

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. (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  
7/26 the Sanctuary**

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

Fri. (7/31) Reading Phillies Game

#### "Belleman's Night at the Reading Phillies"

**Date:** Friday, July 31, 2026

**Gametime:** 7:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$12 each

Please, signup in the narthex or contact James in the church office with any questions.



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#### Acknowledgements:

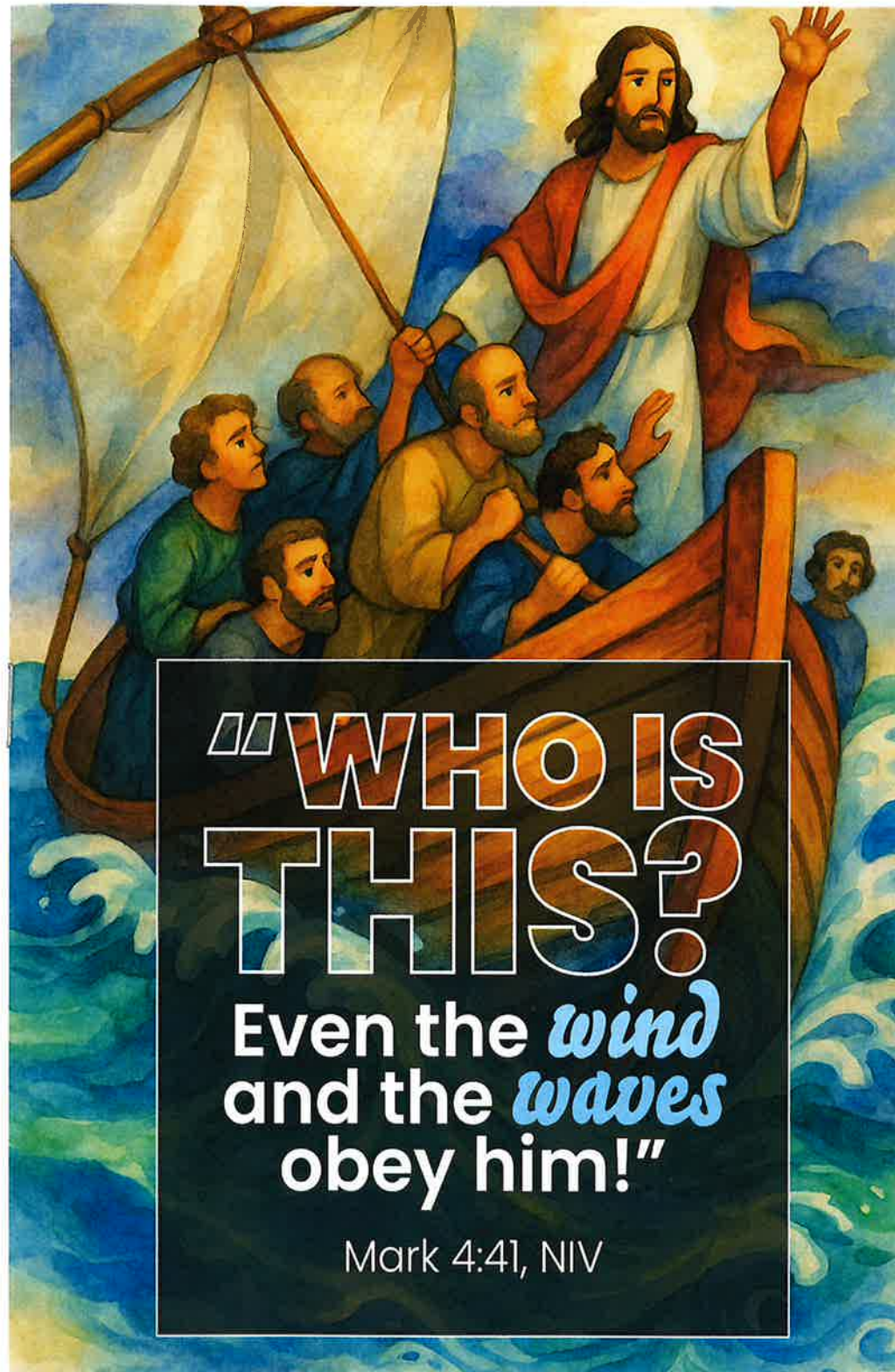
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**W**e welcome you to Salem (Belleman's) Church.

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.**

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

*June 28, 2026*

*The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From the worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.*

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

*Prelude*

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

*\*Gathering Hymn*

**Light of the World, You stepped down into  
darkness**

**Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You**

**So, here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me**

**King of all days, oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the Earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor**

**And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
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*\*Call to Worship*

In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

**What have we to fear?**

In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

**Of whom shall we be afraid?**

Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

**Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us. Amen.**

*\* Call to Confession*

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today. We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger and wonder how we can still those waves. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where you are. Forgive us for the littleness of our faith. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place out trust in you, Lord Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us. For we ask these things in Jesus' name. 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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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...

**Lord, we have come this day, seeking your presence and healing love. Be with us as we hear the words of hope and compassion. Give us courage to learn and grow that we might serve you faithfully all of our days. Amen.**

*Proclaiming The Word - Read by Linda Henne*

*SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 6:12-23*

<sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup> Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. <sup>15</sup> What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to

someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey, whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. <sup>18</sup> You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. <sup>21</sup> What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18*

<sup>1</sup> I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

<sup>2</sup> **I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

<sup>3</sup> You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant,

<sup>4</sup> **'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.'**"

<sup>15</sup> Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, LORD.

<sup>16</sup> **They rejoice in your name all day long; they celebrate your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup> For you are their glory and strength, and by your favor you exalt our horn.

<sup>18</sup> **Indeed, our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*The Holy Gospel*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th Chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 4: 35-41

<sup>35</sup> That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." <sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. <sup>37</sup> A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup> Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" <sup>39</sup> He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" <sup>41</sup> They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

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

*Children's Message*

*Jingle Offering: Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders*



Hymn

(Introduction) G G7 Unison C Em Am Dm

1 God of the spar - row God of the whale  
 2 God of the earth-quake God of the storm  
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross  
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick  
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe  
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand

G7 C FM7 E7 Am Em

God of the swirl - ing stars How does the crea-ture say  
 God of the trum - pet blast How does the crea-ture cry  
 God of the emp - ty grave How does the crea-ture say  
 God of the prod - i - gal How does the crea-ture say  
 God of the prun - ing hook How does the crea-ture say  
 God of the lov - ing heart How do your chil-dren say

FM7 Em7 Am Dm 1-5 Gsus4 G C 6

Awe How does the crea-ture say Praise  
 Woe How does the crea-ture cry Save  
 Grace How does the crea-ture say Thanks  
 Care How does the crea-ture say Life  
 Love How does the crea-ture say Peace  
 Joy How do your chil-dren say Home.

*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*

*\*Sending Hymn*

**I sing the mighty power of God  
that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad,  
and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at God's command,  
and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of our God  
that filled the earth with food;  
God formed the creatures with a word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Oh, how your wonders are displayed,  
where'er I turn my eye:  
If I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky!**

**On earth there's not a plant or flower  
but makes your glories known.  
The clouds arise and spread their showers  
by order from your throne.  
All life is but a gift from you  
and ever in your care;  
Wherever people gather, you,  
O God, are present there.**

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

*Postlude*