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

Tue. (11/10) 9:30AM Music and Worship Meeting

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

Sun. 9:00AM Sunday School
***11/15 9:00AM* Coffee Talk Adult Discussion Group**
10:00AM Worship
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

Church Leadership Positions open starting 2027

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

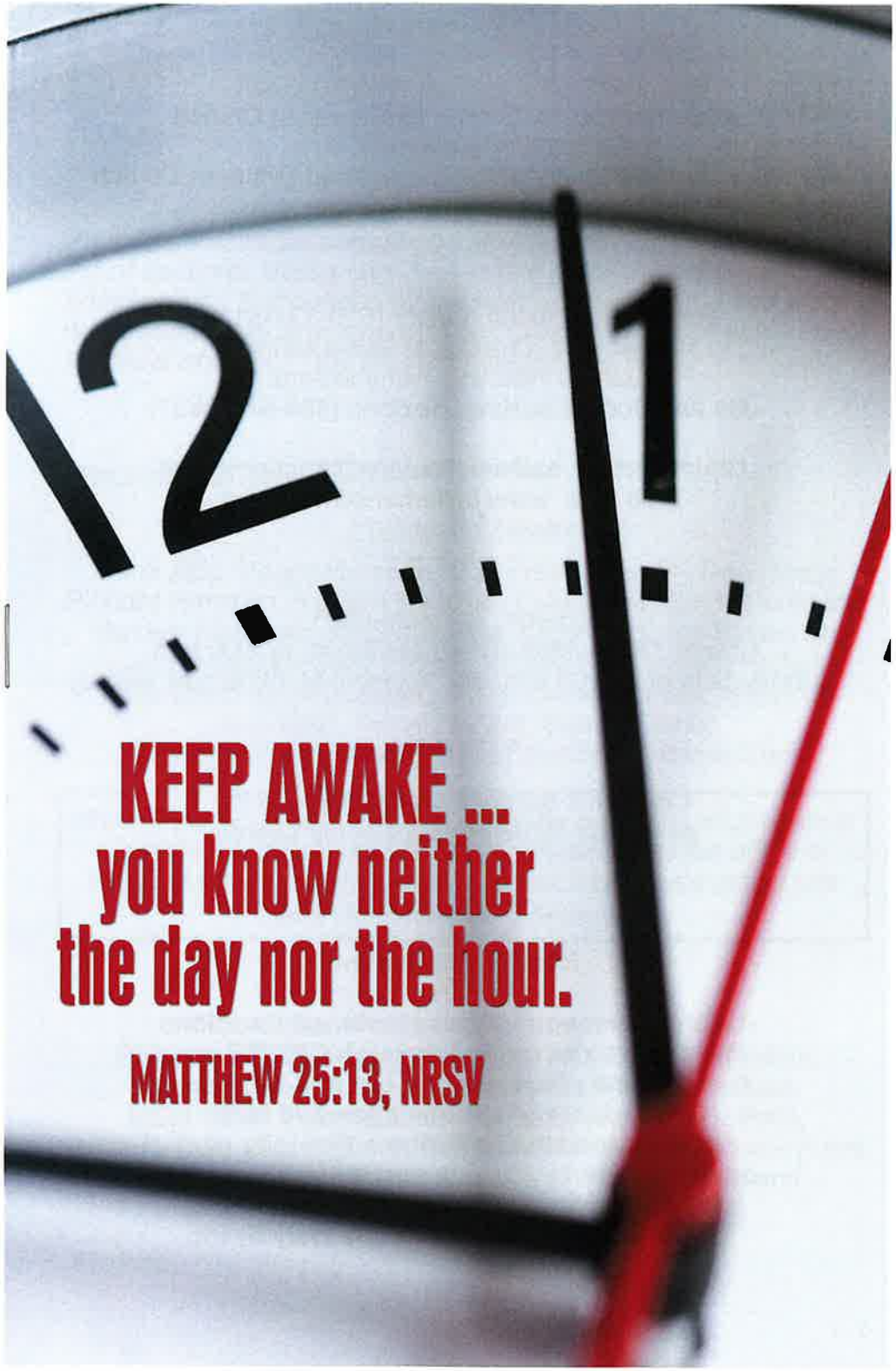
- **Joint Board (meets monthly)**
- **Lutheran Council (meets 1-2 times per year)**
- **UCC Consistory (meets 1-2 times per year)**

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

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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)

Church email: salembellemans@frontiernet.net
Web Site: www.bellemanschurch.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-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 2026

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory - the marriage feast of the lamb.

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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, Families of Joe Perzel, Helen Ernst and Anthony Starr

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!

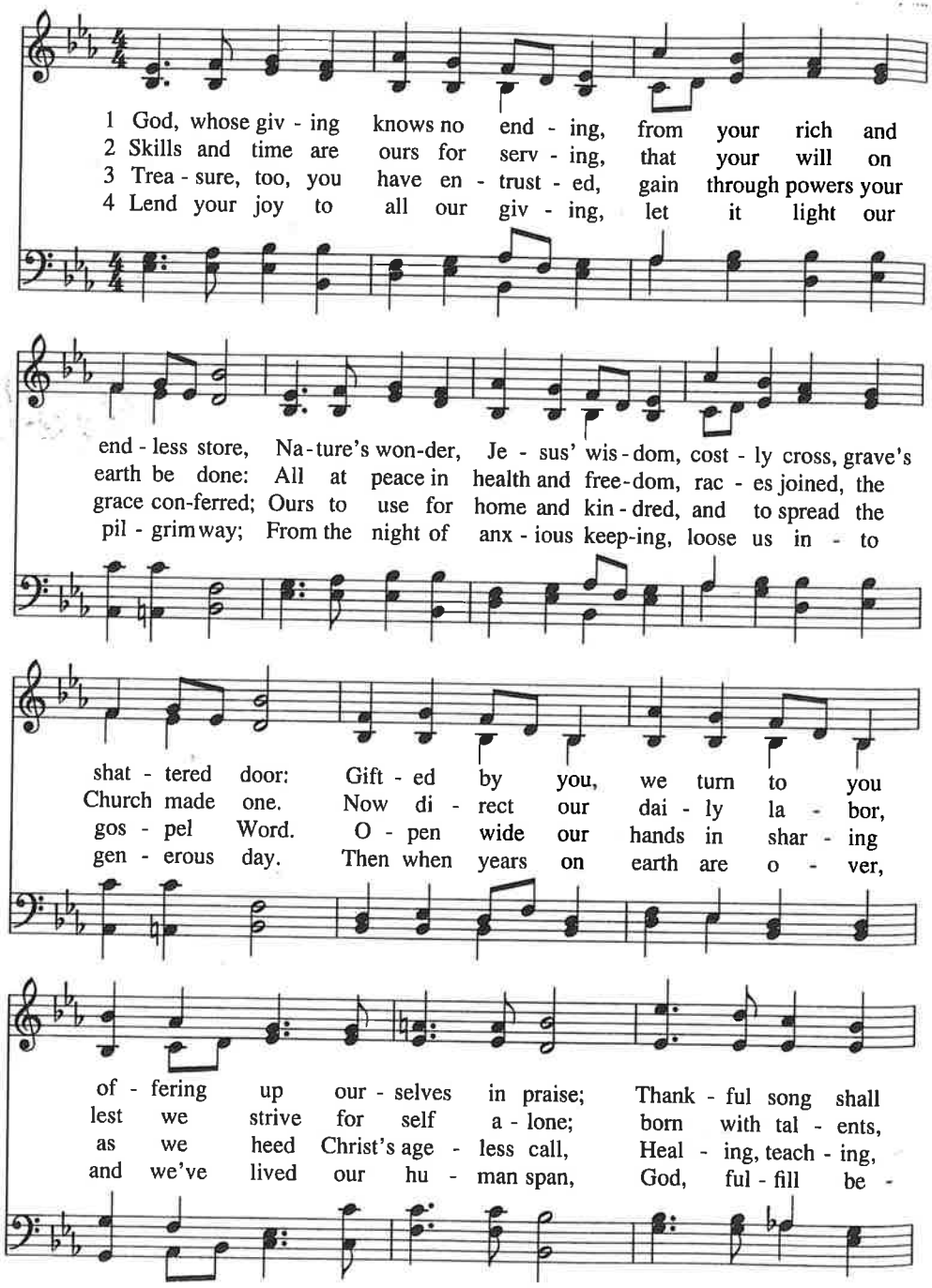
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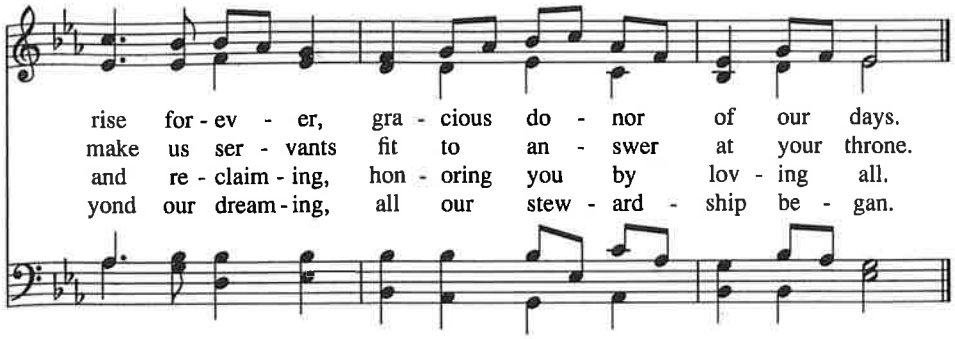
Alfred Cross, Bradley Hoppes, John R. Wesner, Phillip Spatz, Cydney Lawrence, CWO2 Josh Linderman, Andrew Cichowicz, J. Michael Fluck, David Peterman, MSgt Kevin Mohn, Nathan P. Stump , Andrew D. Potts, Anthony Butt, Alex Hoffman, Dakotah Dailey, MAJ Michael Kufro, SSgt. Matthew Wurster, Dustin Spatz and all men and women serving our country.

Prelude

** Please stand if you are able.*

**Gathering Hymn*





**Call to Worship*

We lift up our eyes to you, O God,
Longing for a glimpse of your grace.
We watch for you …
And wait, trying to keep awake and aware, trying not to fall asleep, trying not to miss your presence, trying not to miss our very lives.
Today, we come to you awake—
Clothed in faith, decked out in love, wearing hope for all to see. Come and meet us here, O God, in your mercy and your grace.

** Call to Confession*

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are not always awake, O God. We are not always aware. We do not always pay attention— to others, even to you. We do not always treasure your blessings— the gifts you give to us, the time you spend with us, the people you offer us, the work you entrust to us. We take it for granted, God. We take you for granted. We wander away. Help us wake up, Holy One. Remind us to be aware. Show us the way back to you. And help us find meaning in you once more.

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... **God of Life, your memory is longer than time; your love longer still. Your giving nature amazes us. You have given us yourself. You have given us your work. You only ask for love in return, for you and for the world. You put your ministry into our hands, trusting us to be your hands. Bless the work of our hands and the ministries of our hearts, O God, as we seek to do your will. Amen.**

Proclaiming The Word - Read by Kylee and Ashtyn Cammauf

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you
long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not
light. 19 It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a
bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on
the wall only to have a snake bite him. 20 Will not the day of
the LORD be darkness, not light—pitch-dark, without a ray of
brightness? 21 "I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your as-
semblies are a stench to me. 22 Even though you bring me burnt
offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you
bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them.
23 Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music
of your harps. 24 But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness
like a never-failing stream!

PSALM 70

Hasten, O God, to save me; come quickly, LORD, to help me.
2 **May those who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.**
3 May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" turn back because of their shame.
4 **But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The LORD is great!"**
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; LORD, do not delay.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be unin-
formed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not
grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we be-
lieve that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that
God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in
him. 15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are
still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly

not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 25:1-13*
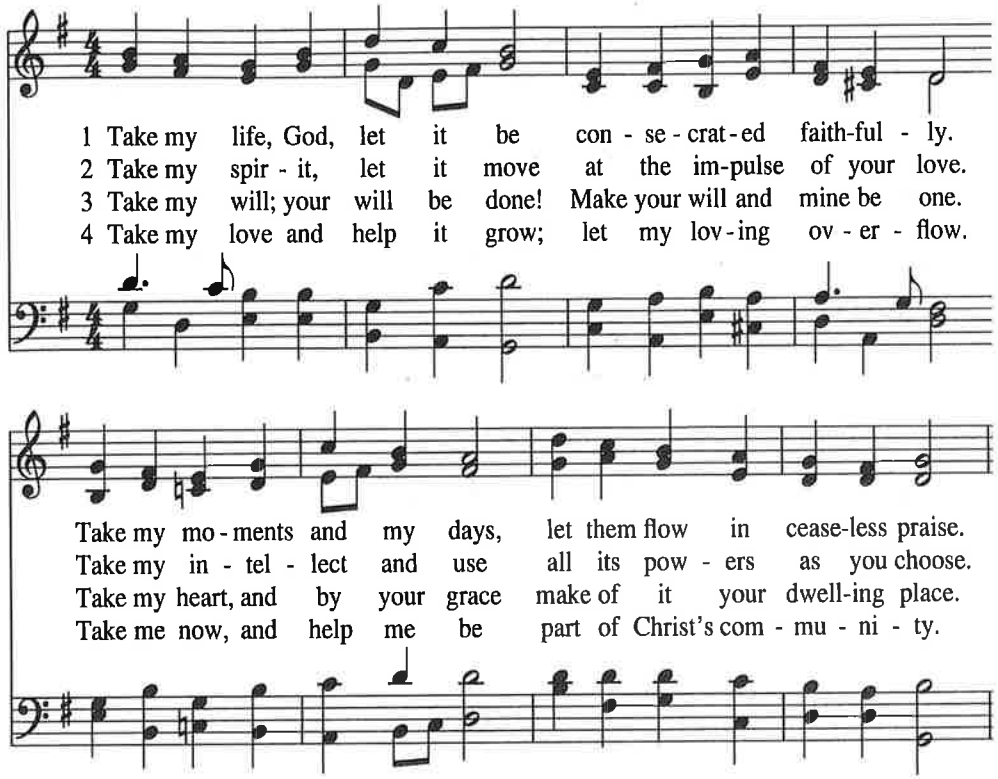
"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish and five were wise. [3] The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. [4] The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. [5] The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. [6] "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' [7] "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' [9] "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' [10] "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. [11] "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' [12] "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.' [13] "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

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.
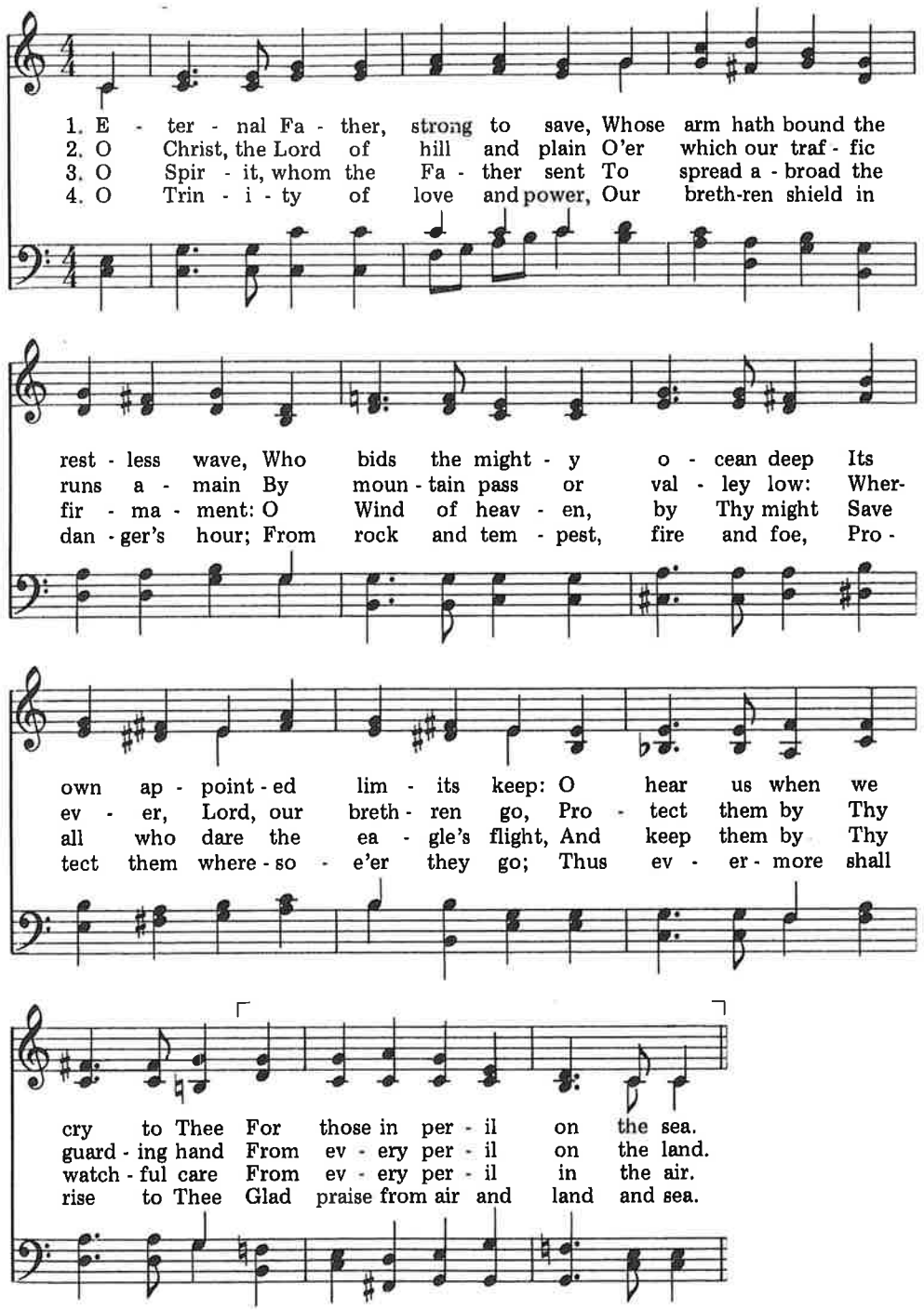
Pastoral Prayer

***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: Olive Weyandt
Greeter: Layne Weyandt, Ashtyn Cammauf

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Altar Flowers are presented by Donald and Brenda Hoffa in honor of all the veterans who served this great nation.

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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!

Relay for Life - Applebee's Fundraiser

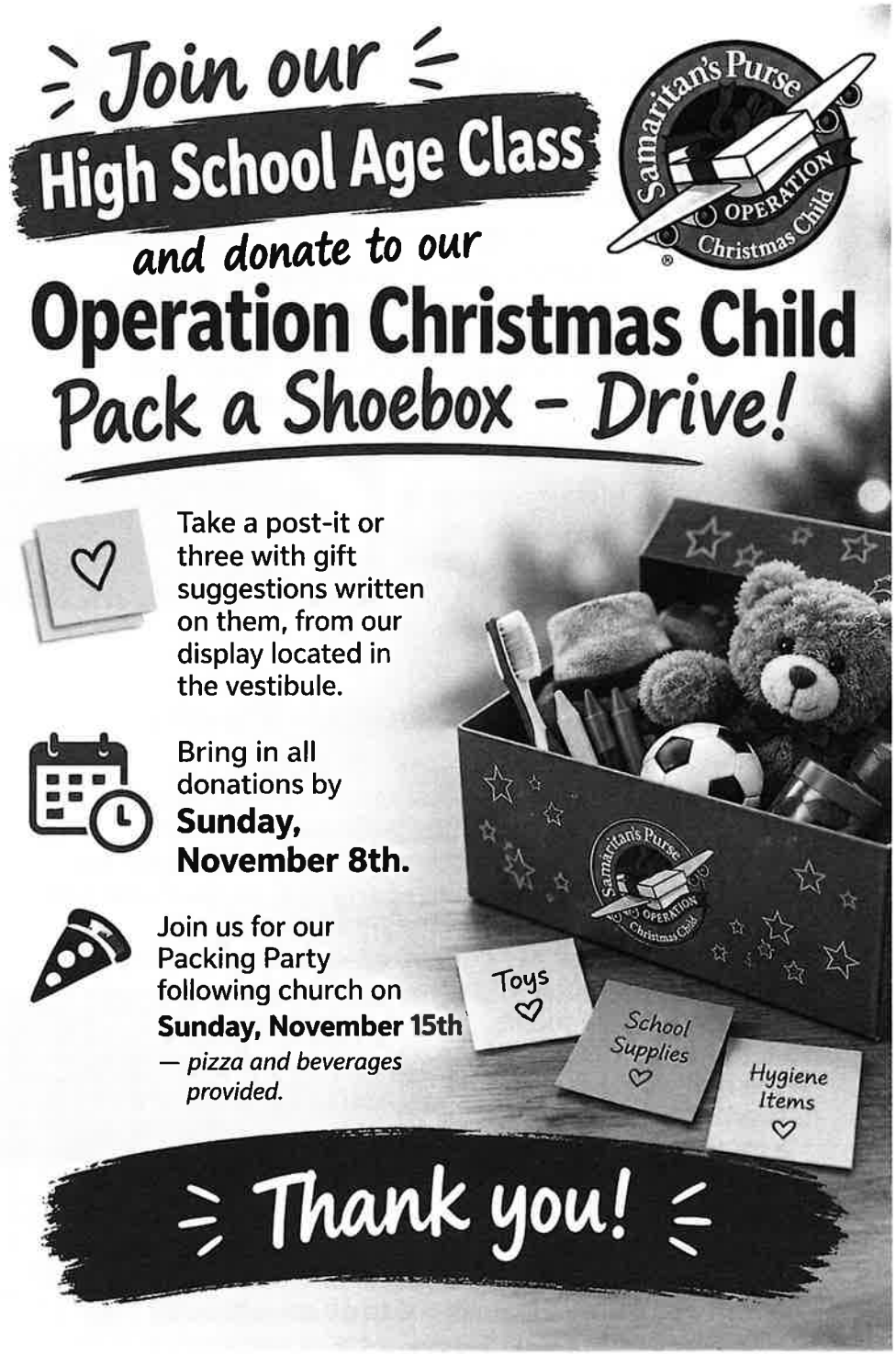
Burgers for a Cause Coupons

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



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.

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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!



Reading Choral Society Concert

"Top of the Pops"

Sunday, November 8 4 p.m.

Antietam High School

See Maura for tickets - $20 in advance
$25 at the door