

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church - Red Hill - September 8, 2024
9AM Worship - Pentecost 16

Welcome to St. Paul's! We're glad you are here.

Prelude *Amazing Grace (Smith) - Margie Rodenberger*

Welcome

Hello everyone! Welcome to worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, I'm Pastor John Carlson
Our Worship Assistant today is Jennifer Eisenberger and our ushers are Jeff & Diana McMurtrie.

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the 92nd birthday of my mother,
Nancy McCreary and my sister, Deborah Rei's birthday, presented by Linda Wood.

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Leroy Brey, presented by
Shirley Brey and family.

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,
 who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

ALL: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Gracious God,

ALL have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips,

but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing,

your sins are forgiven.

ALL: Amen.

Song: *Green Book #252 - You Servants of God*

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*)

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The First Reading is from Isaiah the 35th Chapter (*Assistant*)

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Assistant: The word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading is from James the 2nd Chapter (*Assistant*)

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by

the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Assistant: The word of the Lord.

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

Special Music: *Children of St. Paul's - Down In My Heart*

Gospel According to St. Mark, the 7th Chapter (*Pastor*)

²⁴Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Dismissal to Sunday School

Song *Green Book #551 - Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Message Pr. John Carlson

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Verse 1 You hear me when I call - You are my morning song
 Though darkness fills the night - It cannot hide the light
 Whom shall I fear

Verse 2 You crush the enemy underneath my feet
 You are my sword and shield
 Though troubles linger still
 Whom shall I fear

Chorus I know Who goes before me - I know Who stands behind
 The God of angel armies is always by my side
 The One who reigns forever - He is a friend of mine
 The God of angel armies is always by my side

Verse 3 My strength is in Your name - For You alone can save
 You will deliver me - Yours is the victory
 Whom shall I fear - Whom shall I fear (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):*

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

(A Brief Silence)

Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring forth water to nourish plants and animals in places suffering from drought. Renew our commitments to protect rivers, lakes, and streams, and make us good stewards of water in our homes and communities. Preserve wetland habitats and the creatures that make their homes there. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Inspire leaders of cities, nations, and tribes to lead with wisdom and humility. Bring peace among peoples in conflict and strengthen global commitments to nonviolent solutions. Guide all who seek refuge from war to a safe haven. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Comfort all who live with chronic illness. Surround them in your tender embrace and sustain all who provide ongoing care and support. Bring hope and healing to people struggling with addiction and nourish the spirits of all who are in recovery. We pray especially for those on our prayer list. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters, poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry and enliven all who doubt their creative talents. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for all who have died and now find their rest in you. May their faithful witness guide us in our daily life with you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of wisdom, 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 our called pastor as he prepares for his call sermon and guide our congregational members as they prepare to vote following worship on the 15th of September. Continue to guide the work of those who serve on this church's Call Committee and Congregation Council as they move forward during this time of transition. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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
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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: Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

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: *Surely the Presence (2X)* Lanny Wolfe CCLI Song #7909 © 1977 Lanny Wolfe Music For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. CCLI License #1083898

Chorus: Surely the presence
Of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty power
And His grace
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence
Of the Lord is in this place

Verse 1 In the midst of His children
The Lord said He would be
It doesn't take very many
It can be just two or three
And I feel that same sweet Spirit
That I've felt oft times before
Oh surely I can say
I have been with the Lord Chorus

Verse 2 There's a holy hush around us
As God's glory fills this place
I've touched the hem of His garment
And I can almost see His face
And my heart is overflowing
With the fullness of His joy
I know without a doubt
That I have been with the Lord **Chorus**

Song: *All I Need Is You* - Dan Adler CCLI License #1083898

1 All I need is You Jesus, all I need is You.
You are the source of all I need, All I need is You.

2 All I want is You, Jesus, all I want is You.
You are the source of all I need, All I want is You.

3 My only hope is You, Lord, my only hope is You.
You are the source of all I need, My only hope is You. **Repeat Verse 1**

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

Post Communion Prayer

Pastor: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

The Blessing

Pastor: God all mighty, God most merciful ☩ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

ALL: Amen.

Announcements from the Congregation *(if needed)*

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Chorus I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord
I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord

Vamp Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord amen

Verse I am pressed but not crushed
Persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse
For His promise will endure
That His joy's gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes with the morning **Chorus & Vamp**

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Trading My Sorrows*

We Remember in Our Prayers

Dan Attieh; Vicki Clugston; James Cushman; Alice Hager; Larry Hange; Allison Cairns Heist; Lois Hoy; David Kadingo, Jr.; Max Kelly; Laverne Keyser; Joann Kolonia; Frances Lechner; Alma Leister; Barb Miller; Donna Rodenberger; Barbara Roeder; Edith Stevens; Dave Stewart; Jean Stifnell; Ryan Weaver; Larry Weiss; Linda Wood; Charles Zepp

Announcements & Events

Special thanks to Pastor John Carlson for leading worship and communion today, our worship assistant Jennifer Eisenberger and our ushers Jeff & Diana McMurtrie. Thanks also to everyone who helps with worship. We appreciate you.

Fellowship and the Live Stream for September have moved to September 15, 2024 at 10AM instead of September 8, 2024. The Uber family will host a fellowship.

Ladies, there is a WELCA lunch on Tuesday, September 10 at 11:30 at Chino's Restaurant in Hereford. If anyone has any questions about this luncheon or needs directions, please call Elaine Strimpel at 215-913-2265. A brief meeting will follow lunch.

Join us to meet and greet our Call Pastor, Rev. Kevin Compton on September 14, 2024 from 4 to 6 pm in the fellowship hall. Feel free to bring a snack to share. Remaining snacks will be used for Fellowship on Sunday the 15th.

Call Pastor, Rev. Kevin Compton will preach his Call Sermon at St. Paul's Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 9am. We will be live streaming worship on September 15, instead of September 8th in order to allow everyone to be present for worship. **To join us from home you can visit [ww.youtube.com/@stpaulsredhillpa](https://www.youtube.com/@stpaulsredhillpa) and choose the live tab.** An in person only vote will follow worship during fellowship in our fellowship hall to determine whether he will be our new Pastor. All are welcome to attend worship and fellowship. Our registered Members will be permitted and encouraged to vote following worship.

A thank you from Barbara Roeder for all of your prayers, cards, calls and support during a very difficult time. She is deeply appreciative and thankful to everyone. She loved the flowers and is also thankful for how they were delivered to her. Please keep her in prayer as her recovery continues.

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 done during that week per your schedule. Please sign up for available slots by scanning code or visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EAAAAA2BA5F94-44579155-tidy>



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



Help with the First Monday Meal - Sept. 9, 2024: Volunteers from St. Paul's will make & serve the First Monday Meal on September 9, 2024 at 2:45pm at New Goshenhoppen UCC, 1070 Church Road, East Greenville. Call Alice Hager with questions 215-802-1579 or alice.hager@stpaulredhill.org. Monetary donations need to have "first monday meal". Thank you all for your support!



IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE:

- **First Monday Meal is September 9, 2024 arrive at 2:45pm at New Goshenhoppen UCC if you signed up to help**
- **Call Pastor Meet and Greet September 14, 2024 from 4-6 in Fellowship Hall.**
 - **Feel free to bring a snack to share.**
- **Call Pastor Kevin Compton Leads Worship September 15, 2024.**
 - **Membership Vote follows during fellowship at 10am**
- **The Live stream of worship will be on September 15th.**
- **Council Meeting has been moved to September 22nd at 10:15AM in the multipurpose room.**