



Know Christ.  
Make Christ Known.

Welcome!

RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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We're glad you're here!

## 8:00am Worship for the Week of August 24, 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

8:00am – 11th Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Seth Britton, Senior Pastor

*Congregation responses are in **BOLD print**.*

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*“The Lord makes all things new in heaven and on earth. We struggle against sin; Jesus sheds blood to acquit. Sons and daughters rebel; the Lord disciplines and loves. Punishment is temporal; peaceful righteousness is forever. We are heirs of this new paradox worthy of disdain; but in Christ we inherit His divine favor. Believers do not weep and gnash their teeth. But in heaven, faith-filled tongues and hearts will be engaged in unbridled confession and worship of Jesus.”*

PRELUDE Movement No. 1 of Concerto in d minor by Antonio Vivaldi transcribed for organ by Johann Sebastian Bach  
Dr. Linda Brown

## OPENING HYMN

### Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful all the gifts they  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
ask to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

## 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.

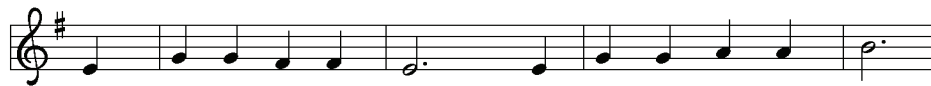
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

#### APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

#### KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

#### CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"  
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.  
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READING

**Isaiah 66:18–23**

“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup> and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup> And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup> And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

<sup>22</sup> “For as the new heavens and the new earth  
that I make  
shall remain before me, says the LORD,  
so shall your offspring and your name remain.

<sup>23</sup> From new moon to new moon,  
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,  
all flesh shall come to worship before me,  
declares the LORD.

READING

**Hebrews 12.4-6, 12-17**

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup> And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

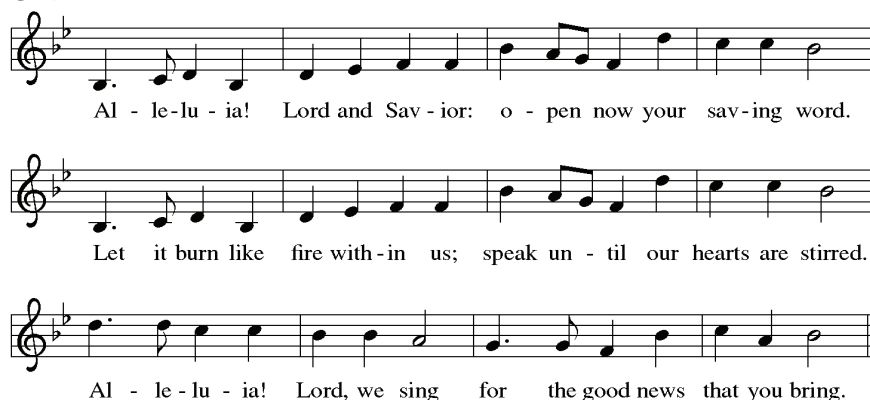
“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,  
nor be weary when reproved by him.

<sup>6</sup> For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

<sup>12</sup> Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup> Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup> See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup> that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup> For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 13:22–30**

He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup> And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, <sup>24</sup> “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup> When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup> Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup> But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ <sup>28</sup> In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup> And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup> And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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

## MORNING MESSAGE

*Pastor Seth Britton*

+SACRAMENT+

GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS *Please complete your worship response card & place it in the offering plate.*

## OFFERTORY

Blessed Assurance

*Mindy Harney, soloist; Laura Harney, piano*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Ps. 136*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join them in saying:

**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.**

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,

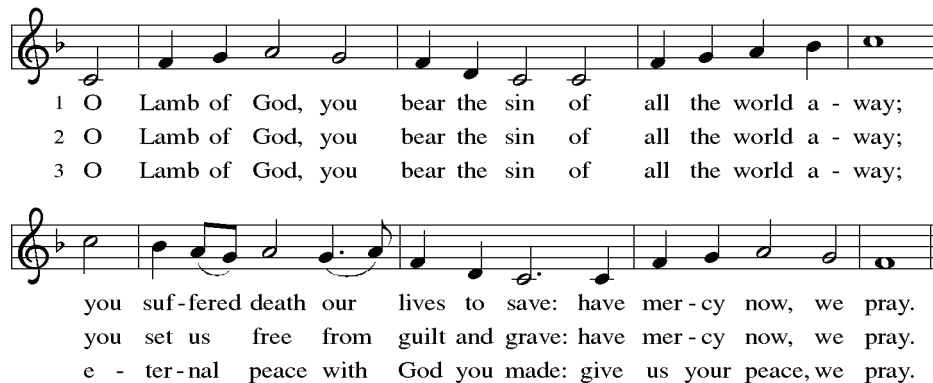
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

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**

AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us with spiritual food  
the body and blood of Christ.  
All who come to you will not hunger,  
all who believe in you will not thirst.  
Empowered by this sacrament,  
send us back into the world  
to do the work you have given us to do:  
to share the gospel and be faithful disciples  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

+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!**

SENDING SONG


Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus




1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, as sol - diers of the cross,  
 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;  
 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;  
 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;



lift high his roy - al ban - ner; it must not suf - fer loss.  
 stand forth in might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day.  
 the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.  
 this day the din of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my he shall lead,  
 Let all his faith - ful serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
 Put on the gos - pel ar - mor; each piece put on with prayer.  
 The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, their crown of life shall see,



till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.  
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.  
 Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.  
 and with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

POSTLUDE

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

James Mansfield

## THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

August 24 Lola Brown  
August 25 Silas Hickey, Charlene Liebelt, Lucas Paschoal  
August 27 Grant Fordham  
August 28 Brad Brooks, Emi Oprescu, Marlena Williams  
August 29 Brian Stephens  
August 30 Edward Blocker, Sally Scalzo

## ANNIVERSARIES

August 29 Beth and Bill Stoffregen  
August 30 Jessie and Athena Hernandez

## PRAYER & CARE

### New Prayers This Week:

Requested by Valerie & Almen Larson - Prayers for job opportunities and financial stability.

### Continued Prayers:

Carolyn Bergt, Clare McCollum, Trisha, B&C, Bryan Family, Paula Hopkins, Schwartz family, Neli Proctor, Frank Jacques, Trisha G., Chuck Rogers, \*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** - Sarah Burton, 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.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

*• In celebration of the life and faith of our mom/mama, Dorothea Moser, and in honor of her 103rd birthday, celebrated in heaven. With love, the Hansen Family*

## 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 Amy Ronce 10:15 Jerry Unis

**Communion Servers:** 8:00 Yvonne Cole & David Kulcinski, Amy Ronce (B) 10:15 Melissa Gomez & Charlene Liebelt, Laurie Henry (B)

**A/V Team:** Manny Olmedo, Tom Waldron, James Pace, MJ Siegfert, 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). Chancel Choir meets Thursdays at 7:15pm in the choir loft. Handbells rehearse Thursdays at 5:45pm in the narthex.

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).

### 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 ¼ 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](mailto: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](mailto:martha.toft@gmail.com)
- Deborah Circle: 1st Tuesdays at 9:30am – Contact Carmen Gogosha: [4gogosfam@gmail.com](mailto:4gogosfam@gmail.com)
- Grace Circle: 1st Tuesdays at 10:00am – In The Groves. Contact Marlene Thorson: [emthor@cox.net](mailto:emthor@cox.net)

### **Women's Book Club**

The RHLC Women Book Club will be meeting on September 16th at 12:45pm in Peter's Parish. Our book choice is "*An Ocean Apart*" by Robin Pilcher. It is a warm, welcome tale of believable people and places told by a born story teller and full of beautifully painted characters. Read the book and join us to discuss it. All women welcome. 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. Email Stephanie McArthur at [smcarthur@redhillchurch.org](mailto: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 9:00 am to 12:30 pm 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!**

#### **Protecting Young Minds**

Upcoming Parent Presentation: Protect Young Eyes – Monday, September 8th at 6:30pm. 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.

Monday, September 8 at 6:30pm in the CLC

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to protect and connect your family in a tech-driven world!

#### **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](mailto:tjwaldron3@aol.com).

## **YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES**

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

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](mailto:beths@redhillchurch.org)
- Brie Longoria – Nursery & Preschool Ministry Co-Coordinator | [blongoria@redhillchurch.org](mailto:blongoria@redhillchurch.org)
- Katelyn Der – Nursery & Preschool Ministry Co-Coordinator | [kder@redhillchurch.org](mailto:kder@redhillchurch.org)
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- Tim Rivera – Student Ministry Coordinator | [trive-ra@redhillchurch.org](mailto:trive-ra@redhillchurch.org)

## **Join the YFM Team – Your Help is Needed!**

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. **Today is the last day to donate.**

## **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 worshiping 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 pic-

tures of Jesus hiding in the pages and play our way through God's epics of old. Today's teaching is "Desert Walkers."

## **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 Jeremiah 18:1-10, we will hear how the prophet Jeremiah shared an important message about what God says about forgiveness. 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 26th, and Wednesday, August 27th, 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. Gatherings will take place from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Peter's Parish. Join us for food, fun, fellowship, and an uplifting time as we explore God's Word. For more information or questions, please contact Tim Rivera.

### Student Ministry Confirmation Classes

Starting Sunday, September 21, 2025, from 9:15am-10:00am, in Peter's Parish

At Red Hill, confirmation is a church rite that follows two years of instruction in God's Word and Lutheran doctrine. The Rite of Confirmation occurs at the end of these two years. It is designed to help baptized children of God grow in their faith and deepen their understanding of Him, while also fostering meaningful connections with peers, parents, the pastor, and the church—preparing them to embrace their lifelong identity as children of God. During these classes, we will explore Luther's Small Catechism in detail, covering the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Communion, Confession, and Forgiveness. 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)



### 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 24th 8:00am - 12:00pm

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

Photos will be taken outside of the 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).

### 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).

— WE ARE UPDATING —

# THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup> FROM 8:00AM - 11:30AM  
OR  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> FROM 9:00AM - 12:30PM  
DURING THE MINISTRY EXPO



Step 1: Take a family photo on one of our picture days.



Step 2: Confirm your contact information is correct.



Step 3: Grab a new directory in November.



Step 4: Live in community with your church family!

## Jesus and the Kingdom of God

*Luke 13.22-23* He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem.<sup>23</sup> And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them...

### The \_\_\_\_\_ to Enter the Kingdom of God.

*Luke 13.24* **Strive** to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

ἀγωνίζομαι (*agōnizomai*): “Compete” “Contend”

*John 10.7, 9* So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep...<sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

*Luke 13.25-28* When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’<sup>26</sup> Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’<sup>27</sup> But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’<sup>28</sup> In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out.

### The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Kingdom of God.

*Luke 13.29-30* And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.<sup>30</sup> And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

*Isaiah 25.6-7* On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.<sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

(Answers: Way. Hope.)