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Make Christ Known.

# Welcome!

## RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## We're glad you're here!

### 10:15am Worship for the Week of August 17, 2025

*Our Purpose: "Know Christ. Make Christ known."*

*Our Vision: "Making Christ-Centered, Emotionally Healthy Disciples of Jesus, One Life at a Time."*

*Our Mission: "Reach and serve our local community, Equip their hearts, minds and souls, and Release them into the world to share God's love."*

#### WELCOME TO RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are worshipping with us this morning, please visit [redhillchurch.org](http://redhillchurch.org) and scroll down to the "Connections Card".

Also, so that we may ensure you are receiving news about the life of our church, please let us know if you have moved or changed your contact information by emailing any updates to [info@redhillchurch.org](mailto:info@redhillchurch.org).

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#### Sunday Morning Schedule:

•8:00 to 9:00 am Classical worship

•9:15 to 10:00 am Bible studies and groups for all ages ("DiscipleU")

•10:15-11:15 am Contemporary worship

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# RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH

10:15<sup>AM</sup> Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Seth Britton, Senior Pastor

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*"Deceptive prophecies are wicked. God will execute judgment on those whose counsels mitigate God's Word! The refrain for the covenant people of God is faith! They wholeheartedly believe exactly what the Lord says and count on His deliverance generation after generation. Jesus desires to reveal not only judgment but also grace through His cross. Faith alone comprehends the impact of Law and Gospel. Faith clings to Christ and repels all wickedness and deceit."*

Congregation responses are in **BOLD print**.

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Aodhan King, Benjamin Hastings, Cody Carnes

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### INDESCRIBABLE

Jesse Reeves | Laura Story

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea

Creation's revealing Your majesty

From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring

Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings

All exclaiming

*Indescribable uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky*

*And You know them by name, You are amazing God*

*All powerful untamable, Awestruck we fall to our knees*

*As we humbly proclaim, You are amazing God*

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go

Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow

Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light

Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night

None can fathom

*Incomp'able unchangeable*

*You see the depths of my heart*

*And You love me the same*

*You are amazing God*

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19; [18:20]*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins,

God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1: 8-9*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **O PRAISE THE NAME (ANÁSTASIS)** Benjamin Hastings | Dean Ussher | Marty Sampson

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds His hands His feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

READING

**Jeremiah 23.16-24**

Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup> They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

<sup>18</sup> For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD  
to see and to hear his word,  
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

<sup>19</sup> Behold, the storm of the LORD!  
Wrath has gone forth,  
a whirling tempest;  
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup> The anger of the LORD will not turn back  
until he has executed and accomplished  
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

<sup>21</sup> “I did not send the prophets,  
yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,  
yet they prophesied.

<sup>22</sup> But if they had stood in my council,  
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,  
and they would have turned them from their evil way,  
and from the evil of their deeds.

<sup>23</sup> “Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? <sup>24</sup> Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

READING

**Hebrews 12.1-3**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **ALLELUIA** Jerry Sinclair

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia;

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia;

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 12.49-56**

“I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup> For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup> They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against

mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

The Gospel of Our Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

MORNING MESSAGE

*Pastor Seth Britton*

GATHERING OF OFFERING *Please complete your worship response card and place it in the offering plate.  
The time of Offering is an opportunity to offer up your praise, both outwardly and inwardly.*

OFFERTORY **BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE**

Phil Wickham

Jesus you endured my pain; Savior you bore all my shame  
All because of Your love  
Maker of the Universe; broken for the sins of the earth  
All because of Your love; all because of Your love

*Because of Your cross my debt is paid  
Because of Your blood my sins are washed away  
Now all of my life I freely give  
Because of Your love, because of your love I live*

Innocent and Holy King; died to set the captive free  
All because of Your love  
Lord You gave your life for me, so I will live my life for You  
All because of Your love; all because of Your love

Bridge:

You did it for me; You did it for Love  
It's Your victory; Jesus You are enough (3x)

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## +SACRAMENT+

*The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. If you are a Baptized Christian, seeking a church home, a member of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, and a disciple of Christ who desires to be forgiven and strengthened to live more faithfully for Christ, you are welcome to commune with us (Children, ages 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and above who are Baptized and who have received First Communion Instruction, are welcome to come Commune with their family).*

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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

**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**

## COMMUNION

*At Red Hill Lutheran, we come forward to the altar (front area) to receive Communion. \* You will be given the bread and will eat it.  
You will then be invited to pick up a cup of wine or grape juice to drink. After you have drank the Blood of the Sacrament, please  
deposit your cup in the receptacle at the end of the table.*

*\* If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion, please notify an usher and the servers will come to your seat.*

## GIVE ME JESUS

Abbie Gamboa | Camaryn Avers | Gabriel Gamboa | Oscar Gamboa

I don't want anything but You, You're more than every dream come true  
All of the things I thought I wanted, Don't come close to knowing You

Now that I'm Yours and You are mine, Our love is the secret that I find  
I'll spend forever in the pleasure, I've found looking in Your eyes

*Give me Jesus*

*Give me Jesus*

*You can have all this world*

*You can have all this world*

More than silver more than gold, You are the treasure that I hold  
Now that I've tasted of Your goodness, Nothing else will satisfy

Bridge:

I don't want anyone else, I don't need anything else

You are my one thing, You are my one thing

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## COMMUNION BLESSING

+SENDING+

## BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, the +Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## SAILING ON A SHIP

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## THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

August 18 James Wise  
August 21 Sarah Ko, Lauren Miller, Esther Schwendimann  
August 22 Bradley Moore  
August 23 Sophie Palmer

## ANNIVERSARIES

August 20 Ray and Brenda Baird, Jeff and Mandy MacDonald,  
Calvin and Patricia Reiten  
August 23 Gary and Lis Fortner

## PRAYER & CARE

### New Prayers This Week:

Requested by the Gephardt: Carolyn Bergt - Healing, Clare McCullum, Trisha, C&S - God's Calling; Requested by Dutch Kramer: Bryan Family on the passing of Valerie Bryan, Paula Hopkins drive to Kansas City; Sarah Burton - Healthy pregnancy and C-Section scheduled for August 20th

### Continued Prayers:

Schwartz family, Neli Proctor, Frank Jacques, Trisha G., Chuck Rogers, Valerie & Almen Larson, Valerie Bryan, Carla Hoersch, Teri Burch, Rob Mills, Katie W. Ashley Miller, \*Tamara Lippert, Denise Pace, Drew Lippert, Sheila D., Barbara Miller; Jane Thorson W., Phil Garnett, David Kulcinski, Heather Hoersch, Susan Murphy, Jeff Cadwell, Edna Hohener, Eileen Hamilton, Tina Philips, Diana Godinez's dad, Tin Ngo, Peter D., Amber Benson, Tony's mom, Rebecca Tomlinson, Gloria Tomas, Nancy Ogden, Rick Gertenson, Kari McCollum, Anita Hollis, Rosalind Black, Jim (friend of Gary Fortner), Danny Smith, Almen Larson,

**Healthy Pregnancy** - Jessica Stanphill; Clara (Harney) York.

### US Military Service:

Air Force: Gavin Crawford, Joey Schell, Captain Grant Fox. Army: Calvin Tyler Crawford, Army/JAG: Major Brianna Tuohy; Navy: Matt Browne, Matthew Curiel, Max Daucher, John Farinacci; Eric Belgen. Marine Corps: Marlo Britton; Giacomo Hennigan, Hunter Hansen.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to pray for you this week. If you would like your prayer request to be added to our Weekly Prayers in the Sunday Bulletin, please be sure to check the box on your Worship Response Card indicating "Weekly Announcements". Prayers will remain on this list for three weeks.

## Those serving in worship today...

**Altar Guild:** Debbie Hays, Barbara Jackson, Laurie Henry, Rosa Dalton, Barbara Bomgren, Betty Moran, Donna Wiksell, Melissa Gomez, Patty Reiten, Renee Mihalovich, Sue Raybourn

**Ushers:** 8:00: Ken Hays, Doug Lehman, Paul Marquardt, Joe Heneghan 10:15: Jim Weber, Ray Gomez, Toni Sweeney, Bill Stoffregen

**Readers:** 8:00 Colleen Rust 10:15 Nancy Pace

**Communion Servers:** 8:00 Marie DeBoer & Amy Ronce, Ann Hernandez (B) 10:15 Melinda Olmedo & Laurie Oard, Jodi Sprosty (B)

**A/V Team:** Manny Olmedo, Tom Waldron, James Pace, MJ Siegert, John Hernandez, Brad Wong, Katy Wong, Jason Harney

## WORSHIP and MUSIC

### Livestream Ministry and Worship

The best way to watch our worship services live and on-line is to visit [redhillchurch.org](http://redhillchurch.org). You can also find us on YouTube and Facebook. If you are joining us via the livestream on Sunday mornings and/or for other ministries, can you let us know? We want to ensure that you are acknowledged, cared for, and connected! You can email Pastor Seth at [sbritton@redhillchurch.org](mailto:sbritton@redhillchurch.org) or Donna Kunz at [dkunz@redhillchurch.org](mailto:dkunz@redhillchurch.org).

### Join our Church Music Ministry!

To get connected to one of our classical music ministry groups, please email [jharney@redhillchurch.org](mailto:jharney@redhillchurch.org). For contemporary music, please email [icoughran@redhillchurch.org](mailto:icoughran@redhillchurch.org).

## BIBLE STUDY/COMMUNITY

### "Wednesdays in the Word."

Wednesday mornings, 7:00 a.m.-7:45 a.m. in the Church Sanctuary.

"Why, God?" Exploring the Book of Job

Teacher: Pastor Seth Britton.

For those unable to join us in person, you can livestream or catch up on the class at [redhillchurch.org](http://redhillchurch.org).

### Current Disciple U Class – Christian Caregiving

This class will give practical tools to live out Christ's command to "Love our neighbor as ourselves". Pastor Seth and Stephanie will walk through biblical truths on what it means to be a Christian caregiver, as well as practical tools to serve those in your community.

Dates: Sunday, August 17th, 2025

Location: Christian Life Center (CLC)

Timing: 9:15am - 10:00am

Topics we will cover:

Living out Christian Caregiving

Have questions? Contact Stephanie McArthur at [smcarthur@redhillchurch.org](mailto:smcarthur@redhillchurch.org)

## **Upcoming DiscipleU Class – Songs from the Scriptures**

### **Class Details:**

Dates: August 24th & August 30th

Location: Christian Life Center (CLC)

Timing: 9:15am - 10:00am

Tom Waldron has presented his original Christian music at Red Hill one-by-one for over 30 years. For two Sundays at DiscipleU we can hear many of them presented, with the Bible verses they are based on & the background on how they came to be. Come and enjoy this unique opportunity.

### **RHL Quilters**

The year has flown by and Quilters are looking at the last couple of months before their October Quilt Sale and the Lutheran World Relief truck pick-up. The ladies are working frantically to finish as many quilts as possible. If you'd like to help, but can't join them on Monday mornings, there are quilt kits you could work on at home. If you have a sewing machine and can sew 1/4 inch seams, this may be just your thing. The quilt kits are pre-selected squares, already in a pattern, that just need sewn together. If you would like more information on sewing kits, please contact Nancy Pace at n15pace@yahoo.com.

Quilters will continue their Mondays in Peter's Parish through September. They meet from 9:00am to Noon, though some ladies bring a lunch and share some fellowship time after everything is picked up.

### **RHL Women's Circles Bible Study**

The Women's Circles have been having some summer fun with other events. The Church's new year starts in September and the Circles will begin their normal monthly studies again. Rebekah and Deborah: *Epic of Eden*. Grace: Galatians. Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Peter's Parish Circles will meet the second week of September. Rebekah Circle will meet on Monday, Sept 8th, at 6:30pm. Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, Sept 9th, at 9:30am. Grace Circle will meet on the first Tuesday, Sept 2nd, at 10am. For more information, please check with the Circle leaders.

- Rebekah Circle: 1st Mondays at 6:30pm – In Peter's Parish. Contact Martha Toft: martha.toft@gmail.com
- Deborah Circle: 1st Tuesdays at 9:30am – Contact Carmen Gogosha: 4gogosfam@gmail.com
- Grace Circle: 1st Tuesdays at 10:00am – In The Groves. Contact Marlene Thorson: emthor@cox.net

### **Book Club**

Join us for our monthly book club on August 19th at 12:45 pm in Peter's Parish. Our book for August will be "The Soloist" by Steve Lopez. See you then.

Questions: Marlene Thorson, 949/632-7416

### **Red Hill Moms Book Clubs**

Moms, this is for you! This Fall we will be launching Moms book clubs where we will meet each week here at Red Hill.

Book clubs are open to all Moms, in all seasons. The heart behind these book clubs is to build community, encourage each other, and grow together in this season of life. Book clubs are super relaxed with no added pressure to your day. Come as you are, share your heart, and see what God has for you. We are still finalizing the details regarding dates and times, right now, we just want to know if you are interested. Scan the QR code or email Stephanie McArthur at smcarthur@redhillchurch.org to let us know you are interested.

### **Ministry Expo**

Red Hill Lutheran Church & School is excited to welcome you to our Ministry Expo on Sunday, September 14th from 9:00am to 12:30pm in the Christian Life Center (CLC)! Whether you're part of our church family or school community, this event is a fantastic opportunity to explore the many ministries we offer and discover new ways to connect, grow, and serve.

Bring the whole family and enjoy a morning filled with food, drinks, games, raffle prizes, family photos, and lots of fun! Don't forget to complete your punch card for a chance to win awesome raffle prizes — there's something for all ages! We can't wait to see you there — We Welcome You!

### **Wednesday Mid-Week Prayer**

Prior to Pastor Seth's Wednesday Bible Study, join us at 6:30am for prayer in the Prayer Chapel just off the Narthex. This 25-minute service will include Bible readings and responsive prayer. You can leave for work after the prayer or stay for the Bible study. It's a great way to start the day!

### **Mensday Bible Study**

All men are invited to our weekly informal gathering on Monday evenings at Peter's Parish for a 6:30pm dinner, followed by a 7:00-8:30pm Bible Study. For details, contact Tom Waldron at (714)697-5349 or tjwaldron3@aol.com.

### **Red Hill Youth & Family Ministry**

#### **YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES**

Are you interested in learning more about Red Hill's Youth & Family Ministry (YFM)? We'd love to connect with you! Stop by our table on the patio to say hello, or email our team.

#### **Contact Our YFM Team:**

- Beth Stoffregen – Director of Youth & Family Ministry | beths@redhillchurch.org
- Brie Longoria – Nursery & Preschool Ministry Co-Coordinator | blongoria@redhillchurch.org
- Katelyn Der – Nursery & Preschool Ministry Co-Coordinator | kder@redhillchurch.org
- Itzel Mancilla – Children's Ministry Coordinator | imancilla@redhillchurch.org
- Tim Rivera – Student Ministry Coordinator | trivera@redhillchurch.org



All areas of YFM are growing, and we need your help! Do you have a heart to serve and make a lasting impact on the younger generation? We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- **T.O.T.S. Ministry:** Help with greeting, checking in kids, and holding babies.
- **K.I.D.S. Ministry:** Small group leaders who can dedicate one hour of their time on Sunday mornings to make a difference in the lives of our children.
- **High School Ministry:** Small group leaders who can dedicate an hour and a half of their time on Tuesday nights to make a difference in the lives of our youth.

If you, or someone you know, would like more information about these volunteer opportunities, please connect with YFM Director, Beth Stoffregen.

### **Summer Missions Project**

Fish are a wonderful source of nutrition for hungry kids — but families don't always have the resources to catch them. A \$50 family fishing kit through World Vision provides tools like nets, lines, hooks, poles, and a basket to help hungry families eat well. By catching extra fish to sell, families can pay for other expenses like clothing, school fees, and medicine. Through the generosity of our Red Hill Community we collected more than \$2,600, which will provide 52 fishing kits to assist families in need. We will continue to collect funds until next Sunday, August 24th. For more information, contact Beth Stoffregen.

### **Thank You from T.O.T.S. Early Childhood Ministry**

Thank you to everyone who donated baby toys to our T.O.T.S. Early Childhood Ministry. We are so grateful for your generosity! Our youngest ones will be so blessed by your kindness!

### **T.O.T.S. Early Childhood Ministry**

Today, during both worship services and during our DiscipleU Educational Hour, in Classroom 11

Our T.O.T.S. Early Childhood Ministry provides a nurturing environment where Christ's littlest disciples—ages six weeks to five years—can play, learn about Jesus, sing praises to God, and grow excited about joining the worshipping community. We encourage families to pick up their children during Communion so they may receive a blessing. Through Sunday morning programming and special connection events, we joyfully partner with families in equipping and teaching their Tiny Ones to Trust the Savior—T.O.T.S.! For the safety of all children, every team member is background-checked and fingerprinted, and certified in both CPR and First Aid.

### **T.O.T.S. Early Childhood Ministry's August Teaching Series**

“Love Roots: A Journey through the Old Testament

Our friends in T.O.T.S. Ministry are on a journey through the Old Testament. This teaching series traces the story of God's redemption promise from the tree in the Garden of Eden to the shoot from the stump of Jesse in Isaiah's Messiah prophecy! Along the way, we will learn the 10 Commandments, rooting our hearts in the love of God and love for others, delighting in His good design. We will talk about all the pictures of Jesus hiding in the pages and play our way through God's epics of old. Today's teaching is “The Red Sea Road.”

### **K.I.D.S. Ministry (Kindergarten - 5th Grade)**

K.I.D.S. Ministry provides an environment that allows elementary-aged kids to come together to Know Jesus, Impact the world around them, become Disciples of Jesus and Serve others - K.I.D.S.

### **DiscipleU K.I.D.S.**

Today, 9:15am-10:00am, in the K.I.D.S. Zone

Kindergarten through 5th Grade kids are invited to join us as we focus on God's Word in a large group format and engage in related activities or crafts with our leaders.

### **DiscipleU K.I.D.S. Fellowship**

Today, 10:00am-11:15am, in the K.I.D.S. Zone

During this programming time, kids have an opportunity to join us for an additional time of Bible study and activities in large and small groups. All children are brought into the sanctuary as a group during this time to celebrate communion or receive a blessing with the whole church community.

### **K.I.D.S. Ministry's August Teaching Series**

“Timeless” – A Teaching Series from the Old Testament on the Prophets

Time travel is such an exciting concept to imagine! If we could hop into a time machine and visit the past, we might be surprised by how much has changed—and how some things stay exactly the same. One thing we'd discover is that God's love and faithfulness are timeless. In this teaching series, we will take a look at the prophets Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel and explore how God's messages to us never change, no matter the time or place. Today, as we look at Micah 6:1-8, we will hear how the prophet Micah shared an important message about what God says is good: “to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.” This message was true for Israel then, and it is still true for us today.

### **DiscipleU Students**

Today, 9:15am-10:00am, inside Peter's Parish

All middle and high school students are invited to join us today during our DiscipleU Educational Hour, 9:15am to

10:00am, inside Peter's Parish. For more information or questions, please contact Tim Rivera.

### Mid-Week Student Ministry Nights

Tuesday, August 19th, and Wednesday, August 20th, from 6:00pm-8:00pm in Peter's Parish

High school students are invited to get together on Tuesday evening, and middle school students will meet on Wednesday evening. Both gatherings will take place from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Peter's Parish. Join us for food, fun, fellowship, and an uplifting time exploring God's Word. For more information or questions, please contact Tim Rivera.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Rest, Renew & Recharge Women's Retreat

This is your opportunity to truly unplug and reconnect—with yourself, with other women, and most importantly, with Christ. We'll gather in the beautiful bayfront setting for a weekend of community, teaching, worship, and rest. This retreat is designed with you in mind!

#### Retreat Details:

Dates: November 7–9, 2025

Location: Hyatt Mission Bay Resort, San Diego

Check-In: Friday at 5:00pm | Program starts at 6:30pm

Check-Out: Sunday at 11:00am

Cost: \$550 (Double Occupancy) or \$650 (Single Room)

Includes:

2 nights at the resort (Friday & Saturday)

Refreshments Friday night

Breakfast & Dinner on Saturday

Breakfast on Sunday

**Scan the QR Code to Register Today!**

This retreat is open to all women, so don't come alone—invite your friends, sisters, neighbors, and co-workers.

Have questions? Contact Stephanie

McArthur at [smcarthur@redhillchurch.org](mailto:smcarthur@redhillchurch.org)



### Annual Congregational Meeting

TODAY in the CLC after the 10:15am worship service.

Members of Red Hill Lutheran Church are invited and encouraged to attend our annual meeting. We will reflect on the achievements of this past year, discuss plans and approve budgets for the coming year, and elect new, lay leaders. Please join us for this important event in the life of our church.

### Church Directory Photos - Come one, come all!

We're updating our Church Directory and want to make sure everyone is included! Photos will be taken on the following dates:

Today, Sunday, August 17th 8:00am - 11:00am - Before the Congregational Meeting

Sunday, September 14th 9:00am - 12:30pm - During our Ministry Expo

Photos will be taken outside, to the right of the CLC, between the Church Offices and CLC.

Please stop by during these times to have your photo taken and update your contact information. No appointment needed—just bring your smile!

Thank you for helping us stay connected to our church family as we continue to grow in community together.

For questions, contact Donna Kunz at [dkunz@redhillchurch.org](mailto:dkunz@redhillchurch.org).

### Protecting Young Minds

**Upcoming Parent Presentation: Protect Young Eyes – Monday, September 8th at 6:30 pm.** Parents, join us for a vital and practical session led by Doug Crawford from Protect Young Eyes, designed to equip you with tools to guide your children through today's digital world with wisdom and confidence. This adults-only event will cover topics like the risks of AI, setting healthy tech boundaries, staying informed on the latest apps, and fostering faith-centered tech conversations at home. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to protect and connect your family in a tech-driven world!

### Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California

*Men's Weekend: September 25-28, 2025*

*Women's Weekend: October 2-5, 2025*

Registration Deadline for both weekends: Wednesday, September 17th

Have you been looking for a way to deepen and enrich your faith? Or perhaps with the busyness of life you feel distant and disconnected from God. Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California is a three-day movement built just for these reasons and held locally in the Los Angeles area.

Developed out of the Catholic Cursillo movement from the Spanish Church almost 100 years ago, Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California hosts weekends dedicated to renewal, connection, and grace led by both Lutheran Lay persons and members of the Lutheran Clergy. It is offered to all baptized members of the Lutheran church and is 100% free to attend. For more information about this set of weekends specifically or about Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California in general, email Beth Stoffregen at [beths@redhillchurch.org](mailto:beths@redhillchurch.org) or contact Pastor Seth. You can also learn more at [www.lcsocal.org](http://www.lcsocal.org).

### Congregational General Giving for Fiscal Year ending 8-31-25

Actual General Giving as of 7-31-25	\$1,134,980
General Giving required to avoid operational deficit	\$1,256,032
Surplus/(Deficit) year to date	\$(121,052)

Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Sermon Series: "Fully Engaged."  
(Pentecost, 2025)  
"Tough Love." *Luke 12.49-56.*

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### The "Crisis" of Following Jesus

"A time of intense difficulty, trouble, or danger." "A time when a difficult or important decision must be made."

The \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus makes.

*Luke 12.51-53 Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup> For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup> They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."*

*Luke 12.54-56 He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"*

*Jerimiah 23.23-24 "Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? <sup>24</sup> Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord.*

The \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus takes.

*Luke 12.49-50 "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my **distress** until it is accomplished!"*

συνέχομαι (*synechomai*): "To be seized with" (Constraint)

*Hebrews 12.1-2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

(Answers: Claims. Cross.)