



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

SUNDAY – October 4, 2026 – Nineteenth SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. Francis of Assisi

This Sunday, we remember the life and legacy of Francis of Assisi, monk and renewer of the church. He died 1226. Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

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 Given to the Glory of God in memory of my grandparents, Elmer & Edna Roth, presented by Tim Roth.

The Chancel Flowers Given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Sandra Bergey on October 2nd and in honor of Sandra and Kermit's wedding anniversary on October 1st, presented by children and grandchildren.

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 – My Lord of Light

My Lord of Light



- 1 My Lord of light who made the worlds, in wis - dom you have spo - ken;
- 2 My Lord of love who knew no sin, a sin - ner's death en - dur - ing:
- 3 My Lord of life who came in fire when Christ was high as - cend - ed:
- 4 My Lord of lords, one Trin - i - ty, to your pure name be giv - en



but those who heard your wise com-mands your ho - ly law have bro - ken.
for us you wore a crown of thorns, a crown of life se - cur - ing.
your burn - ing love is now re - leased, our days of fear are end - ed.
all glo - ry now and ev - er - more, all praise in earth and heav-en.

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune

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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

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

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

Psalm: Psalm 80:7-15 (Assistant)

Please join me in a responsive reading from Psalm 80.

- ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved.
- ⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.**
- ⁹ You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.
- ¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**
- ¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.
- ¹² **Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes.**
- ¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- ¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts
look down from heaven;**
- ¹⁵ behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please rise in body or in spirit)



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GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46 (Pastor)

The Gospel is from St. Matthew, the Twenty-First chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said] ³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at harvest time."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:
'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

⁴³ "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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 - Above All

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Above all powers above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what You're worth

Crucified laid behind a stone
You lived to die rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all

repeat song

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.)

God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church, especially Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor and church organizer in 18th century Pennsylvania. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation especially Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones, and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees in Gaza, Israel, and the Middle East. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering. 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)

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. We pray especially for our Sunday School teachers. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you, especially Larry Weiss. 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)

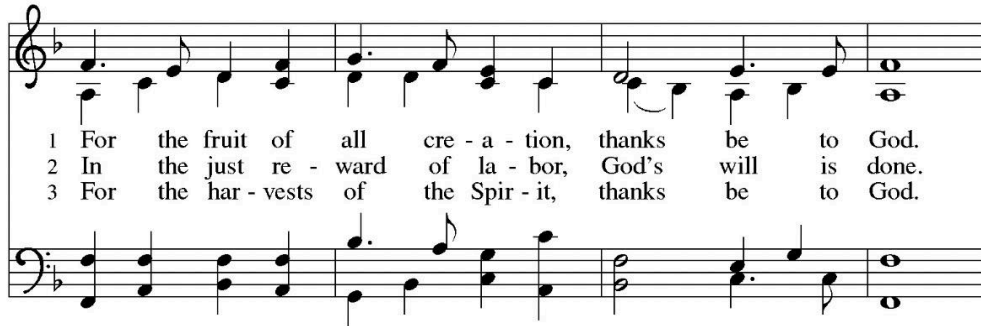
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

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



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

Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness



call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,



stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.



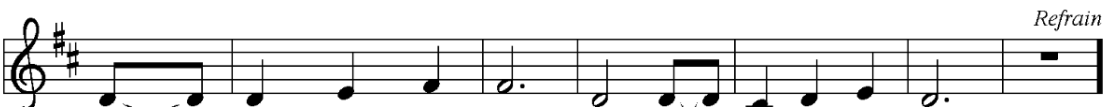
1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an-cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940

Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley

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SONG DURING COMMUNION – Come Let Us Eat - Green Book 214

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.

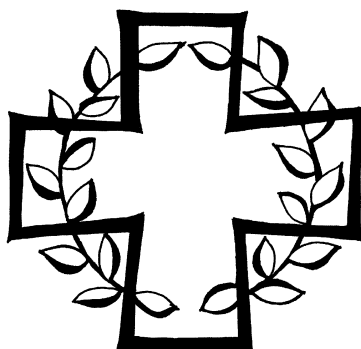
The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CONGREGATION



SENDING SONG - Blessed Be Your Name

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Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
When I walk thro' the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Chorus

Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord – Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord – Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on
me
When the world's all as it should
be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Chorus

Bridge

You give and give always – You give and give always
My heart will choose to say – Lord, blessed be Your name

Ending x 2

Blessed be the name of the Lord – Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord – Blessed be Your glorious name

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!

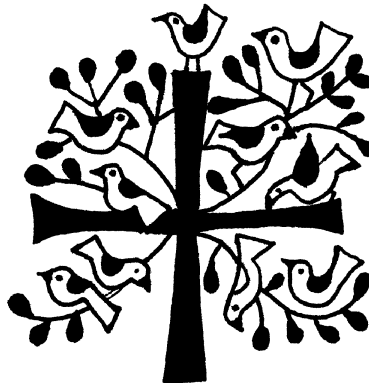
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We Remember in Prayer

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Joyce Allebach
Anita Breyer
Shelby Chadwick
Nancy Esterly
Rev Dr. David
Genszler
Dave and Gail
Gerhard
Barbara Green
Dave Hamblin
Janet Hill
Jerry 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
Sarah Stever
Beth Ann Thomas
Arlene Vandenburg
Ryan Weaver
The Family of Larry
Weiss
Dave Woodward
Pastor Jessica
Zurcher
Janet Zylinski



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!

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

Join us on Thursday's 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.

Reading the book *The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the Good News* 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.