

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church - Red Hill
Pentecost 7 - July 7, 2024 - 9am

*We're glad you're here. Please take a moment to fill out a communion card.
They can be placed in the collection plate.*

Prelude *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (Broughton) - Margie Rodenberger on Organ*

Welcome

Hello everyone! Welcome to worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, I'm Pastor Steve Boughter. Our Worship Assistant Today is Donna Gerhart and our ushers are Patricia Walter and Eric Virus.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of the wedding anniversary of Amy & Stewart McPherson presented by parents Donna & Brian Stever.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of my husband Floyds' birthday and in honor of George Bonekemper's birthday. Presented by Joanne Hersh and family.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism

Confession & Forgiveness *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
 the God of manna,
 the God of miracles,
 the God of mercy.

ALL: Amen.

Pastor: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
 let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: God, our provider,

**ALL: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
 We question your ways when they differ from the ways
 of the world in which we live.
 We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.
 We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
 Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?
 Share with us the words of eternal life
 and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

ALL: Amen.

Song: *Green Book #567 - God of Our Fathers*

The Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day (*Pastor*)

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.
Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and
peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

The First Reading is from 2nd Corinthians the 12th Chapter (*Assistant*)

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven —
whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a
person — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know;
God knows — ⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no
mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf
I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I
will be speaking the truth.

But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or
heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore,
to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan
to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord
about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my
weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content
with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ;
for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Assistant: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God. (Please stand as you are able)

Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter (*Pastor*)

¹Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."
⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.
Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ (*please be seated*)

Song *Eye of the Storm* CCLI License No. 1083898

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**

Chorus Acapella

Message *ASP Presentation & Mission Trip Talk*

Song *The Battle Belongs to the Lord* Jamie Owens-Collins © 1985 Fairhill Music
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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

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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 pow'r 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**

Apostles' Creed. *(Please stand as you are able)*

(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):*

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

(A Brief Silence)

Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint all those on our prayer list and all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them renewal. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed. Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we continue the call process, draw us together and move among us, inspiring us to worship and to serve you and others in Jesus' name. Stir up your Spirit in the heart of a rostered leader so that he or she may be moved to seek a call in our Synod and congregation. Guide and inspire the work of those who serve on this church's Call Committee and Congregation Council as they move forward with their work during this time of transition. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you all!

ALL: And also with you!

Pastor: Let us offer one another a sign of peace *(Please be seated)*

Offering & Prayer

Song *Sanctuary (3X)* - CCLI License No. 108389

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true:
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. **(repeats 3x)**

(Please Stand as you are able)

Song *Just as Jesus Told Us* Dancing at the Harvest # 29 Printed by Ownership of Sufficient Copies
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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

Pastor: Jesus, Bread of life,
 you have set this table with your very self,
 and called us to the feast of plenty.
 Gather what has been sown among us,
 and strengthen us in this meal.
 Make us to be what we receive here,
 your body for the life of the world.

ALL: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And Also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord or God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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.
You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,
ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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:

**ALL: 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. Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

Pastor: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

ALL: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray together in the words our Lord taught us:

**ALL: 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.**

Holy Communion

Pastor: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

ALL: Amen.

The Distribution

Please take a piece of bread from the pastor and then a small cup of wine or grape juice from the assistant minister. A gluten free option is also available.

Song: *You Are My All in All* Dennis Jernigan | CCLI License #1083898

You are my strength, When I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek, You are my all in all
Seeking, You as a precious jew'l
Lord to give up I'd be a fool, You are my all in all

Chorus Jesus Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin, My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name, You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up,
When I am dry You fill my cup, You are my all in all

Chorus

Song: *Make Me a Servant* CCLI#1083898

Make me a servant, humble and meek;
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

Repeat

Song: *Grace Alone* Scott Westley Brown & Jeff Nelson
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Ev-ry promise we can make, ev-ry prayer and step of faith;
Ev-ry difference we will make is only by His grace.
Ev-ry mountain we will climb, ev-ry ray of hope we shine;
Ev-ry blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Chorus: Grace alone which God supplies,
 strength unknown He will provide,
 Christ in us our Cornerstone;
 We will go forth in grace alone.

Ev-ry soul we long to reach, ev-ry heart we hope to teach;
Ev-ry where we share His peace is only by His grace.
Ev-ry loving word we say, ev-ry tear we wipe away;
Ev-ry sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.

Chorus 2x

Post Communion Prayer

Pastor: Jesus, Bread of life,
 we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
 As you have nourished us in this meal,
 now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
 In your name we pray.

ALL: Amen.

The Blessing

Pastor: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
 ✠ be upon you now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

Announcements from the Congregation *(if needed)*

Song *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

O beautiful for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain
America America God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life
America America may God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And ev'ry gain divine

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears
America America God mend thine every flaw
confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

We Remember in Our Prayers

Dan Attieh; Colleen; Vicki Clugston; James Cushman; Leonard Finkboon; Alice Hager; Larry Hange;
Branson Hogle; Lois Hoy; Mo Johnson; Laverne Keyser; Frances Lechner; David Leight;
Alma Leister; Edith Stevens; Dave Stewart; Ryan Weaver; Larry Weiss; Linda Wood.

We remember in our prayers Joshua Vanderslice & Brent Bloomquist who were married by Henrik Sonntag at St. Paul's on Saturday. We wish them every happiness in their lives together.

Announcements & Events

Special thanks to Rev. Steve Boughter for leading worship today, our worship assistant, Donna Gerhart and ushers Patricia Walter & Eric Virus. Thanks to our bread baker and communion set up team, musicians, and all who help with worship. Thank you to our ASP Team for their amazing mission work in Kentucky and for sharing their stories of the journey with everyone today.

Worship Live Stream for July will be on the 28th. To join us from home, visit our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/@stpaulsredhillpa and join worship from home.

Church Tidy Up Group: Can you spare 30-45 minutes? Please consider giving the gifts of time and service to help with vacuuming or straightening up parts of the church building. If so, please sign up for available slots by going to the following website: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EAAAAA2BA5F94-44579155-tidy>
Time slots are Sundays, but may be accomplished during that week per your schedule. If you have questions, please contact Jon Walter.

We are seeking volunteers to set up for communion weekly. Set up happens before worship weekly and just a little bit of time. To join this important ministry, please contact Jenn Eisenberger, jennifer.eisenberger@stpaulredhill.org or Alice Hager, alice.hager@stpaulredhill.org

Sunday School Teacher wanted for September: We are in need of a teacher in September for our Sunday School Program. Please contact Jenn Eisenberger if you are interested and able to help. jennifer.eisenberger@stpaulredhill.org. The rewards greatly outweigh the effort.

Summer Story Series sponsored by St. Mark's youth outreach at St. Mark's "Little Lisa's Library" 81 Main Street, Pennsburg. The series is for ages 3-10 and there will be a story, craft, game and time to choose a book to take home. No registration is required. Join us on the following Wednesdays from 6-7pm: 7/17 Sports/Olympics led by Kevin Langenback; 7/31 Christmas in July led by Jess Henry; 8/14 Space led by Heather Schmitt; 8/21 Robots led by Carol Elias. Hope to see you there.

Donate Gently Used or New Shoes: Clean out your closet while helping those in need. A local mission trip is collecting gently used and new shoes for its mission trip to El Salvador. They need womens, kids, mens, boots, sneakers, high heels, flip flops, sandals, steel toed, etc. Shoes can be placed in the box in the narthex on Sunday as you enter, and they will be picked up on Wednesdays through August 20, 2024. Their goal is 5000 pairs! The shoes received will be distributed to El Salvador, Ghana, Guatemala, Moldova & Cambodia.