

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church - Red Hill
Pentecost 11 - August 4, 2024 - 9am
Welcome to St. Paul's! We're glad you are here.

Prelude *Meditation (Massenet) - Margie Rodenberger*

Welcome

Hello everyone! Welcome to worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, I'm Pastor Steven Boughter. Our Worship Assistant today is Emily Foreman and our ushers are Anne Gabel and Tracy Launderers.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in of memory Elsie Rehak presented by nieces and nephews.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of David and Sheila Mack presented by siblings Nancy, Sandy, Pat and Jim.

Last Sunday, July 28th, the Chancel Flowers were given to the glory of God in loving memory of the birthday anniversary of Ralph Z. Richard, presented by sons Clyde and Alan and families.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism

Confession & Forgiveness *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
 the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

ALL: Amen.

Pastor: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
 let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: God, our provider,

**ALL: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
 We question your ways when they differ from the ways
 of the world in which we live.
 We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.
 We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
 Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?
 Share with us the words of eternal life
 and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

ALL: Amen.

Song: *Green Book #294 - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

The Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day (*Pastor*)

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

The First Reading is from Exodus the 16th Chapter (*Assistant*)

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Assistant: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading is from Ephesians the 4th Chapter *(Assistant)*

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Assistant: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God. *(Please stand as you are able)*

Gospel According to St. John, the 6th Chapter *(Pastor)*

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were beside the sea, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?"

³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ** *(please be seated)*

Song *Green Book #561 - For the Beauty of the Earth*

Message Pr. Steven Boughter

Song *We Speak to Nations* - Israel Houghton 2001 Integrity's Praise!
Music CCLI License No. 1083898

Leader: Hear the sound, the sound of the nations worshipping.
Hear the sound of sons and daughters singing.
Who will go for us?
Who will shout to the corners of the earth that Christ is King?

Chorus: We speak to nations: be open.
We speak to nations: fall on your knees.
We speak to nations: the kingdom is coming near to you.
We speak to strongholds: be broken.
Powers of darkness, you have to flee!
We speak to nations: the kingdom is coming near to you.
We speak to you: be free.

Leader: Hear the sound, the sound of the nations calling.
Hear the sound, the sound of the fatherless crying.
We will go for you.
We will shout to the corners of the earth that Christ is King!

Chorus

Apostles' Creed. *(Please stand as you are able)*

(Assistant): Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith sharing together the words of 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 catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *(Assistant):*

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

(A Brief Silence)

O Wise One, your wisdom has been present in this world since its beginning. Pour out your wisdom into the hearts of the whole church, especially the newly baptized, lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God of all creation, you are the source of all life. Where the sun blazes hard and strong, bring a gentle breeze. In the places experiencing the cold of winter, bring your warmth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, help government leaders of this world unite for peace and justice. Humble all who hold authority, that power is directed toward a more just society. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Bread of life from heaven, you feed us. Fill all who hunger with needed nutrition and open our hearts to eliminate hunger in this world. May we see a day when all are fed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healer of all those hurting, shine your healing light on all those who suffer physically, spiritually or mentally. Be with those on our prayer list and in our hearts. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Redeeming God, we give you thanks for the lives and witness of your saints now departed. Bring your beloved into eternal glory, opening wide the gates to the heavenly banquet. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O Wisdom of truth, help us to understand your will for the church as we continue the call process, draw us together and move among us, inspiring us to worship and to serve you and others in Jesus' name. Stir up your Spirit in the heart of a rostered leader so that he or she may be moved to seek a call in our Synod and congregation. Guide and inspire the work of those who serve on this church's Call Committee and Congregation Council as they move forward with their work during this time of transition. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.
Amen.

The Peace

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you all!

ALL: And also with you!

Pastor: Let us offer one another a sign of peace *(Please be seated)*

Offering & Prayer

Song *Sanctuary (3X)* - CCLI License No. 108389

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true:
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. ***(repeats 3x)***

(Please Stand as you are able)

Song *Just as Jesus Told Us* - Dancing at the Harvest # 29 Printed by Ownership of Sufficient Copies
CCLI # 1083898

Just as Jesus told us, we will break this bread.
Just as Jesus told us, we shall all be fed; and we will remember
what he did and said, and how he goes on living in the bread.

Just as Jesus told us, we will pour this wine.
Just as Jesus told us, we will come and dine; and we will remember
How he lived in time, and how he goes on living in the wine.

Just as Jesus told us, pass the bread around.
Just as Jesus told us, more wine can be found; and we will remember
Bread and wine abound. So break the loaf and pass the cup around

Pastor: Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.

ALL: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And Also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord or God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

Pastor: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

ALL: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray together in the words our Lord taught us:

**ALL: 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Pastor: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

ALL: Amen.

The Distribution

Please take a piece of bread from the pastor and then a small cup of wine or grape juice from the assistant minister. A gluten free option is also available.

Song: *Blue #713 Book - Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (2x)*

Song: *Ancient Words - Lynn De Shazo Copyright 2001 Integrity's Hosanna Music ASCAP CCLI# 1083898*

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart. O let the ancient words impart.
Words of life Words of hope. Give us strength help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus: Ancient Words ever true changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts.
O let the ancient words impart.

Musical Interlude

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice. O heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart. O let the ancient words impart. **Chorus**

Announcements & Events

Special thanks to Pastor Steven Boughter for leading worship today, our worship assistant, Emily Foreman and ushers Anne Gabel & Tracy Lauenders. Thanks also to our bread baker, communion set up team, musicians, and all who help with worship.

From the office, to the Richard family apologies for missing the dedication of the chancel flowers last Sunday, when the flower list printed here in the office it was on the reverse side of the page and was inadvertently missed by the office. The flower team did have it on the list, it was a printing issue on the office side and hopefully you forgive the error. Thank you for understanding.

Sunday School Teacher wanted for September: We are in need of a teacher in September for our Sunday School Program. Please contact Jenn Eisenberger if you are interested and able to help. Email jennifer.eisenberger@stpaulredhill.org. The rewards greatly outweigh the effort.

Church Tidy Up Group: Can you spare 30-45 minutes? Please consider giving the gifts of time and service to help with vacuuming or straightening up parts of the church building. Time slots are Sundays, but may be accomplished during that week per your schedule. If you have questions, please contact Jon Walter. Please sign up for available slots by scanning this qr code or visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EAAAAA2BA5F94-44579155-tidy>



UPCCC Preschool Enrollment is open: Does your child turn 3 before September 1, 2024? Please follow our QR code to the right for more information! Our students enjoy arts & crafts, music & movement, youth sports, outdoor games, and much more.



We are seeking volunteers to set up for communion weekly. Set up happens before worship weekly and just a little bit of time. To join this important ministry, please contact Jenn Eisenberger, jennifer.eisenberger@stpaulredhill.org or Alice Hager, alice.hager@stpaulredhill.org

Summer Story Series sponsored by St. Mark's youth outreach at St. Mark's "Little Lisa's Library" 81 Main Street, Pennsburg. The series is for ages 3-10 and there will be a story, craft, game and time to choose a book to take home. No registration is required.

Join us on the following Wednesdays from 6-7pm:

8/14 Space led by Heather Schmitt

8/21 Robots led by Carol Elias

Worship Live Stream August 11th at 9AM is our next live stream date, to join us from home you can visit www.youtube.com/@stpaulsredhillpa and choose the live tab.

Next Sunday is Fellowship Sunday, be sure to join your family of faith for snacks, drinks and conversation following worship. Our gracious hosts for fellowship on August 11th will be the Foreman family.

Donate Gently Used or New Shoes: Clean out your closet while helping those in need. A local mission trip is collecting gently used and new shoes for its mission trip to El Salvador. They need womens, kids, mens, boots, sneakers, high heels, flip flops, sandals, steel toed, etc. Shoes can be placed in the box in the narthex on Sunday as you enter, and they will be picked up on Wednesdays through August 20, 2024. Their goal is 5000 pairs! The shoes received will be distributed to El Salvador, Ghana, Guatemala, Moldova & Cambodia.