



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

**SUNDAY – JULY 5, 2026 – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Semiquicentennial of the United States of America**

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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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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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**The Altar Flowers** are given this morning to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding anniversary of Amy and Stewart McPherson, presented by parents Donna and Brian Stever.

**The Chancel Flowers** are given this morning to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband Floyd's birthday and in memory of George Bonekemper's birthday, presented by Joanne Hersh and family.

**The Chancel Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of family summertime birthdays: Nina, Kermit & Jonie in June and Abby and Jeff in July, presented by Sandy Bergey.

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**PRELUDE Fanfare America** played by Margie Rodenberger, (arr. Betty Colley)

### **GATHERING**

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

### **WELCOME**

### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
source of hope in every nation,  
rest for the weary,  
glory and peace to the ends of the earth.

**Amen.**

Let us bring every burden to God.  
(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God of all mercy,  
**we have sinned against you,  
our neighbors, and your creation.  
Within ourselves and our communities,  
our desire to do what is good  
is at war with the evil that dwells in us.  
We lament the evil that holds us captive.  
We repent of the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us  
for lives of compassion and courage  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

All-merciful, Almighty God  
forgive you all your sins  
through the grace of ✝ Jesus Christ,  
and by the Spirit's power  
strengthen you in doing what is good.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** – My Country, 'Tis of Thee – Green Book #556

### **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**

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for  
yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we  
may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your  
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

(Please be seated)

### **WORD**

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

#### **Psalm 145:8-14** (Assistant)

Please read from Psalm 145 with me responsively.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise you, O LORD,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures  
throughout all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your  
works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall

and lifts up those who are bowed down.

### **Romans 7:15-25a** (Assistant)

The second reading is from the book of Romans, the seventh chapter.

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>18</sup> For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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



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### **GOSPEL: Matthew Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30** (Pastor)

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

#### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup> "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup> "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

<sup>18</sup> "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a

glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Pastor Kevin Compton

**THE MESSAGE** Pastor Kevin Compton

**SONG OF THE DAY – Eye of the Storm**

**Chorus**

In the eye of the storm  
You remain in control  
In the middle of the war  
You guard my soul  
You alone are the anchor  
When my sails are torn  
Your love surrounds me  
In the eye of the storm

**Verse 1**

When the solid ground is falling out  
From underneath my feet  
Between the black skies and my red eyes  
I can barely see  
When I realize I’ve been sold out  
By my friends and my family  
I can feel the rain reminding me

## Chorus

### Verse 2

When my hopes and dreams are far from me  
I'm runnin' out of faith  
I see the future I picture  
Slowly fade away  
When the tears of pain and heartache  
Are pouring down my face  
I can find my peace in Jesus' name

**Chorus x2 (2nd time a cappella)**

### **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 God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. (Allow for a brief silence)

God our unity, your church flourishes in different languages, cultures, and movements. Grant us wisdom to discern when our yokes are too heavy, that we may live and serve in the freedom of your rest. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God our life-giver, we grieve the pains placed upon our common home through war and neglect. What you have lovingly crafted, guide us to lovingly tend. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God our freedom, you promise peace. As this nation marks its declaration of independence, teach us our part in announcing peace for future generations.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God our comfort, liberate all in our community who are captive to fear, who have become isolated or ill, or who are in any need. We pray for the wellbeing of everyone in our community, for everyone on our prayer list, and for those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

(Allow for a brief silence)

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God our guide, we do not always have the strength to do the good we wish to do. Free us from the cycles of violence that bind us, that all know your liberation. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God our home, you model freedom through the love shared across communities of trust and goodwill. As we remember those now gone to eternal rest, we thank you for the gifts of life together. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

**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.

## OFFERING SONG

### Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Musical notation for the offering song. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Bless the Lord, O my soul; bless the Lord, O my soul;". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "and all that is with - in me bless God's ho - ly name." The music is written in a simple, traditional style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

Text: Ps. 103:1

Music: PRAISE PSALM 103, traditional

## OFFERTORY SONG – Just as Jesus Told Us (Please rise as you are able)

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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

## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,  
for waves of grain and harvesters,  
fruitful vines and winepresses,  
for our labor and our rest,  
for the gifts of your hand in this land.  
Transform us and what we offer  
into the banquet of your compassion,  
serving your love without limits  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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**

Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven:  
Taste and know that God is good to all.

**Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## COMMUNION

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 DURING COMMUNION – What a Friend We Have In Jesus Green Book #439**

### **SONG DURING COMMUNION – Bless the Lord, O My Soul (10,000 Reasons)**

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**Chorus** Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my Soul  
Worship his holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship your holy name.

The Sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing your song again  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes **Chorus**

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger  
Your name is great and your heart is kind  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find **Chorus**

And on that day, when my strength is failing  
the end draws near, and my time has come  
still, my soul will sing your praise unending  
ten thousand years, and forever more **Chorus x2**

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

We thank you, God of heaven and earth,  
that you fill our deepest need  
with the very gift of Jesus Christ,  
broken and poured out for us.

Pour us out into a broken world.  
Channel our common life  
toward the common good,  
following the way our Savior leads us  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**THE BLESSING**

The Author of life,  
the Word of salvation,  
the Breath of new birth,  
✠ one God, bless you  
and equip you for living and serving,  
today and every day.

**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CONGREGATION**

**SENDING SONG**



# O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:  
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:  
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Walk humbly with your God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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**Thank You** to our worship assistant Sheila Kraus; ushers, Cindy and Allysa Smith; live streaming team, Laura and Bob Foreman; communion set up team, Alice Hager; 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  
Ryan Humphreys  
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**

### **Taizé Worship!**

**Third Wednesday of each month at 6pm.**

The Center at The Open Link, 517 Jefferson Street, East Greenville.  
All are welcome! Come experience a peaceful respite in our busy lives.

**The next Taizé Worship is on July 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm.**

 **FAITH NIGHT at the IRON PIGS**   
**Friday, August 28th at 6:45pm!**

Join us for Faith Night with the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs at Coca-Cola Park in Allentown!

The Iron Pigs will be taking on the Syracuse Mets.  
Tickets are \$13 per person.  
Ticket price includes a \$2 credit toward food or beverages.  
The evening events include:

- Live music on the plaza before the game!
- Player faith testimonies
- And a fireworks show at the end of the game!

Sign-up on the bulletin board in front of the office, or you can text/call  
Avah Virus (484) 637-3895 for tickets.

**YOU MUST HAVE CONFIRMATION FROM AVAH TO ATTEND!**

Thank you to Avah for organizing this inspiring and fun-filled night out!

**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!

**UPCCC 40th Anniversary Celebration**  
**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.

**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](mailto:eve.keane@stpaulredhill.org).

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

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!!**

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

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

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.

**There will be no worship at St. Paul's on Sunday, September 6th.** If you are unable to attend the service at New Goshenhoppen Park, join Pastor Serena Sellers at **9:00am** for an **indoor worship** at **St. Mark's Lutheran** in Pennsburg. This service will be live-streamed.