



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

**SUNDAY – JUNE 21, 2026 – FOURTH 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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**Chancel Flowers** are given this morning to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding Anniversary of Betty & Floyd Treffinger presented by Lori Frank and family.

**Our Bulletin** is sponsored this morning to the glory of God and in memory of John Jabs and in honor of Charlie King by Rick and Luci Jabs.

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## **GATHERING**

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

### **WELCOME**

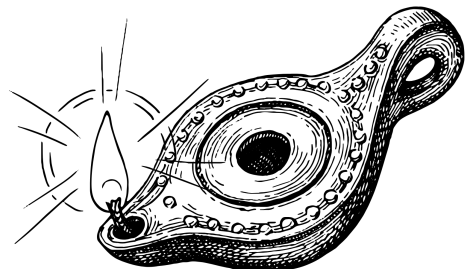
If you are joining us at St. Paul's for the first time, we invite you to fill out one of our "Welcome" Cards and drop it in the offering plate when it comes to you. You can share as much or as little information as you would like. We are planting and growing here at St. Paul's, and we are determined 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 are 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** – How Firm a Foundation – Green Book #507

### **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**

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to  
count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek  
for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we  
do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

(Please be seated)



## WORD

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

### **Psalm 69:7-18**(Assistant)

Please read from Psalm 69 with me responsively.

<sup>7</sup> Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup> **I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup> Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup> **I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.**

<sup>11</sup> I put on sackcloth also,  
and became a by-word among them.

<sup>12</sup> **Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup> But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:  
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

<sup>14</sup> **Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep  
waters.**

<sup>15</sup> Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me  
up;  
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

<sup>16</sup> **Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup> Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

<sup>18</sup> **Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me.**

### **Hebrews 4:12-16** (Assistant)

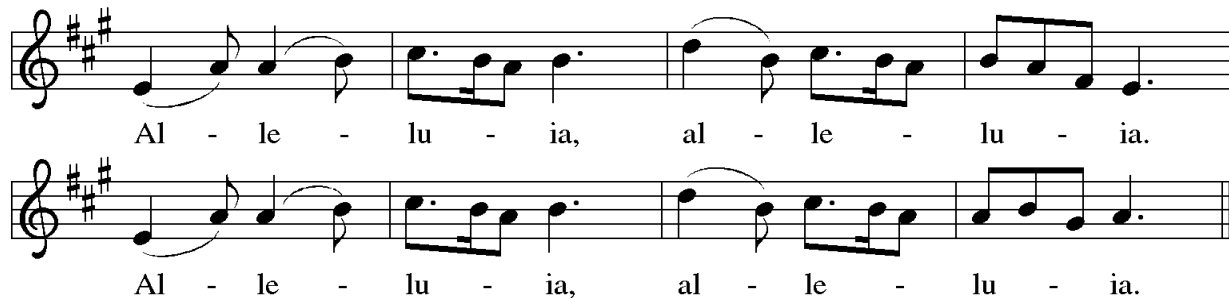
Our second reading is from the book of Hebrews, the fourth chapter.

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup> Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

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



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### **GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39** (Pastor)

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

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup> "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,  
<sup>36</sup> and one's foes will be members of one's own household.  
<sup>37</sup> "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and  
whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and  
whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.  
<sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my  
sake will find it."

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** – You Shine

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Why should I fear man, when You made the heavens?  
Why should I be afraid, when You put the stars in place?  
Why should I lose heart, when I know how great You are?  
Why should I give up, when Your plans are full of love?

In this world we all have trouble,  
but You have overcome the world.

You shine brighter than the brightest star  
Your love purer than the purest heart  
You shine, filling us with courage and strength to follow You.

**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.)

Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect endangered species and the habitats of all your creatures. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect people living in the margins of society, to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help and provide for those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering. We pray especially for those on our prayer list and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

(Allow for a brief silence)

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have lived out their baptismal promises and entered at last into your kingdom. May we follow their example of faith and service. 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**

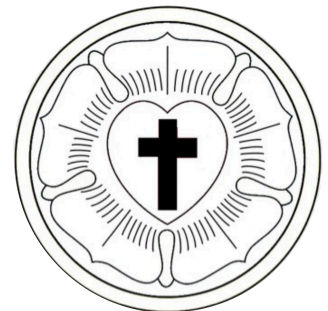
## Bless the Lord, O My Soul



Bless the Lord, O my soul; bless the Lord, O my soul;  
and all that is with - in me bless God's ho - ly name.

Text: Ps. 103:1

Music: PRAISE PSALM 103, traditional



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

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. 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." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm.

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** – O Jesus I Have Promised – Green Book #503

**SONG** – Thy Word

Grant, Am / Smith, Michael W. 1984 Meadowgreen Music Company(Admin, by EMI Christian Music Publishing)/Word Music, Inc.(a div. of Word Music Group, Inc.)

**Chorus** Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.

**Verse 1** When I feel afraid, Think I've lost my way,  
Still You're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear As long as You are near;  
Please be near me to the end. **Chorus**

**Verse 2** I will not forget Your love for me and yet,  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide, And hold me to Your side,  
And I will love You to the end. **Chorus**

**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**

#### **SENDING SONG** – The Battle Belongs to the Lord

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**Verse 1** In heavenly armor we'll enter the land  
The battle belongs to the Lord  
No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand  
The battle belongs to the Lord

**Chorus** And we sing glory honor  
Power and strength to the Lord  
We sing glory honor  
Power and strength to the Lord

**Verse 2** When the power of darkness comes in like a flood  
The battle belongs to the Lord  
He's raised up a standard the power of His blood  
The battle belongs to the Lord      **Chorus**

**Verse 3** When your enemy presses in hard do not fear  
The battle belongs to the Lord  
Take courage my friend your redemption is near  
The battle belongs to the Lord      **Chorus**

### **DISMISSAL**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

**Thank You** to our worship assistant Jenn Eisenberger; ushers, Jeff McMurtrie and Anne Gabel; live streaming team; communion set up team, Nicole 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 - Dave Hamblin -  
Janet Hill - Roy Himmelwright - John Hockenberger - Frances Lechner -  
Melissa Leinback - Gary Mammele - Becky McIntosh - Sally Mixer - Amy  
Moorhus Baumgardner - Tricia Parker - Peter Reigner - Joy Reiss - Dennis  
Renninger - Alan Richard - Donna Rodenberger - Gladys Sands - Margarita  
Serbia - Sally Schwenk - Linda Shagg - John Sheeran - Beth Ann Thomas -  
Arlene Vandeburgh - David Wargo - Ryan Weaver - Larry Weiss - Dave  
Woodward - Janet Zylinski

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Do you need to reach the church office?** Please update your contact list with our new email address: [office@stpaulredhill.org](mailto:office@stpaulredhill.org)

**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.

**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!

**Make Music Upper Perk!** Our summertime music tradition returns **TODAY! June 21, 2026!** There will be music all day, across many venues. Visit [ValleyArtscene.wordpress.com](http://ValleyArtscene.wordpress.com) for the complete music performance schedule & list of venues.

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## **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. 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!



St. Paul's Lutheran  
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presents...



# Welcome Worship

**Beginning June 28th!**

**Every Sunday at 4pm  
in Fellowship Hall!**

**A fun, contemporary worship  
community experience!**

**All are welcome at St. Paul's!**

