

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. 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall  
10/19 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal  
10/21 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 2:00-6:00PM Sandwich Sale Pickup at the Fellowship Hall  
10/22 (Helpers needed around 9 a.m.)

**Sun. Reformation Sunday**

**10/25 9:00AM Sunday School**

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

(Proverbs: Learning to Live Wisely, Chapter 6: Good Words  
Proverbs 10:19; 15:23; 16:24; 17:10; 24:26; 25: 11-12 )

**10:00AM Worship Service**

Mon. (10/26) 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items accepted at the Hall

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal  
10/28 6:30PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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

**11/1 9:00AM Sunday School**

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

(Proverbs: Learning to Live Wisely, Chapter 7: The Sluggard  
Proverbs 6:6-8; 13:4; 15:19; 22:13; 24:30-34; 26:14-16)

**10:00AM Worship Service**

*Daylight Savings Time Ends*

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The Lutheran book of Worship—Augsburg Publishing, 1978

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Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.

"Why are you putting me to the test?"



MATTHEW 22:18, NRSV

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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Rev. Kevin Fruchtl, Pastor (610-334-5130)  
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.bellemanschurh.org](http://www.bellemanschurh.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.**

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

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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,  
Mathew Machmer, Xavier Shaffer, Larry Blatt, Joe Barton Sr.,  
Laura Schoeller, Rick Phillips, Shirley Felix, Arlene Hoffert,  
Jean Smith, Dottie Cowan, Arlene Gilmer,  
Rev. Martin Milne, Kelsey Weyandt, Ron Miller, Joe Perzel

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 - "God of Wonders"*

*Full music arrangements for this piece are available in the narthex.*

**Lord of all creation, Of water, earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle, Glory to the Lord  
on high**

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth**

**Early in the morning I will celebrate the light  
And when I stumble in the darkness I will call Your  
name by night**

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth**

**Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
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**God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
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*\*Call to Worship*

Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens, God is the Lord of all life.

**In God we live and move and have our being.**

God requires our faithfulness and our service.

**We reach out to others with the same kind of love with which God has touched our lives.**

Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

**Let us praise God who walks daily by our side.**

*\* Call to Confession*

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of grace, though you are always present, you often feel distant. Our minds seek to limit your reality to things we can understand. Expand our imaginations, that we may see your kindness and grace at work in the world around us. When our work becomes a burden and our struggles seem pointless, save us from despair. Remind us to ground ourselves in faith and to reach out with hope and love, as we seek to live in your ways. 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... **God, you are wrapped in mystery beyond human  
comprehension. Open our hearts to your presence as we seek  
your truth within the words we are about to hear. Amen.**

*Proclaiming The Word - Read by Eileen Fruchtl*

*FIRST READING: FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7*

<sup>1</sup> "This is what the LORD says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: <sup>2</sup> I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. <sup>3</sup> I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. <sup>4</sup> For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me. <sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, <sup>6</sup> so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup> I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.

*PSALM 96:1-13*

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> **Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.**

<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

<sup>4</sup> **For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.**

<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup> **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>8</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.**

<sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup> **Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.**

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

<sup>12</sup> **Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.**

<sup>13</sup> Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

*SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. <sup>2</sup> We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. <sup>3</sup> We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> You

became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. <sup>7</sup> And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup> The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, <sup>9</sup> for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### *\*The Holy Gospel*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd Chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: *Matthew 22:15-22*

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. <sup>16</sup> They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. <sup>17</sup> Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?" <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, <sup>20</sup> and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" <sup>21</sup> "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." <sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

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

### *Children's Message*

*Jingle Offering:* Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry

### Hymn

*In His hand is the life of every creature. Job 12:10*

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| 1. He's got the | whole       | world        | in His hands, | He's got the  |
| 2. He's got the | wind        | and the rain | in His hands, | He's got the  |
| 3. He's got the | ti - ny     | lit - tle    | ba - by       | in His hands, |
| 4. He's got     | you and me, | broth - er,  | in His hands, | He's got      |

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| you and me, | sis - ter,   | in His hands, | He's got      | you and me,  |

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| rain        | in His hands, | He's got the | whole world in His hands. |
| ba - by     | in His hands, | He's got the | whole world in His hands. |
| broth - er, | in His hands, | He's got the | whole world in His hands. |

## Sermon

### \*The Apostles' Creed

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

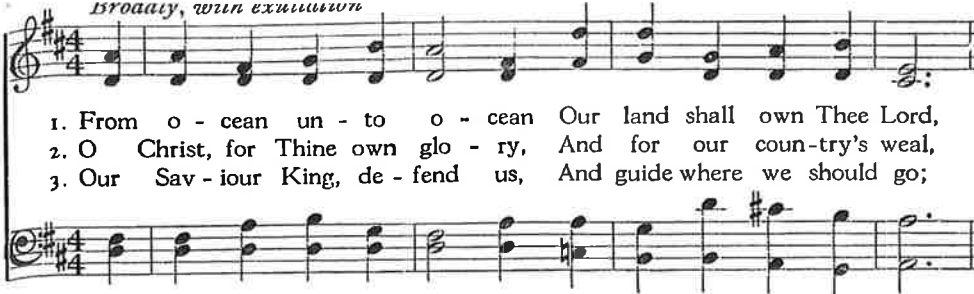
### \*The Lord's Prayer

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.

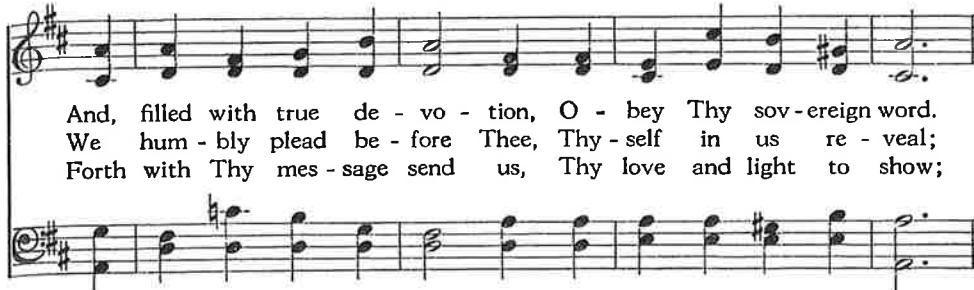
### \*The Benediction

## \*Sending Hymn

*Broadly, with exultation*



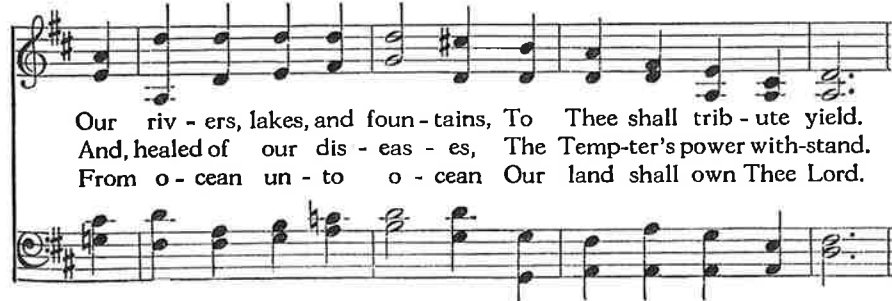
1. From o - cean un - to o - cean Our land shall own Thee Lord,  
2. O Christ, for Thine own glo - ry, And for our coun-try's weal,  
3. Our Sav - iour King, de - fend us, And guide where we should go;



And, filled with true de - vo - tion, O - bey Thy sov - ereign word.  
We hum - bly plead be - fore Thee, Thy - self in us re - veal;  
Forth with Thy mes - sage send us, Thy love and light to show;



Our prai - ries and our moun - tains, For - est and fer - tile field,  
And may we know, Lord Je - sus, The touch of Thy dear hand;  
Till, fired with true de - vo - tion, En - kin - dled by Thy word,



Our riv - ers, lakes, and foun - tains, To Thee shall trib - ute yield.  
And, healed of our dis - eas - es, The Temp - ter's power with - stand.  
From o - cean un - to o - cean Our land shall own Thee Lord.

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

Postlude

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Assisting in Worship

Acolyte: Rylan Gilmer

Greeter: Millie Dietrich and Layne Weyandt

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### Can you help?

Have too many **new or used dish rags or drying towels** at your house? Our Hall kitchen would be happy for them. Give to anyone in Fundraising and they will get to the right place. Thank you in advance for your help!



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Please keep in mind.... **Belleman's ongoing program** in support of the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry. Non-perishable donations may be dropped off in the Narthex and will be delivered to the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry on a monthly basis.

Canned Fruit is currently in need.

Thank You for your participation!

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### It is Sandwich Sale time!

Could you eat one?

Date of the sale will be:  
**Thursday, October 22.**

**Pick-up is from 2-6 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall.**

Call 484-256-5705 to order.

**Please call in orders by October 15!**

As always, options are Italian,  
Ham/Cheese and Turkey/Provolone.  
**Price for each 10 inch hoagie is \$8.00.**

**Thanks for your support of this project!**



## Mission Trip Opportunities 2027!

### Mission Trip to West Virginia

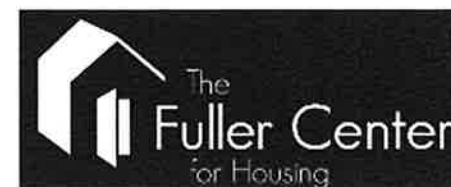
**When:** March 14-20, 2027

**Where:** Weston, West Virginia

**Reason:** To help with recovery from July Flooding. This trip is once again being coordinated through the Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders.

**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 2027 Mission Trip to Kentucky

**When:** August 1-7, 2027

**Where:** St. Vincent Mission in David, Kentucky

**Reason:** This summertime trip gives an opportunity for youth to participate in a mission trip. Youth 13 and older are allowed on job sites but youth of any age are welcome and can help around the mission.

**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.



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!

Belleman's Church  
**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

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



**FRIDAY**  
**November 6, 2026**  
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



**SATURDAY**  
**November 7, 2026**  
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**



**Collections continue Monday evening**  
**for the Bazaar Flea Market!**

The remaining collection dates are Monday, **October 19**  
**and 26** 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 unload-  
ing cars, unpacking boxes, sorting, arranging and pricing. All  
help is welcome whether a person comes every night or just one  
night. See you there!

**Relay for Life - Fundraiser**

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Shopping Pass

Shopping Pass cost is \$5 for the 25% off

Pass is good for Wednesday, October 21, 2026  
from 8 a.m. till 11 p.m.

Contact: Mark or Ann Stump @ 610-926-3416 or  
mstarduster@aol.com



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026 - SHOP 8AM - 11PM**

**25% OFF\***  
LOWEST SALE PRICES  
**SHOPPING PASS**

Enjoy 25% off\* your purchase in-store or online. Not valid with other discounts or  
promotions. Present this pass at checkout to receive your discount.

Valid Wednesday, October 21, 2026 only.

**\$5 DONATION PER PASS**