



Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Red Hill  
Sharing Our Faith, Spreading God's Love  
Rev. Kevin Compton - Pastor

**SUNDAY – JUNE 28, 2026 – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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## **“All are welcome in this place!”**

This is the title of a popular modern hymn in the Lutheran tradition by Marty Haugen. He begins his hymn with this line, “Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live.” These words testify to the meaning of the body of Christ in this world, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church has embodied the love and welcome of Christ in the Upper Perkiomen Valley since 1739. No matter who you are, if you are seeking a loving community of people following Christ, if you are curious about this man named Jesus that we call savior, or even if you are not sure what you are looking for, know that you are welcome. You are created in the image of God, and you are welcome.

Pastor Kevin Compton

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**Our Bulletin** is sponsored this morning to the glory of God and in memory of Darryl Johnson by the family.

## **GATHERING**

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

### **WELCOME**

If you are joining us at St. Paul's for the first time, we invite you to fill out one of our "Welcome" Cards and drop it in the offering plate when it comes to you. You can share as much or as little information as you would like. We are planting and growing here at St. Paul's, and we are determined to yield good fruit (Matthew 7:17). We would love for you to be part of the journey here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Red Hill.

### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.  
(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me all you who are weary  
and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** – You Servants of God – Green Book #252

## **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, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **WORD**

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

### **Romans 6:12-23** (Assistant)

Our first reading is from the book of Romans, the sixth chapter.

<sup>12</sup> Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires.

<sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness.

<sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace?

By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.  
<sup>21</sup> So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18**(Assistant)

Please read from Psalm 89 with me responsively.

- <sup>1</sup> Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- <sup>2</sup> **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**
- <sup>3</sup> "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- <sup>4</sup> **'I will establish your line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"
- <sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the festal shout!  
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
- <sup>16</sup> **They rejoice daily in your name;  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**
- <sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength,  
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- <sup>18</sup> **Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please rise in body or in spirit)



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## GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42 (Pastor)

The Gospel is from St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Pastor Kevin Compton

**THE MESSAGE** Pastor Kevin Compton

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – Christ Be Our Light – (next page)

# Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

## *Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

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**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)

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

(Allow for a brief silence)

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We pray especially for the people on our prayer list and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

(Allow for a brief silence)

Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, like Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons whom the church remembers today. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you all!

**And also with you!**

(Please greet your neighbor with a sign of peace and return to your seats for the offering)

## **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING** We begin our celebration of communion by returning a portion of the blessings we have received from God to sustain the body of Christ.

## **OFFERTORY HYMN – Special Music sung by Donna Hodson**

**Sweet Is the Name of Jesus**

Composed by George Frideric Handel

**DOXOLOGY HYMN** (Please rise in body or in spirit.)

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost! A - men."

TEXT: Thomas Ken (1695), alt. (1709)  
TUNE: Genevan Psalter (1551), original form

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### OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,  
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.  
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **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,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

**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.**

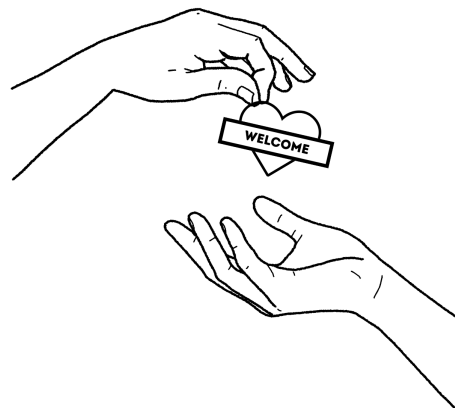
**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Heaven has come near.  
Come, share in the feast!

**Amen.**

(Please be seated)



## **COMMUNION**

Instructions for Communing: All are invited. Follow the usher's directions.

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.

**SONG** – Eat This Bread – Blue Book #706

**SONG** – Grace Alone

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Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith;  
Every difference we will make is only by his grace.  
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine;  
Every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

**Chorus:** Grace alone which God supplies,  
strength unknown he will provide,  
Christ in us our Cornerstone;  
We will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach;  
Everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace.  
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away;  
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace.

**Chorus 2x**

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

Compassionate God,  
through the gifts of bread and wine  
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.  
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,  
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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

### **THE BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
✠ one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CONGREGATION**

### **BLESSING AND SENDING OF OUR ST. PAUL'S ASP MINISTRY TEAM**

Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God and seek God's blessing as we send our people to serve as part of the Appalachian Service Project. Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.  
You made the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you.  
We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth  
in thanksgiving for the many blessings you have given us.  
Renew in us the commitment to use our gifts in the service of others, and especially of those in need.

Let us be your hands to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless,  
clothe the naked, comfort the weary and outcast,  
welcome the stranger, care for creation,  
and be loving neighbors to all people.

Bless those who go out from here to labor in West Virginia.  
Prosper the work of their hands.  
Bless those who receive the fruits of their labor,  
and may those who are sent receive blessing in return.  
May the gifts they use and share be signs of your love to all people.

To you, O God, be glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in your church and in the world, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG – Mighty to Save**

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Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing.  
Let Mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior.  
The hope of nations.

**Chorus:** Saviour, He can move the mountains.  
My God is mighty to save.  
He is mighty to save.  
Forever Author of Salvation.  
He rose and conquered the grave.  
Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures.  
Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in.  
Now I surrender.

**Chorus x 2, second time *a cappella***

## **DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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**Thank You** to our worship assistant Alyssa Smith; ushers, Carol Elias and Bob Emmell; live streaming team, Alice Hager; communion set up team, Pat Walter; sacristy team, Barbara Nace and Pat Walter; flower sponsors and all who help with worship.

## **We Remember in Prayer:**

Jason Adamczyk  
Joyce Allebach  
Anita Breyer  
Heather Cammann  
Nancy Esterly  
Barbara Green  
April Hall and Kirk  
Robinson  
Dave Hamblin  
Janet Hill  
Roy Himmelwright  
John Hockenberger  
The Family of Dianne  
Knorr

Frances Lechner  
Melissa Leinback  
Gary Mammele  
Becky McIntosh  
Sally Mixer  
Amy Moorhus  
Baumgardner  
Tricia Parker  
Peter Reigner  
Joy Reiss  
Dennis Renninger  
Alan Richard  
Kirk Robinson  
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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Welcome Worship starts today! 4pm in the Fellowship Hall!!!**

Welcome Worship, our new worship service, begins this afternoon at 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall! This service is centered on Christ's love for everyone. We are focused on making the worship accessible, contemporary in style, interactive, and intergenerational. We expect the service to last about **45 minutes**. Come take part in worship, or pray for the new thing God is doing among us! Help us share the energy of St. Paul's and the love of Christ to the Upper Perk in a new way!

**UPCCC 40th Anniversary Celebration** is on September 18, 2026 at 5:30 pm! Mark your calendar and come join the fun! Games, Dunk Tank, Craven Food Truck, Face Painting and so much more! All are welcome.

### **Taizé Worship has begun! Join us every 3rd Wednesday at 6pm!**

We meet at The Center at The Open Link, 517 Jefferson Street, East Greenville. **The next Taizé Worship is on July 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm.** All are welcome! Come experience a peaceful respite in our busy lives.

**Sunday School is on summer break!** We will meet again on September 13, 2026. Enjoy your summer!

**Calling all singers and musicians of all skill levels!** If you sing or play an instrument, come share your talents during the Offering at church over the summer? See our bulletin board for a sign-up sheet, or reach out to our music director, Eve Keane. Cell: 267-875-8982, email: eve.keane@stpaulredhill.org.

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!!**

### **End of Summer Worship and Picnic with Our Neighbors!**

Sunday, September 6, 2026, St. Paul's will be worshipping with the other churches in the Reformation Sister Churches of the Upper Perkiomen Valley at New Goshenhoppen Park.

All seven of the churches in our group will be gathered together for an outdoor worship in celebration of the end of the summer, our love for our friends and neighbors, and the presence of Christ in this community.

### **Worship Information for September 6**

- Worship Location: New Goshenhoppen Park
- Worship Time: 10:30am
- Pastor Kevin Compton will be preaching
- Music will be provided by the Red Hill Band
- Stick around after service for a picnic with our neighbors! New Goshenhoppen UCC will be cooking up hotdogs and hamburgers. There is no charge, but each guest is encouraged to bring a side to share.
- The Red Hill Band will perform a concert at 1:00pm.
- A concession stand will be selling ice cream.
- After the picnic, there will be games and entertainment, including a bounce house and a gaga pit.
- If you are unable to attend the service at New Goshenhoppen Park, an indoor service will be held and live-streamed from St. Mark's Lutheran Church, where Pastor Serena Sellers will lead worship.

**There will be no worship at St. Paul's on Sunday, September 6th.**

Come join the fun at New Goshenhoppen Park and St. Mark's!