for your sake, and shame covers my face.

<sup>8</sup> **I am a foreigner to my own family, a stranger to my own mother's children;**

<sup>9</sup> for zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.

<sup>10</sup> **When I weep and fast, I must endure scorn;**

<sup>11</sup> when I put on sackcloth, people make sport of me.

<sup>12</sup> **Those who sit at the gate mock me, and I am the song of the drunkards.**

<sup>13</sup> But I pray to you, LORD, in the time of your favor; in your great love, O God, answer me with your sure salvation.

<sup>14</sup> **Rescue me from the mire, do not let me sink; deliver me from those who hate me, from the deep waters.**

<sup>15</sup> Do not let the floodwaters engulf me or the depths swallow me up or the pit close its mouth over me.

<sup>16</sup> **Answer me, LORD, out of the goodness of your love; in your great mercy turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup> Do not hide your face from your servant; answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.

<sup>18</sup> **Come near and rescue me; deliver me because of my foes.**

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 10th Chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: *Matthew 10:24-39*

"The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household! <sup>26</sup> "So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. <sup>28</sup> Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. <sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup> "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—<sup>36</sup> a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.' <sup>37</sup> "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup> Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

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

*Children's Message*

*Jingle Offering: Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders*

Hymn

1. Our thanks, O God, for fa - thers Who fol - low in Thy way,  
2. Our thanks, O God, for fa - thers Who show, by word and deed,  
3. Our thanks, O God, for fa - thers Who meet Thee oft in prayer,  
4. How bless - ed are the chil - dren Who in their fa - thers see

And who, with glad and trust - ing hearts, Ex - alt Thee ev - 'ry day.  
Com - mit - ment to Thy will and plan, And Thy com - mand - ments heed.  
And who, for all life's toil and care, Find strength and wis - dom there.  
The ten - der Fa - ther - love of God, And find their way to Thee.



Sermon

\*A New Creed—United Church of Canada

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

Offering

Offertory Selection

\*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

1. Faith of our fa-thers, liv- ing still In spite of dun-geon, fire and sword.  
2. Our fa-thers, chained in pris-ons dark, Were still in heart and con-science free;  
3. Faith of our fa- thers, we will love Both friend and foe in all our strife;

O how our hearts beat high with joy When-e'er we hear that glo-ri-ous word!  
How sweet would be their chil-dren's fate If they, like them, could die for thee!  
And preach thee too, as love knows how, By kind-ly words and vir-tuous life.

Faith of our fa-thers, ho-ly faith, We will be true to thee till death!

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

Postlude



**Honoring our 2026 Graduates!**  
**Sunday, June 28 worship 9:00 a.m.**  
**Please let the office know of any graduates to be honored during this service!**  
**Congratulations graduates!**