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!
Operation Christmas Child Packing Party after worship

Mon. (11/16) 7:00PM Board Meeting

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
11/18 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sat. (11/21) 8:00–Noon SV Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

Sun. Thanksgiving Sunday/Christ the King Sunday
11/22 9:00AM Sunday School
***9:00AM* Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**
10:00AM Worship

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
11/25 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Thur. (11/26) Thanksgiving Day

Sun. First Sunday of Advent
11/29 9:00AM Sunday School
***9:00AM* Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**
10:00AM Worship
2 p.m. Blue Mountain Heritage Chorus Christmas Concert

Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
12/2 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sun. Holy Communion
12/6 9:00AM Sunday School
***9:00AM* Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**
10:00AM Worship

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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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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-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 15, 2026

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread and win—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

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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, Kelsey Weyandt, Ron Miller, Aaron Hartzel, Sigoda Family

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!

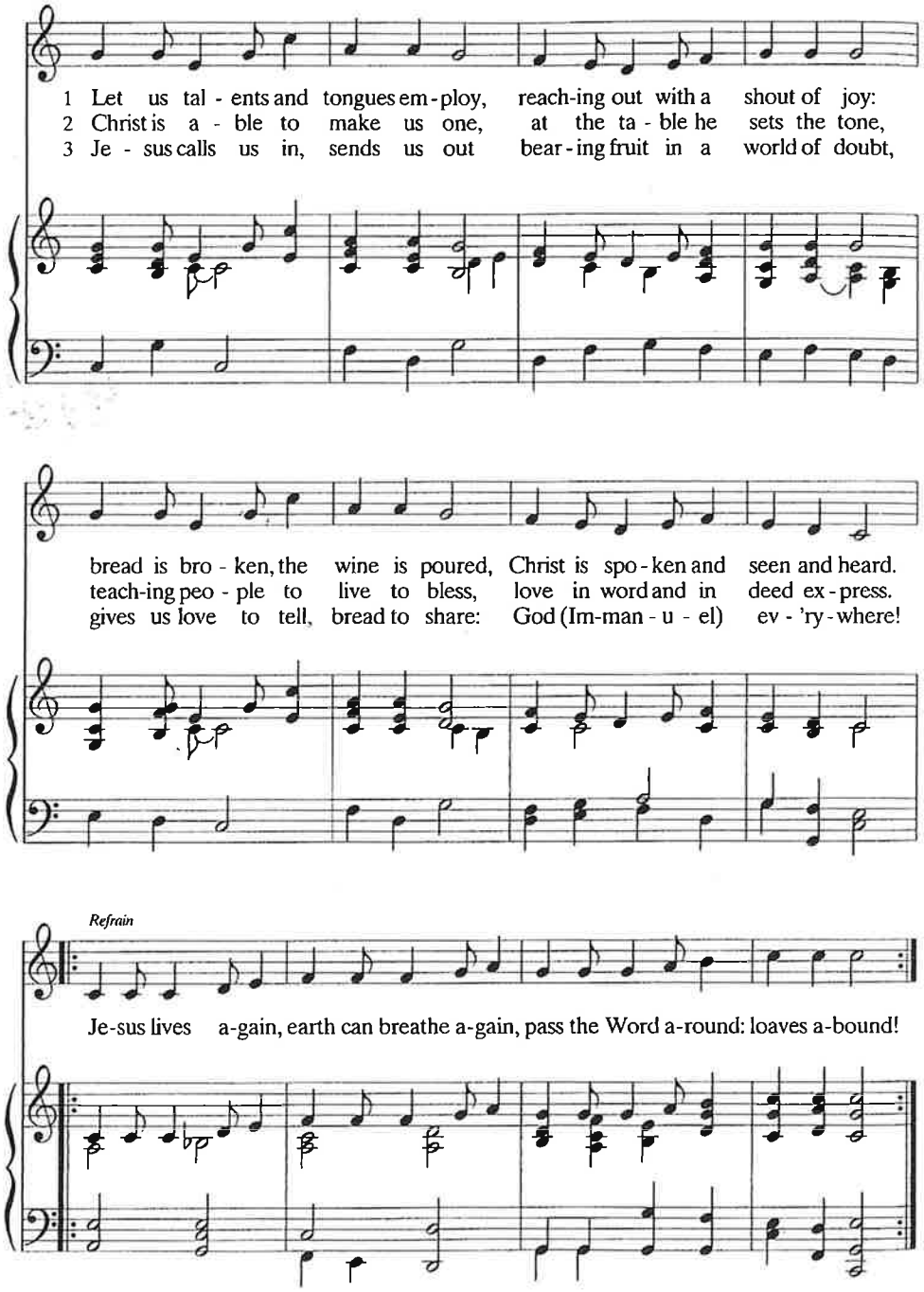
Military

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*



**Call to Worship*

The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. Amen.

** Call to Confession*

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess that life is hard. We don't always make the best choices, and all too often we realize the options before us are lacking. We are overwhelmed with the enormity of the world's problems. Sometimes, we turn away completely. Bitterness and resentment are easy guides. Help us seek wisdom and clarity, compassion and presence, hope and peace over shallow victories, material gain, and violence of the mind, body, or spirit. Bless us to be peacemakers, hope sharers, and love spreaders in the world for our neighbors and for your glory. 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.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
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…
Generous God, you pour your Spirit into us. You bless us with your love. In your presence, there is fullness of joy, comfort for those in despair, and peace in the midst of chaos and confusion. You do not abandon us in time of need or of celebration. We turn toward you now seeking to receive your message, to give you honor, and to commune in your presence. Make yourself known among us, O God, make yourself known to us. Amen.

Proclaiming The Word - Read by Kellen and Miller Cammauf

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not
need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that the day of the
Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are say-
ing, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them sudden-
ly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not es-
cape. 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so

that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5 You are all children
of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night
or to the darkness. 6 So then, let us not be like others, who are
asleep, but let us be awake and sober. 7 For those who sleep,
sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But
since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and
love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 9 For
God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether
we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. 11 There-
fore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in
fact you are doing.

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 90:1-12

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.
2 **Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**
3 You turn people back to dust,
saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."
4 **A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.**
5 Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—
they are like the new grass of the morning:
6 **In the morning it springs up new,**
but by evening it is dry and withered.
7 We are consumed by your anger
and terrified by your indignation.
8 **You have set our iniquities before you,**
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
9 All our days pass away under your wrath;
we finish our years with a moan.
10 **Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.**
11 If only we knew the power of your anger!
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.
12 **Teach us to number our days,**
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30
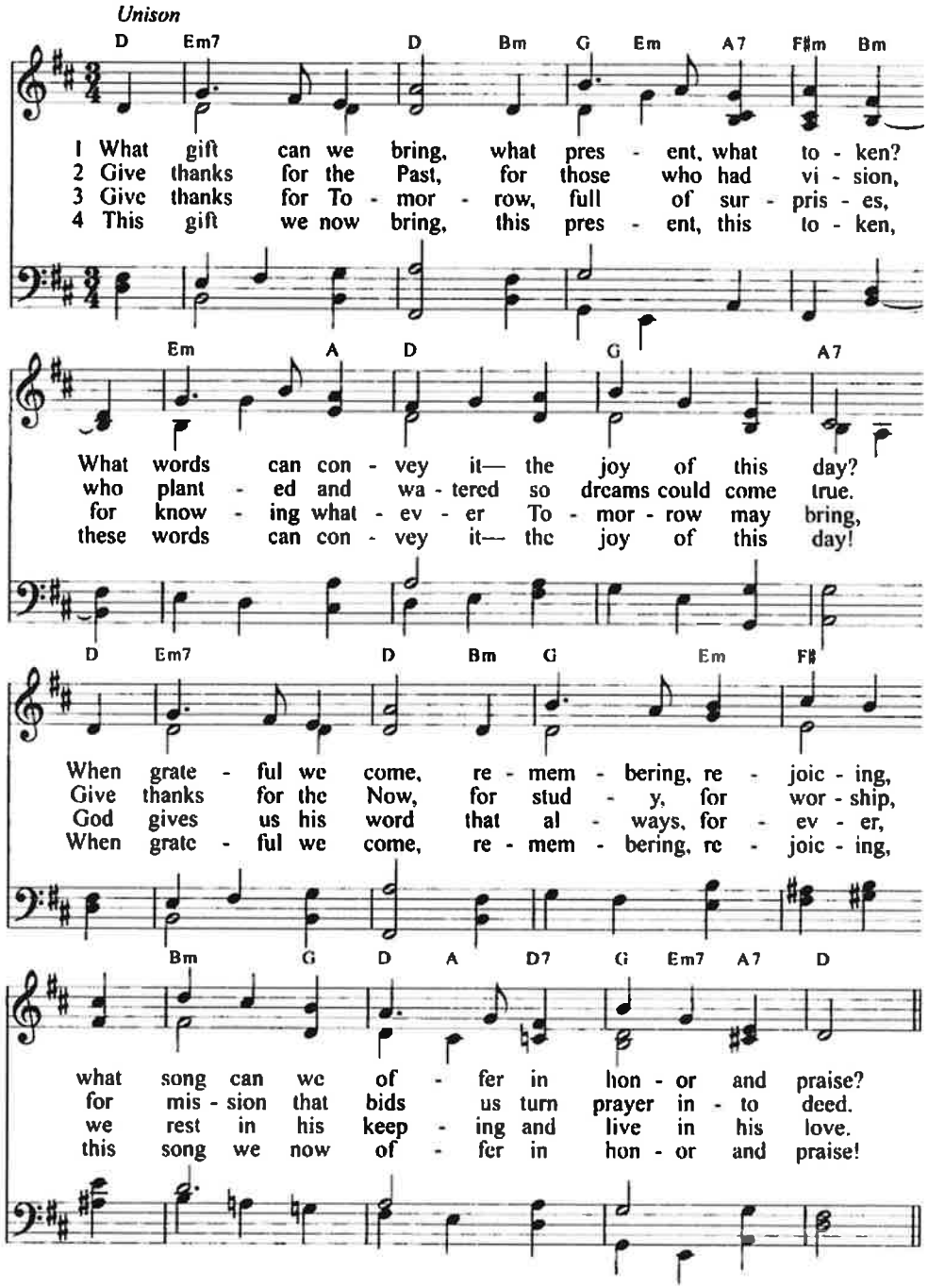
14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves
and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to
another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then
he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off
at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the
same way, the one who had the two talents made two more tal-
ents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and
dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long
time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with
them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came for-
ward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over
to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master
said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been
trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two tal-
ents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me
two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said
to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been
trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received
the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you
were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering
where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and
hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But
his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you,
that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scat-
ter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bank-
ers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with
interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with
the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and
they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing,
even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless
slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weep-
ing and gnashing of teeth.'

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

Children's Message

8 *Jingle Offering*: Operation Christmas Child

Hymn



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)*

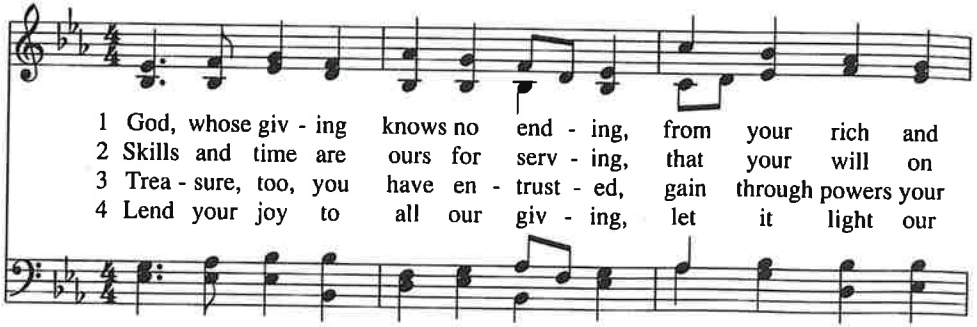
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
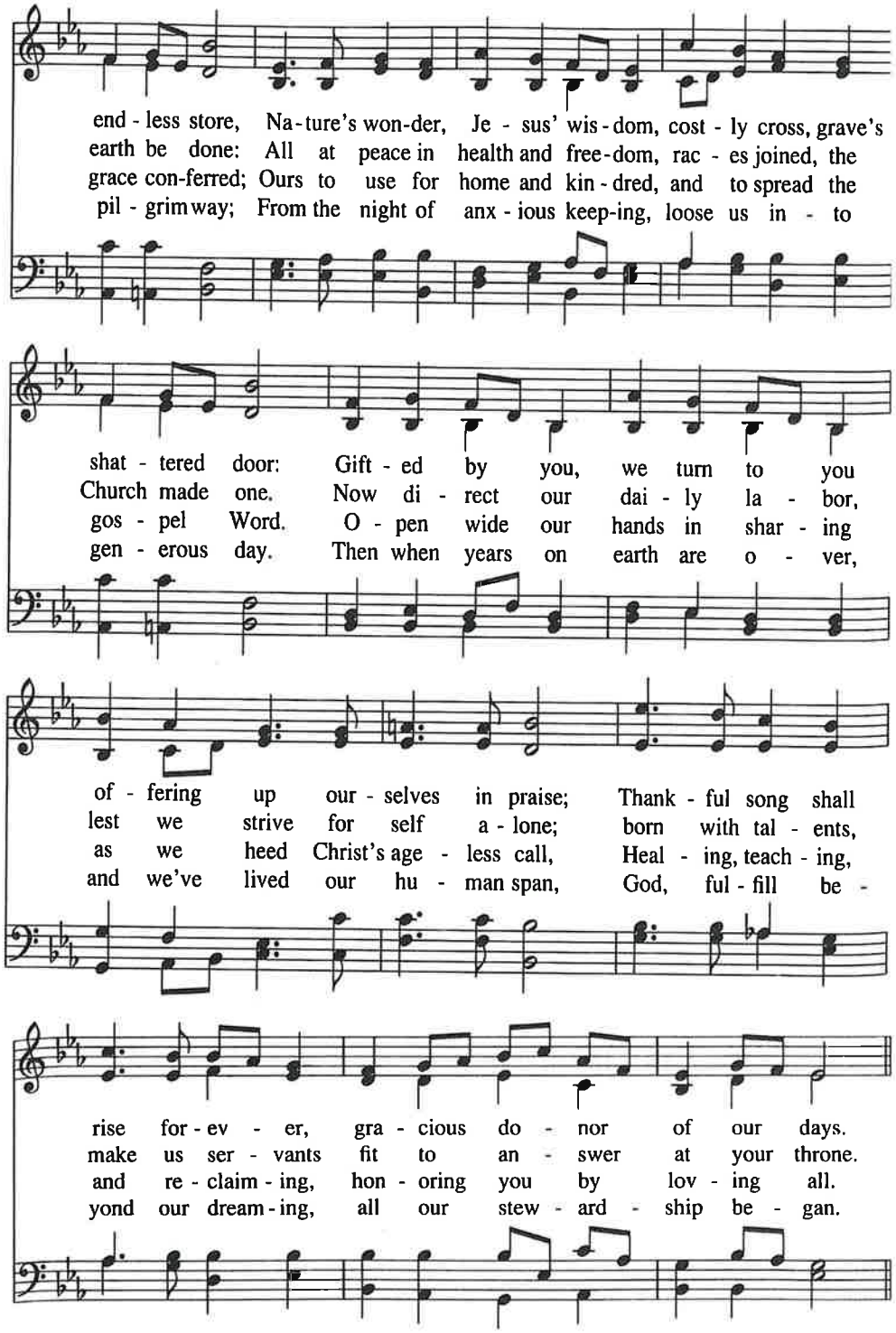
Pastoral Prayer

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*





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

Postlude

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Assisting in Worship
Acolyte: Tyler McMurtry
Greeter: Olive Weyandt and Millie Dietrich

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Church Leadership Positions open starting 2027

The Council/Consistory are seeking your help to fill the following leadership positions for 2027:

- **Joint Board (meets monthly)**
- **Lutheran Council (meets 1-2 times per year)**
- **UCC Consistory (meets 1-2 times per year)**

If you'd like to be considered for any of these positions, please contact James in the office. Thank you!

Relay for Life - Applebee's Fundraiser

Burgers for a Cause Coupons

Preorder by 11/19/2026

Delivery after 12/15/2026 (Great stocking stuffer!)

$10 per coupon to have a Burger Meal off Applebee's menu.

Signup sheet in vestibule or Contact Ann or Mark Stump @ 610-926-3416 or mstarduster@aol.com

RELAY FOR LIFE OF Kutztown Applebee's

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The Angel Tree is Here!!!
Please take an Angel, purchase the gift and place it in a gift bag and bring it back to church by November 29. Again this year the gifts will go to Safe Berks. Thank You.



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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.
Please take a leaf during the month of November and bring the item on the leaf for the pantry to add to the display.

Lets stock the pantry!

Thank You for your participation!

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Cemetery Logs and Wreaths

Troop 154 will have wreaths and logs available again this year for placement on cemetery graves. We can also place them on Belleman's (Fairview) Cemetery for you. Selections are listed below.

CHRISTMAS WREATHES – NEW ITEMS!!

Large Decoration Planter	_____	@ $24.00	_____
6" X 10" Cemetery Log with Live Greens & Velvet Bow.....	_____	@ $18.00	_____
6" X 18" Cemetery Log with Live Greens & Velvet Bow.....	_____	@ $24.00	_____
18" Live Greens Wreath w/ Velvet Bow by Potts Nurseries.....	_____	@ $18.00	_____
24" Live Greens Wreath w/ Velvet Bow by Potts Nurseries.....	_____	@ $24.00	_____
Stands (At Cost): _____ 18" wreath	_____ 24" wreath	@ $4.00	_____

Call Larry Henne for additional information, 610-926-4506

Mission Trip Opportunities 2027!

Mission News

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.

The Fuller Center for Housing

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.

ST VINCENT MISSION.ORG
DAVID, KENTUCKY

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!

BLUE MOUNTAIN HERITAGE CHORUS

*Catherine Zimmerman - Director *Sara Jackson - Accompanist

Presents

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29 2:00 P.M.

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