

# Welcome to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Baptism of Our Lord



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THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

### Pastor Kevin Compton Leads Worship

*If you are visiting us today, Welcome! We are so glad you are here. In the pew in front of your seat is a white card you can fill out to receive information, make a prayer request, or reach out to us. If you prefer, there is a QR code in the back of this bulletin you may use instead. Thanks for visiting, we hope to see you soon!*

**The Altar Flowers today** were not sponsored.

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**PRELUDE** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" by Runyan (Margie Rodenberger)

### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **WELCOME**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS** (Please rise in body or in spirit.)

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator,  
our protector, our wellspring of life.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations  
of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Merciful God,

**All: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment,  
cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;**

**we resist your call to oppose injustice;**

**we give in to scarcity and fear;**

**we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,**

**that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

Pastor: God proclaims these words of assurance:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine."

In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

**All: Amen.**



**HYMN** *As with Gladness Men of Old - Green Book #82*

## THE GREETING

Pastor: The peace 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)*

Pastor: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.** *(Please be seated)*

## WORD

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

### Isaiah 43:1-7

**Reader:** *The First Reading is from Isaiah, the 43rd chapter.*

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

## Psalm 29

**Assistant:** Please read this excerpt from the 29<sup>th</sup> Psalm responsively.

Assistant: <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**All:** <sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

Assistant: <sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**All:** <sup>4</sup>**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

Assistant: <sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**All:** <sup>6</sup>**the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

Assistant: <sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**All:** <sup>8</sup>**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Assistant: <sup>9</sup>The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the  
forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

**All:** <sup>10</sup>**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

Assistant: <sup>11</sup>O Lord, give strength to your people;  
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

## Acts 8:14-17

**Reader:** The Second Reading is from Acts, the 8th chapter

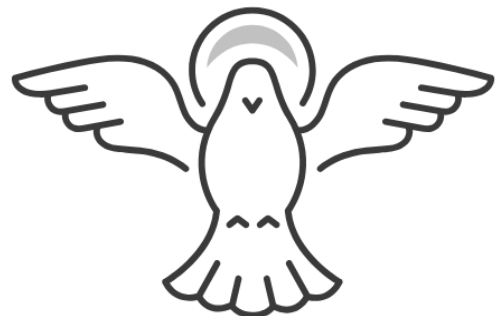
<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word  
of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for  
them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come  
upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus).

<sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Assistant: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please rise in body or in spirit)*



**GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

**Pastor:** Gospel is from St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

**Pastor:** The Gospel of our Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

*(Please be seated)*



**SPECIAL MUSIC** This Little Light of Mine, sung by our our Sunday School Children

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Arise, Your Light Has Come! Blue Book #652

**THE MESSAGE** Pastor Kevin Compton

**SONG OF THE DAY** In Christ Alone Stuart Townend/Keith Getty, Copyright 2002 Thankyou Music (PRS),admin. Worldwide by Worship Together.com songs

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my Light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought & storm.  
What heights of love! What depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when striving cease.

My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

*Interlude*

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.

For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

*Interlude*

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

*Interlude*

No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man. can ever pluck me from His hand  
Til' He returns, or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

**CREED** *(Please rise in body or in spirit)*

(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 the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the  
world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture  
the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young  
Adults in Global Mission and international congregations. God of grace, **hear our  
prayer.**

Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and  
lakes, seas and oceans, especially the Perkiomen Creek and Green Lane Reservoir.  
Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it  
nourishes. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery especially those on our prayer list and those whom we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (allow a brief silence for the congregation...). Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.  
**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*)



### **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **OFFERING**

**SONG** Sanctuary (4 times) 3rd verse acapella 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.

**SONG** Just as Jesus Told Us

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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** (*Please rise in body or in spirit.*)

Pastor: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.  
Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.  
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always.

**ALL: Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: 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.





By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n 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.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

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.

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**



With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**



### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**ALL: Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

*All are invited. When the usher directs you forward, you will receive a piece of bread and a cup of wine from the communion servant. There are gluten-free wafers available upon request, and grape juice is available as a substitute for wine.*

*The servant distributing will say:*

*"The body of Christ, given for you." or*

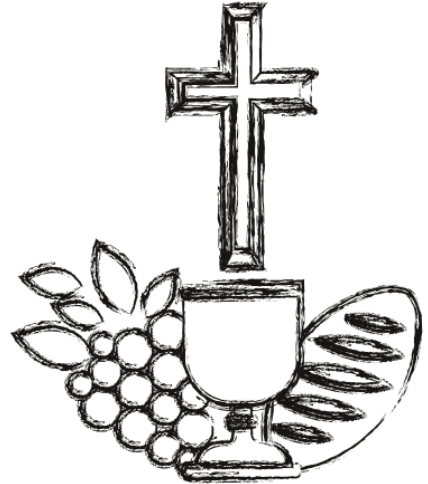
*"The blood of Christ, shed for you."*

*You may respond with "Amen," or*

*"Thanks be to God," or simply remain silent.*

*Please consume the element when you receive it and return to your seat for silent contemplation and prayer or song.*

*Blessings are available in lieu of communion, if you prefer. Blessings are also available for any young person who has not yet received communion instruction.*



**SONG** Grace Alone *Scott Westley Brown & Jeff Nelson 1998 Maranatha! Music CCLI License #1083898*

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*

**SONG** Lord, I Lift Your name on High Rick Founds © 1990 Maranatha! Music CCLI License No. 1083898

Lord I lift your name on high  
Lord I love to sing your praises  
I'm so glad you're in my life  
I'm so glad you came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift your name on high *(Repeat Song)*

**Ending** Lord I lift your name on high  
Lord I lift your name on high!

**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 rise in body or in spirit.)*

Pastor: Nourishing God,  
at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.  
Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good  
news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray,

**ALL: Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**THE BLESSING**

Pastor: The Spirit of the triune God  
✠ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.

**All: Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CONGREGATION**



**SONG** Prepare the Way *Darrell Evens and Eric Nuzum 1999 Integrity Music, Inc. CCLI License No. 1083898*

He has come to bring light into the darkness;  
He has come to bring freedom to the captives;  
He has come to restore the broken hearted,  
It's time to proclaim the year of the Lord

Prepare the way, (echo), Prepare the way for our Redeemer;  
Prepare the way, (echo), Prepare the way for our Restorer.  
Make ready your heart Make ready your home,  
Make ready the people of God Prepare the way. *(Pause)*

He has come to bring hope to the hopeless;  
He has come, to comfort all the poor.  
He has come to heal our every sickness,  
It's time to proclaim the year of the Lord.

Prepare the way, (echo), Prepare the way for our Redeemer;  
Prepare the way, (echo), Prepare the way for our Restorer.  
Make ready your heart make ready your home,  
Make ready the people of God.  
Make ready your heart make ready your home,  
Make ready the people of God. Prepare the way.

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace. Live in hope.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**POSTLUDE** Prepare the Way

*Grateful,  
Thankful and Blessed*

## **We Remember in Our Prayers**

George Bonekemper; Larry Cassel; Stephen England; Laura Foreman; Lorraine Fox; Barbara Green; Allison Cairns Heist; Isabelle; Laverne Keyser; Joann Kolonia; Arlene Koons; Diane Landis; Frances Lechner; Alma Leister; Ryan, Carolyn & Baby Mary Parker; Barbara Roeder; B. Fern Roth; Gladys Sands; Linda Shagg; Donna Stever; Ryan Weaver; Larry Weiss; Linda Wood; Charles Zepp

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS**

**Thank You** to our Worship Assistant, Jenna Langenback, and our Ushers, Carol Elias & Isaac Langenback. Thank you to those who help with worship, and all who sponsor flowers.

**If you are visiting with us today, welcome!** We are so glad you are here. In the pew in front of your seat is a white card you can fill out to receive information, make a prayer request, or reach out to us. Thanks for visiting, we hope to see you soon!



**The Annual Meeting covering 2024** follows worship today, **January 12, 2025** at 10 AM during fellowship in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to fellowship. This is a voting meeting for members in good standing. Council Members will be elected during this meeting.

**Fellowship Sunday is today, January 12, 2024** following worship and during the Annual Meeting. All are welcome to Fellowship, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to our gracious host, Nicole Walter and family.

**Join the Church Tidy Group!** Please giving the gift of service by helping to tidy the church. Work on a Sunday or when your schedule permits. Contact Jon Walter with questions. You can sign up for available slots by scanning the QR code or visit:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EAAAAA2BA5F94-44579155-tidy>

**The Church Council** meets on January 18, 2025 following worship.

**You can help** to build up the community here at St. Paul's. You can contact the church office at 215-679-5553 or email [karen.quinn@stpaulredhill.org](mailto:karen.quinn@stpaulredhill.org) to let us know of your interest. Here are a few of the ways to get involved at St. Paul's:

- We are the Peanut Butter & Jelly Church for Open Link. Please donate small to medium sized containers of both. They can be placed in the literature rack drawers in the hallway by fellowship hall.
- Host a Fellowship Sunday in 2025! Anyone can host, and the council will help you do so. There is a sign up sheet in the church office hallway, just choose a date and fill in your information.
- Become an Usher. This happens during worship and you would be on a rotation that puts you in perhaps 1 Sunday every 4-6 weeks. Contact the church office or Anne Gabel if you would like to help.
- Become a Worship Assistant. We have a rotating schedule and would love to add more people. Many hands make light work. Contact the church office or Anne Gabel if you would like to help.
- Join the Communion Set Up team. You would come a little before worship on a rotating schedule to prepare the bread and wine for communion. Please contact the church office to sign up.
- Join the Altar Guild and help change paraments. Contact Pat Walter or the church office to volunteer.
- Talk with Pastor about all our worship teams and see if one would be a good fit for you to join. The more the merrier.
- Donate cards to help our Card Ministry. They send out birthday, get well, holiday and other cards throughout the year to those who need them. Please place your card donations in the box in the hallway near fellowship hall.
- Save your Redners Tapes to help the Card Ministry. You must use your Redner's card when you shop there for the tape to be used. Redner's cards are free. They are not credit cards. You do not need to tell Redner's what organization you are using the card for. Tapes can't be more than 3 years old. They must include a Save-A-Tape total. The entire tape must be submitted. Tapes can be put into the Redner's Tapes box located in the elevator hallway.