



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 19, 2026 - Third Sunday of Easter

Pastor Kevin Compton - Leads Worship
Eve Keane - Music Director



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PRELUDE I Love to Tell the Story - Green Book #390

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks - Blue Book #671

THE GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

The First Reading is from Acts, the 2nd chapter

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

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GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35(Pastor)

Gospel is from St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying,

“Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**
(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Kevin Compton
Children may exit to Sunday School following the message.

THE MESSAGE Pastor Kevin Compton

(Please rise in body or in spirit)

SONG OF THE DAY Abide With Us Our Savior - Green Book #263

CREED (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)

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

(Allow a brief silence.)

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gentle Shepherd, you care for all in distress. Like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill. We pray especially for those on our prayer list, and all those whom we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. (allow a brief silence...)

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you all!

And also with you!

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

(Please be seated)

MISSION MOMENT Stewardship Team

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

SONG Sanctuary (4x) 3rd verse acapella 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. (4x)

(Please rise in body or in spirit.)

SONG Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow - Green Book #564

OFFERING

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.

Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Pastor)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION (Pastor)

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

Instructions for Communing: All are invited. Follow the usher's directions.
You will receive a piece of bread and a cup of wine from the communion servant.
Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Blessings are available in lieu of communion or for any young person who has not yet received communion instruction.

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Verse 1 How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross

Chorus How beautiful - how beautiful
How beautiful is the body of Christ

Verse 2 How beautiful the heart that bled
That took all my sin and bore it instead
How beautiful the tender eyes
That chose to forgive and never despise **(Chorus)**

Verse 3 How beautiful the radiant Bride
Who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes
How beautiful when humble hearts give
The fruit of pure lives so that others may live **(Chorus)**

Verse 4 How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth **(Chorus)**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Please rise in body or in spirit.)

God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

THE BLESSING

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CONGREGATION

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Let the children sing a song of liberation
The God of our salvation set us free
Death, where is thy sting? The curse of sin is broken
The empty tomb stands open, come and see

He's alive, alive, alive. Hallelujah!
Alive! Praise and glory to the Lamb.
He's alive, alive, alive. Hallelujah!
Alive forever. Amen

Let my heart sing out, for Christ, the One and only
So powerful and holy rescued me
Death won't hurt me now because He has redeemed me
No grave will ever keep me from my King

I'm alive, alive, alive, hallelujah!
Alive! praise and glory to the Lamb.
Alive, alive, alive. Hallelujah!
Alive forever. Amen (x2)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Alive Forever

Thank You to our worship assistant Jennifer Eisenberger; our ushers, Debbie Gryshuk and Katie Robbins; and Nicole Walter and Eric Virus for streaming. Thanks to our communion set up team, flower sponsors and all who help with worship.

Join us on Sunday, April 26th as we welcome the Upper Perkiomen High School "A-Choir" to St. Paul's 9AM Worship. They will share beautiful music during worship. You will not want to miss this service!

We Remember in Prayer:

Jason Adamczyk - Joyce Allebach - The family of Rev. Shawn Brandon - Family -Anita Breyer - Heather Cammann - Nancy Esterly - Barbara Green - The Gunden Family - Dave Hamblin - Janet Hill - John Hockenberger - Sue & Tom Lang - Frances Lechner - Melissa Leinback - Gary Mammele - Becky McIntosh - Sally Mixer - Tricia Parker - Peggy - Peter Reigner - Joy Reiss - Dennis Renninger - Alan Richard - Donna Rodenberger - Gladys Sands - Margarita Serbia - Sally Schwenk - Linda Shagg - John Sheeran - Beth Ann Thomas - Arlene Vandenburg - David Wargo - Ryan Weaver - Larry Weiss - Dave Woodward - Janet Zylinski

The family of Vincent Pistagnesi who went to his eternal rest on April 9, 2026, and was laid to rest on Friday the 17th at St. Paul's.

The family of Doris Renninger who went to her eternal rest on April 10, 2026. A memorial service was held on April 16, 2026.

The family of Roberta (Bobbi) George who went to her eternal rest on Wednesday, April 13, 2026. A memorial service was held on April 17, 2026. She taught at our UPCCC for several years, and will be missed.

Announcements

The Church Council Meeting follows worship today.

Do you know a Graduate for 2026? If you have a student graduating from high school or college this Spring, and want us to feature them on social media, bulletins and newsletters, please let us know! You may use the QR code to visit our online form, or contact the office directly karen.quinn@stpaulredhill.org 215-679-5553.



Directory Updates. Please share a recent photo of you/your family for the Directory. We also want to update phone numbers, emails, and address changes. If emailing, please send a jpg. or png. format. You can also drop off or mail photos. Send to: karen.quinn@stpaulredhill.org or mail to PO Box 47, Red Hill, PA 18076. Be sure to include the names of those pictured.

Communion Card Request: We ask that you please indicate that you have received communion on a "Welcome" card (located in the pews for your convenience). This helps us track your attendance annually. Cards can be placed in the offering plate or box. If you prefer to do this online, scan the qr code to go to the online form. Thank you.



Be sure to fill out the Time & Talent Survey in the bulletin and return it to us as soon as possible. It can be placed in the offering plate or the box in the church entrance downstairs. Thank you!

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STOCK SALES

BEFORE & AFTER WORSHIP WEEKLY FROM APRIL 19 TO MAY 17

HELP US RAISE FUNDS TO GO ON OUR MISSION TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA TO REPAIR THE HOMES OF THOSE IN NEED. WE TRAVEL JULY 4 TO JULY 11, 2026.



**CAR WASH
FUNDRAISER**

May 9, 2026 from 8 AM to Noon at
the Pavillion (in the lower parking lot).

Help the ASP Team travel
to West Virginia July 4-11
on their mission trip
to repair homes
for those in need.



**Wash,
Vacuum,
& Dry**

Make a donation & get a fabulous car wash!



ASP MISSION TRIP 7/4-11, 2026

Please Help This Outreach Ministry:

We will be selling ASP Stocks at St. Paul's Church on April 19 to May 17 before and after the 9 am services. The Stocks are a certificate given to those in the congregation that give a donation. Those donors will receive a letter of appreciation written on the trip by our team.

We will be holding a car wash on May 9th near the Pavilion at St. Paul's Church. Bring your car over between 8AM and Noon. The wash consists of cleaning the windows and vacuuming the inside of the car, pressure and hand washing the outside and drying.

Thank you for your continued support of the ASP mission trips. These trips really do help those in need. Without your help, it would not be possible.



ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL
Pentecost Flower Sale

PENTECOST Sunday is May 24th. If you wish to sponsor Geraniums to decorate the sanctuary at St. Paul's, they are available for sponsorship at \$5.75 per pot.

Please complete this form and return it to the church office or place it in the collection plate at church by May 10th with your payment. (We can't accept any late orders).

If you select to pick them up please plan to take them with you after worship on May 24th. Those remaining will be placed in the covered door by Frye Road for pickup during the week.

GIVEN BY: _____

Quantity Ordered: _____ **@ \$5.75 each =** _____

Check (payable to St. Paul's) # _____ **or Cash**

Dedication: **to beautify God's house** **OR**

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

_____ **I will pick up my plants after Pentecost worship**

_____ **I am donating the plants to the church gardens**

