



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

SUNDAY – August 2, 2026 – TENTH 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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The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Elsie Rehak, presented by her nieces and nephews.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of David and Sheila Mack, presented by siblings Nancy, Sandy, Pat and Jim.

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,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.
(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 – Gather Us In - Blue Book 718

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

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen. (Please be seated)

WORD

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

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5 (Assistant)

Our first reading is from the book of Isaiah, the fifty-fifth chapter.

- ¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
- ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (Assistant)

Please read from Psalm 145 with me responsively.

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call up on you faithfully.

¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰ You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please rise in body or in spirit)



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GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21 (Pastor)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "There is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE – Pastor Kevin Compton

Sermon Series: "Gather, Word, Meal, and Send – Why We Do What We Do"

This Sunday's theme: Gather

With guest speaker: Quentin Bernhard

SONG OF THE DAY – All Are Welcome - music on the next page

(Please rise in body or in spirit)

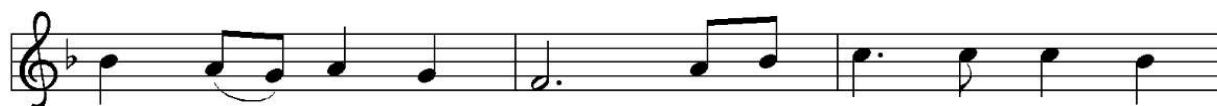
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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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)

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(Allow for a brief silence.)

For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word. Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God's word is broken open and shared with all. Merciful God,
hear our prayer.

For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables. Merciful God,
hear our prayer.

For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. Keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace. Merciful God,
hear our prayer.

For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for all those on our prayer lists and all those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.
(Allow for a brief silence)

Merciful God,
hear our prayer.

For this congregation, that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community. Merciful God,

hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death. Merciful God,

hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, 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 – Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Blue Book:798 (sing 2 times)

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 song, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

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

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.**

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

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.

SONGS 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

All Who Are Thirsty

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All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life,
Let the pain and the sorrow, be washed away
In the waves of His mercy, as deep cries out to deep - We sing

Come Lord Jesus come, Come Lord Jesus come.

All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life,
Let the pain and the sorrow, be washed away
In the waves of His mercy, as deep cries out to deep - We sing

Come Lord Jesus come, Come Lord Jesus come.
Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit come

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (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 - Mighty To Save

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Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing.
Let Mercy fall on me.
Every-one 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.

Chorus

DISMISSAL

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

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, Jenn & Henry Eisenberger; live streaming team, Nicole Walter and Eric Virus; 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
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Anita Breyer
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Melissa Leinback

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Becky McIntosh
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Dennis Renninger
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Kirk Robinson
Donna Rodenberger
Margarita Serbia
Linda Shagg
John Sheeran

Sarah Stever
Beth Ann Thomas
Arlene Vandenburg
Ryan Weaver
Larry Weiss
Dave Woodward
Janet Zylinski

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the Backpacks!

Sunday, August 16th!

Let's start the new school year right!
Bring your backpack to church on Sunday,
August 16th for a blessing and a new backpack tag!

THE OPEN LINK SHOE DRIVE!!!

Got gently worn or new shoes you no longer need?
Give them a second life by donating to help our neighbors!

**Drop-off your donations in the well-marked boxes
in the church entryway**

**or in front of the Child Care Center office
before August 15!**

Proceeds help benefit
The OpenLink Summer Kids Meals Program

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 August 19, 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!

**FLYERS AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS
ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS SERVICE!
SEE PASTOR KEVIN AND HELP SPREAD THE WORD!**

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!
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.

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.