



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

SUNDAY – Sept. 13, 2026 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

***Welcome to Rally Day
at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hill!***

We are so excited you are here! The Church calendar is going to be very busy this fall with lots of opportunities for everyone to learn, contribute, and to get to know Jesus a little better!

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 Chancel Flowers Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Heintz, presented by her loving family.

The Chancel Flowers Given to the Glory of God in celebration of the birthday of his wife, Ali Clark, presented by Rev. Kevin Compton.

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 the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

(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 – Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



- 1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
- 3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
- 4 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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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

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing 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: Psalm 103:1-13 (Assistant)

Please join me in a responsive reading from Psalm 103.

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- ² **Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**
- ³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
- ⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- ⁶ **O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- ⁷ You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
- ⁸ **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**
- ⁹ you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.
- ¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
- ¹² **As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**
- ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12 (Assistant)

Our second reading is from the book of Romans, the Fourteenth chapter.

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has

welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

¹²So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please rise in body or in spirit)



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GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35 (Pastor)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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 - Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Words and Music By John Newton, John P. Rees, Edwin Othello Excelli,
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Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
was blind but now I see.

Refrain: My chains are gone. I've been set free,
my God my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love,
amazing grace.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Refrain

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures

Refrain

The earth will soon dissolve like snow
the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below
will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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)

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers,
confident that God hears us.
(Allow for a brief silence.)

Move your church throughout the world away from judging and toward
accepting others. Lead us to embody the forgiveness you have given us in
Jesus. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The endless beauty of your creation reminds us of your mercy. Protect those
who care for farms and ranches. Guide those who lead us to wonder at your
splendor. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Raise up leaders – like John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, whom we
remember today – to hold all in authority accountable for any misuse of the
power entrusted to them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Calm the fears of all in need with your promises. Compassionately free the
lives of any who feel bound by their failures. Remember your children in
need. We pray especially for the people on our prayer list and those we now
name aloud, or in the silence of our hearts.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ground this congregation in the welcome you show us in forgiving our sin.
Inspire each of us to welcome others for your honor and glory. Hear us, O
God.

Your mercy is great.

With you is found the joy and promise of eternal life. Keep us in that joy as we remember all those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name

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.

Anthem - Special Selection from Laura Foreman

OFFERTORY SONG

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are as follows: Staff 1: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), E4 (quarter). Staff 2: D4 (quarter), E4-F#4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

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

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

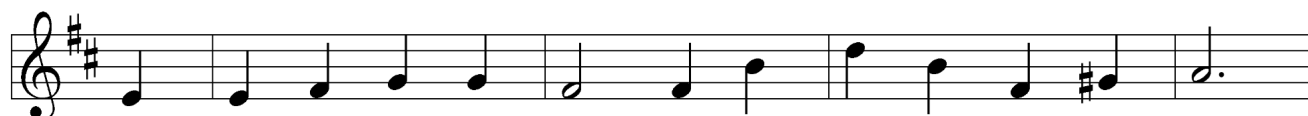
I Lay My Sins on Jesus



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, the spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; all full - ness dwells in him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, this wea - ry soul of mine;



he bears them all and frees us from the ac - curs - ed load.
he heals all my dis - eas - es; my soul he does re - deem.
his right hand me em - brac - es; I on his breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus to wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, my bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



clean in his blood most pre - cious till not a spot re - mains.
he from them all re - leas - es; he all my sor - rows shares.
like fra - grance on the breez - es his name a - broad is poured.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889

Music: MUNICH, *Neu-vermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

SONG DURING COMMUNION – Come Share the Lord

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We gather here in Jesus' name
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame
For through His loving Son the Father makes us one
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord

We'll gather soon where angels sing
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord

He joins us here He breaks the bread
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead
The One we love the most is now our gracious host
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord

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 - 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

Bridge: Shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus, shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

Final Chorus

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 Sandy Bergey; ushers, Cindy and Alyssa Smith; live streaming team; 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
Jannine Hansen
Janet Hill
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Becky McNeilly
Tricia Parker
Dennis Renninger
Alan Richard
Kirk Robinson
Donna Rodenberger
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Margarita Serbia

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Larry Weiss
Dave Woodward
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Zurcher
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TAIZÉ EARLY EVENING WORSHIP!

Third Wednesday of each month at 6pm.

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

**Pastor Kevin is leading the next Taizé Worship on
September 16, 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 UPPER PERKIOMEN CHILD CARE CENTER 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IS HERE!

**Come Celebrate the 40th Anniversary
of the Strongest Church Ministry
in the Upper Perkiomen Valley!**

That's right! **The Upper Perkiomen Valley Child Care Center** – a ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hill – is an invaluable ministry in the valley, providing the highest quality child care and education!
And it has been going strong for 40 years!

This is a wonderful testament to the love and dedication of everyone at St. Paul's Lutheran Church!
SO COME OUT AND CELEBRATE!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 at 5:30pm!

Come out and play games! Grab free hamburgers and hot dogs!
Dance to music from our kid-friendly DJ! Jump on a hayride!
We have face painting and balloons and so much more!
Be part of the excitement! This is your night too!

WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Bakers! We would love to offer a sweet treat to our guests to top off the evening! Please reach out to Carol Elias to provide baked goods for the celebration! Call or text Carol at 215-803-9164 or send her an email at carolelias61@gmail.com.

Helping hands! If you would like to assist with set-up, clean-up, or take-down for the event, parking, or general assistance, please contact the church office at (215) 679-5553 or send us an email at office@stpaulredhill.org.

Hospitality! We would also love to have people to greet guests at the table where we are providing baked goods and desserts – just to say hello and show that we love our neighbors! No sign-up required! Just come on out and find the dessert table, Carol Elias, or Pastor Kevin, and let them know you are there for hospitality.