



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

Sunday – October 11, 2026 – Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

“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

We believe the sound of children in worship is not a distraction. It is evidence of life, growth, and the future of the church. If your child makes noise, you are not bothering us. You are blessing us.

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GATHERING

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

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

(Please rise in body or in spirit)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon Earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin to God.
(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN – We Come to the Hungry Feast (see next page)

We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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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

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

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

Psalm: Psalm 23 (Assistant)

Please join me in a responsive reading of Psalm 23.

¹ The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall
fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9 (Assistant)

Our second reading is from the book of Philippians, the Fourth chapter.

¹ My brothers and sister, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

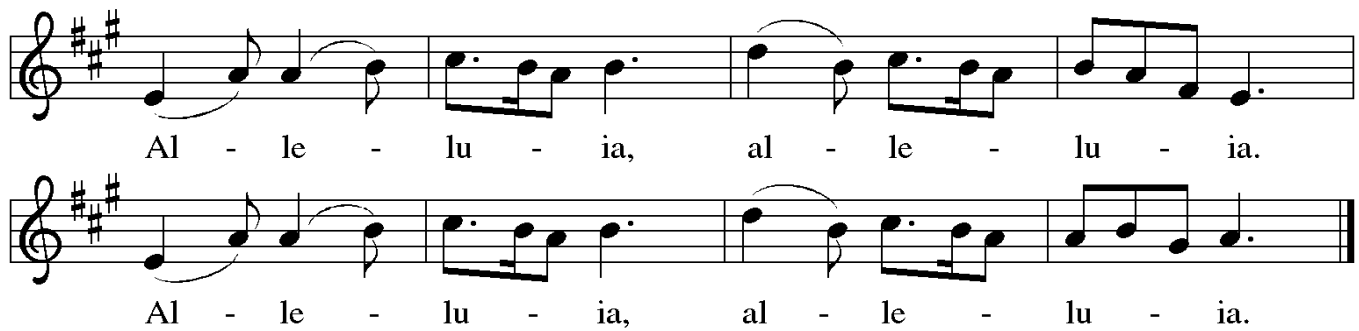
⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned

and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please rise in body or in spirit)



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GOSPEL: Matthew 18:1-7 (Pastor)

The Gospel is from St. Matthew, the Twenty-Second chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ² He called a child, whom he put among them, ³ and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

⁶ "If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷ Woe to the world because of things that cause sin! Such things are bound to come, but woe to the one through whom they come!

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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE – Pastor Kevin Compton

SONG OF THE DAY - Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

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Verse 1

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love

Verse 2

I was lost in utter darkness, 'til You came and rescued me
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home
Now Your grace is always with me and I'll never be alone

Chorus x 2

Come Thou Fount, come Thou King
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride, to You we sing
Come Thou Fount of our blessing

Verse 3

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

Chorus x 2

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)

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.
(Allow for a brief silence.)

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering. We pray for those on our prayer list and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.
(Allow for a brief silence)

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you all!

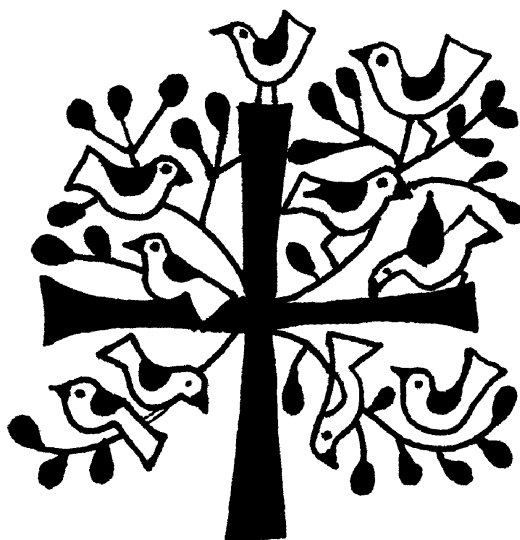
And also with you!

(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 SONG - For All Fruit of Creation

For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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OFFERTORY SONG – Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Bless the Lord, O My Soul



Text: Ps. 103:1

Music: PRAISE PSALM 103, traditional

OFFERING PRAYER

God of Creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
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.

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

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Amen. (Please be seated)

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's table. 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 DURING COMMUNION - What Feast of Love Blue Book 701

SONG DURING COMMUNION - Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God, Blue Book 783

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

Sustaining God,

with this bread and cup,

you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.

By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.

Make us living signs of your liberation, healing and love,

following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

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

THE BLESSING

The God of love

draw you into full accord and one mind,

in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CONGREGATION

SENDING SONG - Your Grace Is Enough

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Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness, O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless
heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-Chorus

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember your promise, O God.

Chorus

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me
for me

Verse 2

Great is Your Love and justice God of
Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your
salvation
And all Your people sing along

Pre-Chorus

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember your promise, O God.

Chorus x 2

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Pre-Chorus

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember your promise, O God.

Ending Choruses

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me.

Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches down to us
Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough
We are covered by your love
Your grace is enough for me

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Our music today is led by St. Paul's Music Director, Eve Keane. Thank you Eve for your talents and your leadership!

Thank you to our worship assistant Anne Gabel; ushers, Sheila Kraus; live streaming team, Nicole Walter and Eric Virus; Communion set up team, Sandy Bergey; 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
Shelby Chadwick
Nancy Esterly
Rev Dr. David
Genszler
Dave and Gail
Gerhard
Barbara Green
Dave Hamblin
Janet Hill
Jerryn Landis

Frances Lechner
Melissa Leinback
Jeff McMurtrie
Becky McIntosh
Madalena McMahon
Becky McNeilly
Tricia Parker
Dennis Renninger
Alan Richard
Kirk Robinson
Donna Rodenberger
Tom Sands
Diane Schantz

Margarita Serbia
Linda Shagg
John Sheeran
Beth Ann Thomas
Arlene Vandenburg
Ryan Weaver
The Family of Larry
Weiss
Pastor Jessica
Zurcher
Janet Zylinski

Thank you to everyone who came out and volunteered to help with First Monday Meal on Monday, October 5th at New Goshenhoppen UCC! Alice Hager will announce the total number of people served during the announcements today. This was another amazing ministry success from our St. Paul's Church Family!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE!
St. Pauls is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, December 5!

Sign-up on your Red Cross donor app, or follow this QR Code to the Red Cross schedule for our blood drive!



A heartfelt thank you to Avah Virus for taking the lead in organizing this important event!

TAIZÉ EARLY EVENING WORSHIP!
Third Wednesday of each month at 6pm.

The Center at The Open Link, 517 Jefferson Street, East Greenville.

The next Taizé Worship is on October 21, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Come and enjoy a brief, midweek sanctuary from our busy lives. Center your hearts in praise and prayer, song and silence, word and welcome.

WELCOME WORSHIP
Every Sunday 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!

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY MEAL

Sunday, November 22nd at 4pm

This year we are gathering at **St. John's Sumneytown (Green Lane)** to give thanks and worship together as a community.

Our **FREE Community Thanksgiving Dinner** will follow right after worship! Everyone is invited! Everyone is welcome!

And everyone is invited to bring their favorite dessert to share!

This event is hosted by the Reformation Sister Churches of Upper Perkiomen Valley – which includes St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hill!

This event is bigger and bigger every year!

And this year we are putting out quite a spread!

So come and worship with us!

Be thankful and share a table with your neighbors!

The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the Good News

Join us on Thursdays for a six-week study of the Gospel of Mark based on the book by noted scholar Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. This is intended to be an accessible and lively introduction to Mark's fast-paced account of the life of Jesus of Nazareth.

Thursdays – October 1 - November 5

1:30pm - 3:00pm

**The study group will meet at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in
Pennsburg in their multipurpose room.**

Each class will be led by a pastor from the Reformation Sister Churches of Upper Perkiomen Valley.

The study is based on the book *The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the Good News*. Reading this text is highly recommended to get the most out of the study. If you are interested in getting a copy of the book, please contact Pastor Kevin.