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

Wed. No Choir Rehearsals
11/25

Angel Tree Gifts are due back next Sunday.

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

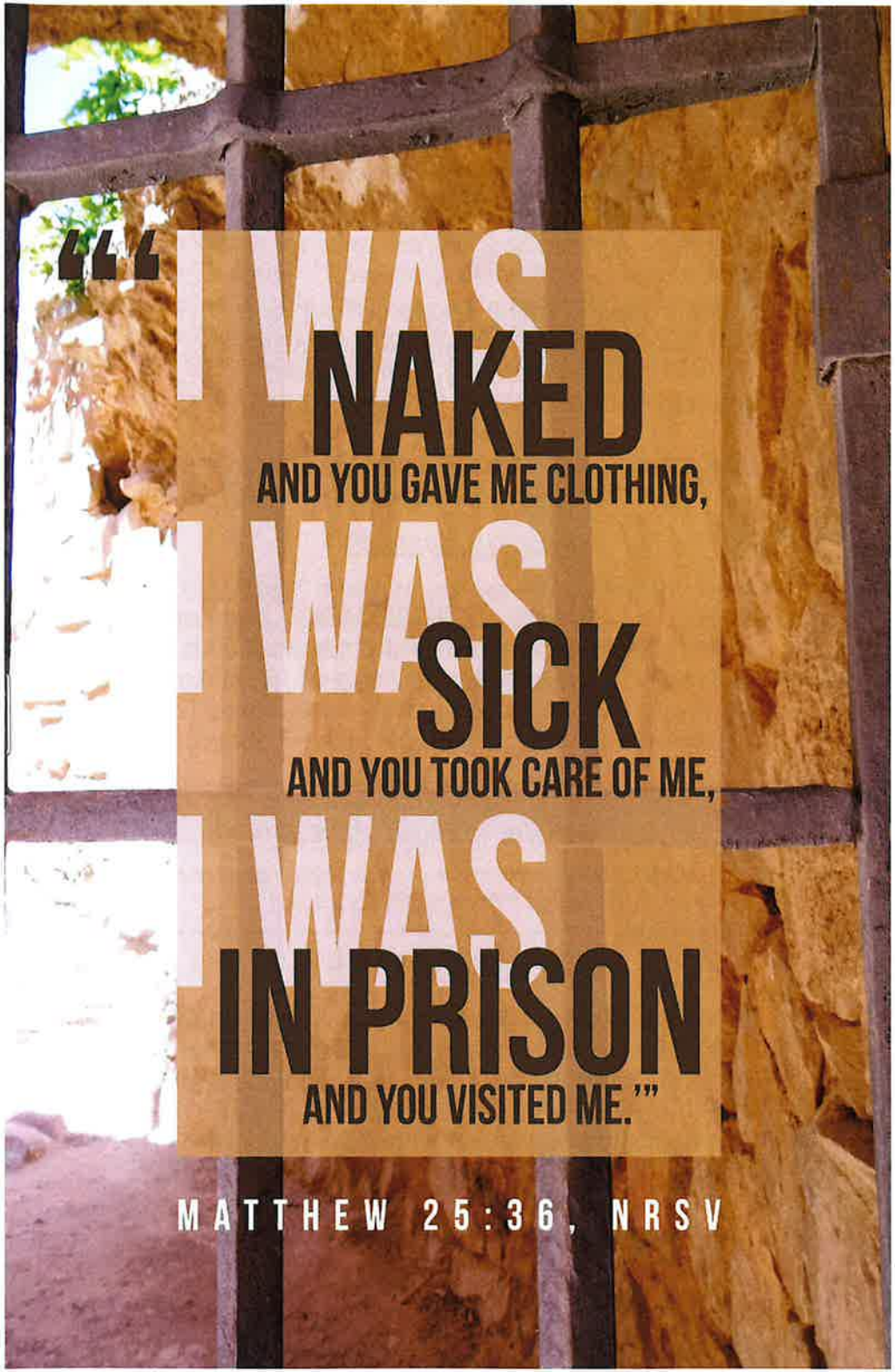
Wed. 5:30PM Hand bell Rehearsal
12/9 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School
12/13 9:00AM **Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**
10:00AM Worship *with Kids Christmas Program*
Congregational Meeting following Worship
5:30PM Old Church Christmas Celebration

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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
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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.

Christ the King *Thanksgiving Sunday*

November 22, 2026

At harvest time we join the psalmist in offering thanksgiving to God: "You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty." We are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God's creation. Paul reminds us that our thanksgiving overflows into generosity. As the body of Christ in the world, we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

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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, Xavier Shaffer, Larry Blatt, Joe Barton Sr., Laura Schoeller, Rick Phillips, Shirley Felix, Jean Smith, Dottie Cowan, Arlene Gilmer, Kelsey Weyandt, Ron Miller, Aaron Hartzel, Sigoda Family, Ray Boyer, Larry Zimmerman

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!

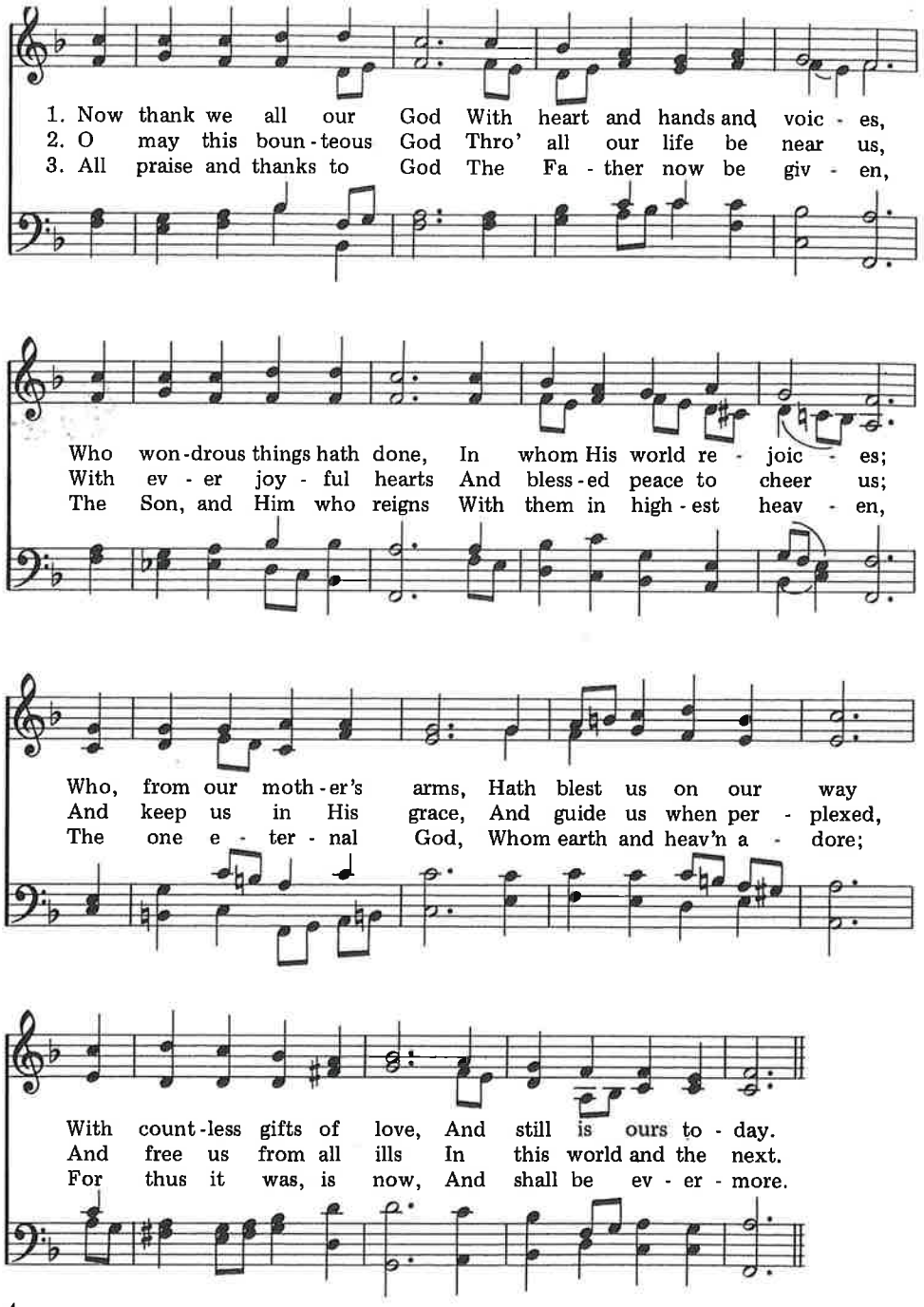
Military

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*

Make a joyful noise, a noise of service and love.
Praise God with lives of compassion.
Sing with acts of kindness.
Glorify God with acts of mercy.
Praise God with works of justice.
Praise God with overflowing love.

** Call to Confession*

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of life and giver of all that we have, thank you for your amazing grace and your abundant love. When we reject your many gifts, forgive us. Open our lives once more to your generosity. When we neglect to give as generously as we have received, forgive our selfishness. Draw us back to the generous love that first drew us into the mystery of your love and the marvels of your world. When we forget to give thanks, forgive us. Turn our thoughts back to you with joy and thanksgiving. In your grace and love, 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 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…
God of grace and God of glory, reveal yourself through our lives and our love. Shine your wisdom and truth into our hearts this day. Help us know the hope to which we are called, that we may be the servants you craft us to be. In your glory and grace, we pray. Amen.

Proclaiming The Word - Read by Crystal Cammauf

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 "'For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will
search for my sheep and look after them. 12 As a shepherd
looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I
look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places
where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. 13
I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the
countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture

them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the
settlements in the land. 14 I will tend them in a good pasture,
and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land.
There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they
will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself
will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sov-
ereign LORD. 16 I will search for the lost and bring back the
strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but
the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock
with justice. 20 "'Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD
says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep
and the lean sheep. 21 Because you shove with flank and
shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you
have driven them away, 22 I will save my flock, and they will no
longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and an-
other. 23 I will place over them one shepherd, my servant Da-
vid, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shep-
herd. 24 I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will
be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

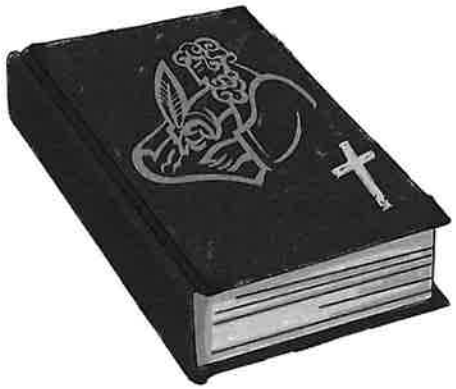
RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 95:1-7a

1 Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
2 **Let us come before him with thanksgiving**
and extol him with music and song.
3 For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
4 **In his hand are the depths of the earth,**
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
6 **Come, let us bow down in worship,**
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
7 For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord
Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped
giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep
asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Fa-
ther, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that
you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart
may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to
which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in
his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who
believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he
exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at
his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and
authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked,
not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And
God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be
head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the
fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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



**The Holy Gospel*

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

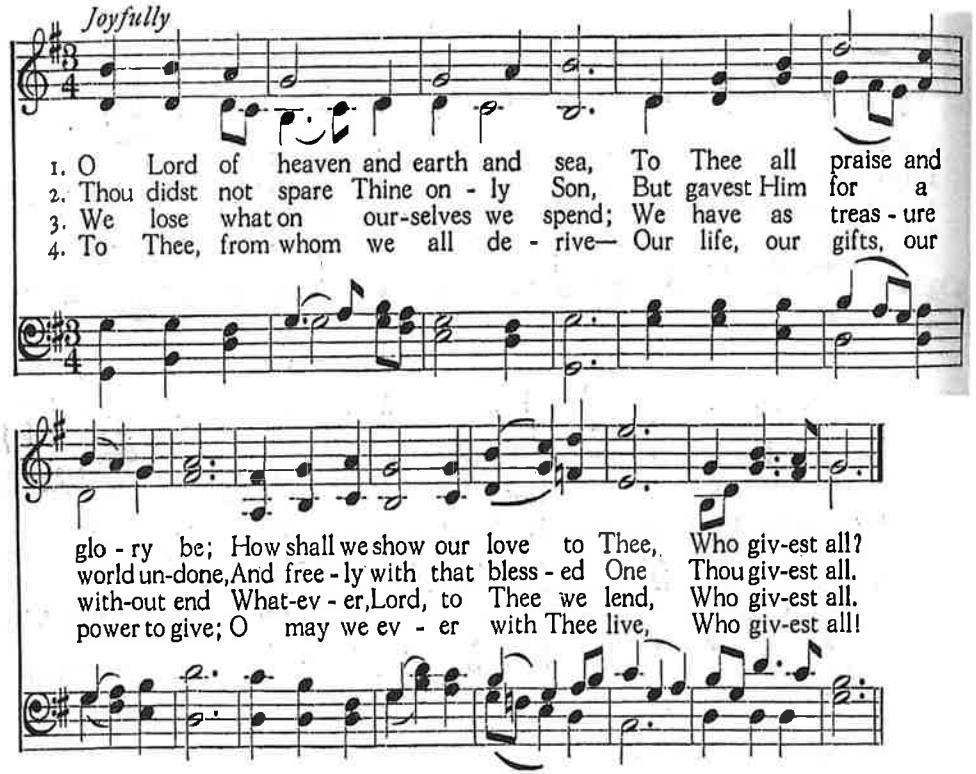
31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels
with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the na-
tions will be gathered before him, and he will separate people
one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the
goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats
at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand,
'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was
hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me
something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I
was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took
care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the right-
eous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry
and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to
drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and wel-
comed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it
that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the
king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of
the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to
me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are
accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the
devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no
food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a
stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not
give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit
me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we
saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in
prison, and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer
them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least
of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into
eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Children's Message

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.

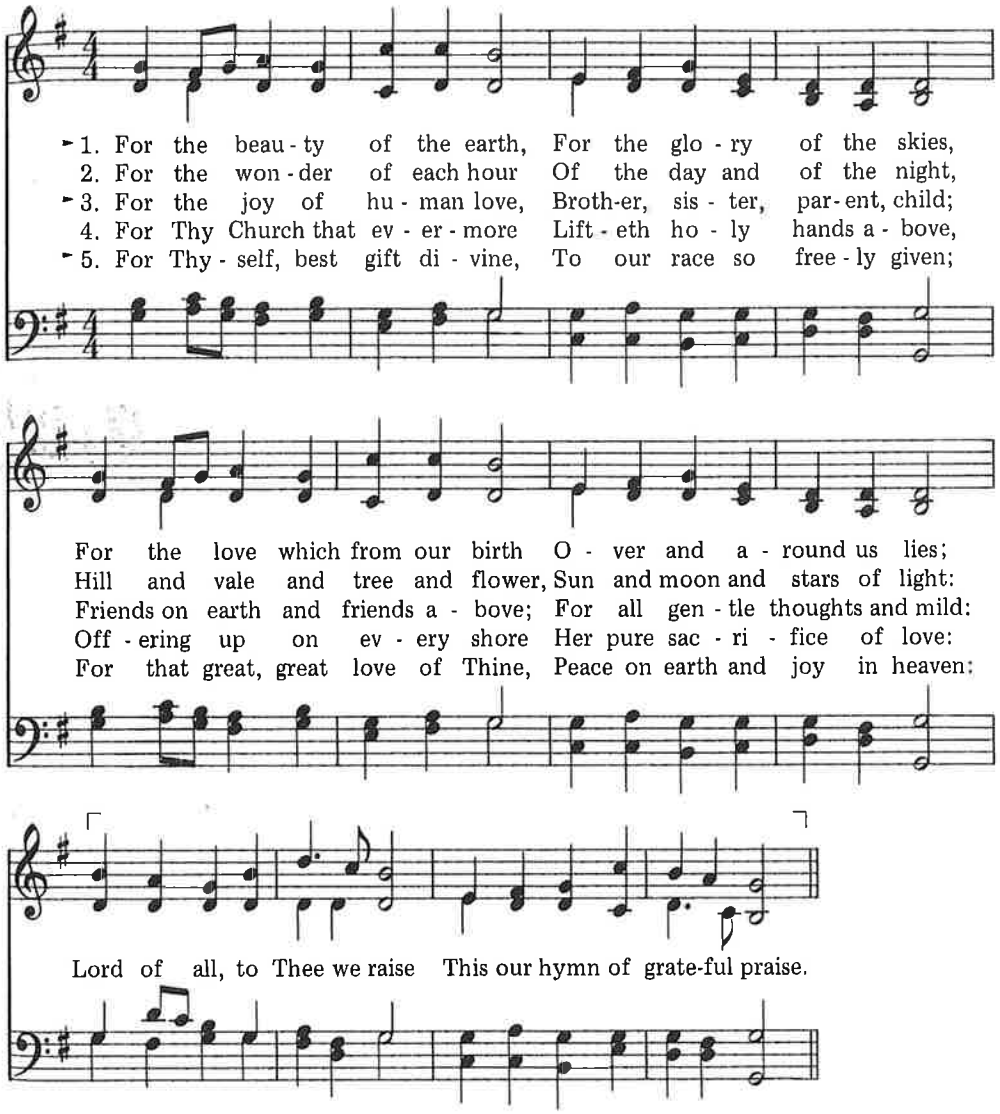
Pastoral Prayer

**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



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

Postlude

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Assisting in Worship
Acolyte: Millie Dietrich
Greeter: Tyler McMurtry and Rylan Gilmer

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Altar flowers are presented by Charlie Miller
in celebration of his 97th birthday.

Happy Birthday Charlie!

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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

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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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Mission Trip Opportunities 2027!

Mission Trip to West Virginia
When: March 14-20, 2027
Where: Weston, West Virginia

Summer 2027 Mission Trip to Kentucky
When: August 1-7, 2027
Where: St. Vincent Mission in David, Kentucky

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!

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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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Cookies, Cookies, Cookies!

In preparation for the Old Church Christmas service on December 13, the Community Outreach Committee requests your help:

1: Bake Cookies to be served after the service on December 13. **There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.**



2: As a part of this event, we will be having a cookie exchange. If you wish to partake in the cookie exchange, please bring cookies packed in 6 cookies per pack and bring as many packs as you'd like. You will then be able to pick from a spread of cookies brought by others to take along home. (Please be sure to label if your cookies contain nuts.)

BLUE MOUNTAIN HERITAGE CHORUS

*Catherine Zimmerman - Director *Sara Jackson - Accompanist

Presents

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29 2:00 P.M.

BELLEMAN'S CHURCH MOHRSVILLE

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For more info call 484-671-2567

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!