

**Welcome to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pentecost 25 - November 10, 2023, 9AM Worship**

Prelude *Before the Throne of God Above (Cook) - Margie Rodenberger*

Welcome *(Pastor)*

Hello everyone! Welcome to worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. I'm Pastor Kevin Compton. Our worship assistant today is Jenna Langenback, and our ushers are Jeff McMurtrie and Carol Elias. Today is fellowship Sunday and our host is Pat Walter. Please join us downstairs following worship for a time of refreshments and sharing.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding anniversary of Matthew and Sarah Stever presented by Brian and Donna Stever.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of the birthday anniversary on November 14th of Mildred Richard presented by sons Alan and Clyde and Families.

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

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

ALL: Amen.

Pastor: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin. *(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Pastor: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

ALL: **we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,

that we may live just and generous lives f

**or the good of your world and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

Pastor: These words are trustworthy and true:

Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are ☩ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

ALL: Amen. *(please be seated)*

Song: *Green Book (#439) - What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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*)

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

The First Reading is from 1st Kings, the 17th Chapter (*Assistant*)

⁸The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”
¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading is from Hebrews, the 9th Chapter (*Assistant*)

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music: *St Paul's Youth - This is the Day that the Lord Hath Made*

(Please Stand as you are able)

Gospel is from St. Mark, the 12 Chapter (*Pastor*)

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Dismissal to Sunday School

Song *Blue Book (#799) - When Long Before Time*

The Sermon Pastor Kevin Compton

Song *God Will Make a Way* Don Moen/©1990,2006 Integrity's Hosanna! Music/
CCLI#1083898

Chorus: God Will Make a way where there seems to be no way,
He works in ways we cannot see,
He will make a way for me.
He will be my guide. Hold me closely to His side,
with love and strength for each new day,
He will make a way, He will make a way.

By a roadway in the wilderness He'll lead me
And rivers in the desert will I see
Heaven and earth will fade
But His Word will still Remain
He will do something new today

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):*

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church,
and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the
gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons,
pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts and pursue peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill, especially those on our prayer list. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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 *We are an Offering*

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to You; We are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord use our hands;
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours; We are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
All that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, We lift our lives up to You;
We are an offering, we are an offering.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
 you offered yourself in love for the world,
 and in this meal you nourish us with your life.
 Fill us with your abundance,
 that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
 trusting in your name.

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: Behold, God is making all things new.
Take your place in the new creation.

ALL: Amen. *(please be seated)*

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: *Change My Heart, O God* Eddie Espinosa (c) 1982 Mercy Publishing CCLI# 1083898

Change my heart Oh God, make it ever true.
Change my heart Oh God, may I be like You.
You are the potter, I am the clay,
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart Oh God, make it ever true.
Change my heart Oh God, may I be like You.

(Repeat Song)

Song: *He is Able* Rory Noland and Greg Ferguson

He is able, more than able to accomplish what concerns me today.
He is able, more than able to handle anything that comes my way.
He is able, more than able to do much more than I could ever dream.
He is able, more than able to make me what He wants me to be.

(Repeat Song)

Song: *Glorify Thy Name* Donna Adkins © 1976, 1981 CCCM Music
(Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.) CCLI# 1083898

Father we love You - We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name - Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Jesus we love You - We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name - Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Spirit we love You - We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name - Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Post Communion Prayer *(Please stand as you are able)*

Pastor: Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

The Blessing

Pastor: The Ancient One, enthroned,
the Crucified One, now risen,
the Indwelling One, poured out,
✠ bless you now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

Announcements from the Congregation *(if needed)*

Song *We Want to See Jesus Lifted High* Eric Nuzum | Doug Horley/ CCLI# 1083898 1993
Kingsway's Thankyou Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing)

We want to see Jesus lifted high, a banner that flies across this land,
That all men might see the truth and know, He is the way to heaven.

We want to see, we want to see, we want to see Jesus lifted high.
We want to see, we want to see, we want to see Jesus lifted high

Step by step we're moving forward, little by little taking ground.
Every prayer a powerful weapon, strongholds come tumbling down
And down, and down, and down. ***Repeat from beginning***

We want to see Jesus lifted high, A banner that flies across this land,
That all men might see the truth and know He is the way to heaven.

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *We Want to See Jesus Lifted High*

We Remember in Our Prayers

Larry Cassel; Vicki Clugston; James Cushman; Larry Hange; Allison Cairns Heist;
Laverne Keyser; Joann Kolonia; Frances Lechner; Alma Leister; Diana McMurtrie;
Ryan, Carolyn & Baby Mary Parker; Barbara Roeder; B. Fern Roth; Abbie Sands; Gladys
Sands; Jean Stifnell; Ryan Weaver; Larry Weiss; Linda Wood; Charles Zepp

Announcements & Events

Thank You to our worship assistant Jenna Langenback and to our usher Jeff McMurtrie, and Carol Elias. Thanks to all who help with worship.

Today is Fellowship Sunday! Please join us in the fellowship hall following worship. We are thankful for our host today, Pat Walter.

Cub Pack 170 will be taking food donations to Open Link on Saturday, 11/16. Anyone who doesn't have a scout troop that leaves door hangers or comes to their house for "Scouting for Food" can put donations in the box in the narthex.

Worship will be Live Streamed on November 17, 2024 at 9AM. Join us in person at church or via our live stream.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyRSCIpa6y_zyfnbovQC5hw

The UPCCC Wreath Sale has begun! If you would like to order beautiful wreaths or swags scan the barcode in the hallway or right here. Orders are due **Today, Sunday, November 10th**. Pick-up is Monday, December 2nd.



Member Meetings: There are 3 upcoming meetings for members. Please be sure to mark your calendars. A snail mail should be sent out the first week of November.

- The proposed budget for 2025 will be presented on **December 1, 2024** at 10AM. Members are welcome to stay for the presentation.
- The Budget for 2025 will be voted on **December 15, 2024** at 10AM during fellowship in the fellowship hall. All may attend fellowship, and our member's will be voting during the meeting.
- The Annual Meeting covering 2024 will be held on **January 12, 2025** at 10AM during fellowship in the fellowship hall. All may attend fellowship. Officers will be elected. Members are welcome to vote.

Thanksgiving Worship & Dinner Sunday, November 24 to be held at St. John's Lutheran Church 3104 Main Street, Green Lane. Worship begins at 4 PM. The Reformed Churches in the Upper Perkiomen Valley together welcome you to this Thanksgiving Worship with a FREE Thanksgiving dinner to follow. Dessert donations requested! **RSVP by 11/17 CALL 215-234-4888.**

Decorating for Christmas will be held on November 30, 2024 at 10AM at the church. If you can help, please come and join us. Thank you. Contact Alice Hager with any questions. Alice.Hager@stpaulredhill.org or call the church office at 215-679-5553.

Alma Leister's 100th Birthday Card Shower We would love to send 100 cards her way. Her birthday is November 30, 2024. Please mail cards to: Mrs. Alma Leister, 2849 Big Road - Fredrick Living Room 1237, Zieglerville, PA 19492. Thank you!

Tree Lighting & Caroling Party will be happening on Saturday, December 7th at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to join the fun! We will gather for the tree lighting, carol in the nearby neighborhood and then come back from some cookies, hot cocoa and games. See you there!

The Poinsettia sale is underway. Help beautify the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. Each plant will be \$13.75. Plants may be dedicated to someone or given to the glory of God. Plants being picked up should be taken home following our 7PM Christmas Eve service or by the 29th of December at the latest. Order forms are in the narthex, via our emails, and in this bulletin. All orders must be received by December 8th.

The Church Tidy Up Group needs you! Please consider giving the gift of service to help with vacuuming or tidying parts of the church. Times are on Sunday, but can be done during the week as your schedule permits. have questions, please contact Jon Walter. You can sign up for available slots at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EAAAAA2BA5F94-44579155-tidy> or by scanning the qr code.

