



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 January 4, 2026

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 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.

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

8:00 a.m. – Second Sunday After Christmas

Rev. Dr. Seth Britton, Senior Pastor

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Only twelve years old, Jesus, the boy in the temple, is already full of the wisdom of God. As Solomon prayed for wisdom as God's greatest gift, today we are given a glimpse into God's wisdom: that a person is not and cannot be saved by his own works but by faith in the gift of Jesus Christ. We become God's children and His own family by God adopting us.

Congregational responses are in **BOLD print**.

+GATHERING+

PRELUDE

Two variations on "Jesus, Redeemer of the World"
Dr. Linda Brown

Gerald Near

CALL TO WORSHIP

Before the foundation of the world,
God destined us for love.

Through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
God adopted us into His own family.

From the farthest edges of the earth,
God shepherds their family home.

OPENING HYMN

As With Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

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 *Mark 10:47*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



nest-ling bird or star in heav - en such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+WORD+

READING

1 Kings 3.4-15

And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

READING

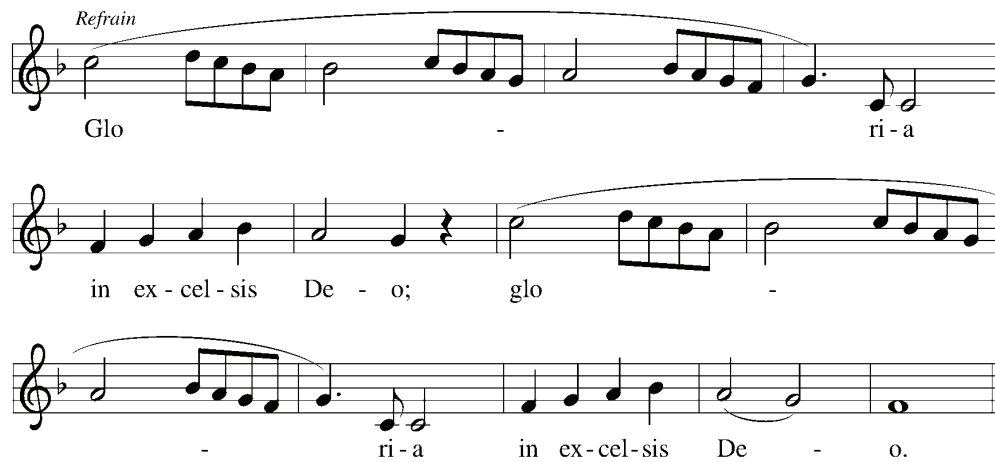
Ephesians 1.3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him.

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2.40-52

And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹ And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

MORNING MESSAGE

Pastor Seth Britton

+SACRAMENT+

TITHES & OFFERINGS *If you are worshipping with us online, please consider visiting redhillchurch.org/give.*

OFFERING

Brightest and Best
Chancel Choir

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 2nd grade and above who are Baptized and who have received First Communion Instruction, are welcome to come commune with their family).

For those needing special assistance with partaking in Holy Communion, you are encouraged sit in the front two to three pews so that a Communion Server may be able to serve you in a timely manner. Thank you!

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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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

COMMUNION

At Red Hill, 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.*

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake 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



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

POSTLUDE

Good Christians Now Rejoice

Wilbur Held

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

January 4 Jeff MacDonald
January 5 Emily Palmer, Anya Rigoni
January 6 Nancy Ogden
January 7 Janice Hundebly
January 10 Diana Godinez, Paul Wilson

PRAYER & CARE

New Prayers This Week:

Requested by Dutch Kramer: Safe travels for Jeff Kramer, and for Paula Hopkins health; Requested by Nancy Pace: Prayers for Alex's Dad recovering from a heart attack on Christmas;

Continued Prayers:

Barbara Jackson, Melissa Bower, Carolyn Bergt, Clare McCollum, Trisha, B&C, *Rob Mills, Teri Burch, Katie W., Tuck Coop, 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, Jim (friend of Gary Fortner), Danny Smith

Healthy Pregnancy - Jessica Parks, Kyley Reiten

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.

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, Betty Ackerman-Flowers

Ushers: 8:00: Shannon MCcNiel (HEAD and LEAD), Brad-Brooks, Larry Lippert, Karl Kotke 10:15: Dutch Kramer (LEAD), Sharon Van Sant, Laurie Oard, Michael Mihalovich

Readers: 8:00 Chuck Rogers 10:15 Hayley Sampson

Communion Servers: 8:00 David Kulcinski & Martha Toft, Ken Hays (B) 10:15 Laurie Henry & Phil Schaffer, Melissa Gomez (B)

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

WORSHIP and MUSIC

Livestream Ministry and Worship

The best way to watch our worship services live and on-line is to visit 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 or Donna Kunz at dkunz@redhillchurch.org.

Join our Church Music Ministry!

To get connected to one of our classical music ministry groups, please email 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.

Hearing Assistance for our Worship Services

If you would like to enhance your ability to hear the worship services by connecting to your phone or tablet, please pick up a flyer from the table in the Narthex which will provide you with step-by-step instructions as to how to use this service.

BIBLE STUDY/COMMUNITY

"Emotionally Healthy Discipleship (EHD) Course."

Begins today through Sunday, February 15th.

9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. In the Christian Life Center (CLC). Teacher: Pastor Seth

At Red Hill, our mission is to make disciples of Jesus. Discipleship is a life-long commitment to Jesus and His way of living and loving. As such, discipleship encompasses our whole selves: Body, mind, spirit, and soul. Consequently, spiritual maturity, another way of describing growing as a disciple of Jesus, encompasses our thinking as well as our emotions. This is why one of our core values is to integrate emotional health with our discipleship. Emotional health and spiritual maturity are inseparable.

"The Emotionally Health Discipleship (EHD) Course" explores our relationships with God and others, focusing on how our needs, vulnerabilities, patterns of communication—especially how we deal with conflict and anger—influences those relationships. EHD flows from one's identity in Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit transforming the deep places in the soul, where our true self, as created in the image of God, exists (Matthew 5.21-48; Ephesians 2.11-22). Please plan to join us as we continue to grow as disciples of Jesus and glorify Him through our lives and relationships!

If you are not able to join us on Sunday morning, please join Stephanie on Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the CLC where we will review the Sunday DiscipleU lesson and have time in small group discussions. Please con-

tact Stephanie McArthur at smcarthur@redhillchurch.org with any questions.

Board Game Night - An Evening of Friendly Competition and Community

You're invited to our first Board Game Night full of laughter, friendly competition, and community! This evening is open to everyone—all ages, church and school families, friends, and neighbors. Come as you are and enjoy time together around the table.

Sunday, February 1st from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the CLC

The cost is just \$10.00 per person and includes sandwiches, chips, drinks, and snacks to keep us fueled for the fun.

Want to help? Volunteers are needed to create a warm and welcoming evening! We have many opportunities to help with this event from table hosts to hospitality, to sharing your favorite game with us. Sign up on the patio to let us know how you want to be involved.

Just want to join in on the fun? Scan the QR Code or register on the Patio to let us know you are coming.

We can't wait to see you and enjoy some friendly competition, make new connections, and spend a relaxed evening building community together!

Have questions? Contact Stephanie McArthur at smcarthur@redhillchurch.org



Meal Packing Event – Mission of Hope

Join us for our annual, hands-on meal packing event supporting Mission of Hope on Thursday, January 29! There are several one-hour time slots available beginning at 2:00 pm, and you are welcome to sign up for one hour or stay for the entire event.

This truly is an all-hands-on-deck opportunity, and we would love to serve alongside you. Every box we pack provides 216 meals, and together—our church and school—we are aiming to pack 20,500 boxes, which means over four-million meals for those in need!

Scan the QR code to register for a time slot, or sign up on the Patio at the Welcome Table.

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie McArthur at smcarthur@redhillchurch.org

We can't do this without you—we need your help!



Mom's Book Club — Starting February 6th!

Moms of all ages are invited to join our Mom's Book Club this February! Whether you're parenting infants, toddlers, elementary-aged kids, or teens, this is a welcoming space created just for you. We gather to enjoy coffee, treats, and meaningful conversation while encouraging one another through the joys and challenges of motherhood.

Our book club is centered on community, not homework. You are never required to read the book—come when you can, as you are. We know how full life can be, and what matters most is showing up and connecting with other moms who understand.

Join us on February 6th from 9am - 10:30am in the CLC to learn more about our book, "Sincerely, Stoneheart" by Emily Wilson Hussem. Be part of a community of moms walking this journey together. Everyone is welcome—be sure to register so that we are prepared for you, as well as if you have any childcare needs.

RHL Women's Circles Bible Study

The Women's Circles will resume their studies this week.

Rebekah and Deborah Circles: The Epic of Eden – David. Devotions pages 175-192.

Rebekah Circle: In Peter's Parish on Monday, January 5th at 6:30pm

Contact Martha Toft: martha.toft@gmail.com

Deborah Circle: In Peter's Parish on Tuesday, January 6th at 9:30am

Carmen Gogosha: 4gogosfam@gmail.com

Grace Circle: At The Groves in Irvine on Tuesday, January 6th at 10:00am - Galatians 3:1-5

Marlene Thorson: emthor@cox.net

Mensday Bible Study

Attention All Wives!

Would you like Monday nights to yourself without your husband asking, "What's for Dinner?" Send him to our "Mensday" Monday Night Dinner & Bible Study! Monday's 6:30pm - 8:45pm @ Peter's Parish. (1st Monday of the month off-campus) Contact Tom Waldron 714-697-5349

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Red Hill Youth & Family Ministry

Are you interested in learning more about Red Hill's Youth & Family Ministry (YFM)? Stop by our table on the patio to say hello, or email our team. We're here to support and serve your family—let's connect!

Contact Our YFM Team:

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

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. This month as we enter the season of Epiphany, we will share more Biblical accounts that reveal the divinity of Jesus. Today's teaching is "Jesus Grew."

RHL Preschool Family Winter Playdate

Saturday, January 24th, from 10:00am to 11:30am on the RHL Playground

Calling all preschool families! We are excited to invite you to our Preschool Family Winter Playdate on the RHLS Playground! Join us for this fun and casual connection event! While the kids play, parents and families will have the chance to chat and connect with each other, our RHL Preschool Staff and our T.O.T.S. Early Childhood Ministry Staff. No registration is required.

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

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

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

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. We are starting a new year with a new teaching series, "Extra-Ordinary," on the early life and ministry of Jesus. Kids will see that Jesus didn't need tools, blueprints, or a workshop to make extraordinary things happen. He transformed ordinary people and situations, showing us what an extraordinary God can do. Today's teaching is the story of "Jesus at the Temple" found in *Luke 2:41-52*. Contact Itzel Mancilla or Beth Stoffregen for more information.

First Communion Class

Sunday, January 25th, at 11:30am – in the Christian Life Center (CLC)

We are offering a First Communion Class for anyone who has been baptized and is in 2nd grade or older. This family class, led by Pastor Seth, is for those seeking information about Holy Communion as well as for those who are ready to receive their First Communion. Age-appropriate materials will be provided for both parents and children prior to the class. The Rite of First Communion will take place on Sunday, February 1st, during our 10:15am worship service. Scan the QR Code to register. Contact Beth Stoffregen with any questions.



Student Ministry Confirmation Classes

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

Confirmation is a church rite following two years of instruction in God's Word and Lutheran doctrine. These classes aim to help baptized children deepen their faith and understanding of God while fostering connections with peers, parents, the pastor, and the church as they embrace their identity as children of God. All middle school or high school students who are interested in Confirmation or have questions can contact Tim Rivera.

Mid-Week Student Ministry Nights | New Hours Starting January

Tuesday, January 6th, and Wednesday, January 7th, from 6:00pm-7:30pm in Peter's Parish

Join us for Mid-Week Student Ministry Nights on Tuesday for High School and Wednesday for Middle School, both from 6:00pm to 7:30pm inside Peter's Parish. Beginning in January, both Middle School and High School Ministry will meet during these new hours to create more intentional, Christ-centered time together. Each night includes food, fun, fellowship, and time in God's Word. For more information, contact Tim Rivera.

Student Ministry Winter Camp 2026

January 16th-19th, at Forest Home | Open to all 6th to 12th grade students

We're so excited to head back to Forest Home this January for Winter Camp 2026! This year's theme asks a powerful question: If God is always with us and for us, what do we do when life appears to be against us? Throughout the weekend, students will dive into Isaiah 30:21 — "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" — discovering how to follow God's voice even when the path ahead feels uncertain.

Winter Camp is the perfect opportunity for students to unplug, connect with friends, and deepen their relationship with God, surrounded by His beautiful creation. Sign-ups are open! Scan the QR code or contact Tim Rivera, Student Ministry Coordinator, for any questions or more information.



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small Groups are Launching in 2026!

Life is better together! Our Small Groups are launching, and this is your chance to connect with others, grow in your faith, and walk through life's joys and challenges alongside each other.

Just as it says in 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up..." It is through your shared stories, prayer, and study that you'll grow together, learn together, and care for one another in meaningful ways.

Let us know you are interested by completing our online form and we'll help you find the right group to start building community, your faith and friendships.

Check the box on our "Next Steps" card and place in the offering plate, scan the QR Code or go to our website to locate our online interest form.

Have questions or can't access the online form, call or email Stephanie McArthur at smcarthur@redhillchurch.org or 714-544-3131 x109

Red Hill Safety Ministry is Looking for Volunteers!

God calls us to protect and serve one another (Psalm 82:3-4). We're excited to expand the Red Hill Safety Ministry to enhance security and emergency response for our church family.

We're looking for YOU if you have experience as:

- Military veteran or active duty
- EMS/first responder
- Former/current law enforcement
- Firefighter
- Prepared citizen

Your skills can make a real difference! Contact Ken Hays at focusonit@ca.rr.com / 714-366-9918 or Pastor Seth Britton for more information and to get involved.

Serve with purpose – volunteer today!

If you used **personalized Giving Envelopes** this year, the 2026 envelopes are available for you to pick up on the Usher's Table.

The **Winter 2025-26 issue of The Vine** is now available! Grab yours today or check it out on our website!



**JOIN US FOR
BOARD GAME
NIGHT**

Enjoy some friendly competition and community!

**SUNDAY
FEB. 1ST 4:00 PM**

You bring the games, we will provide the food!
\$10.00 to attend

See Bulletin for More Information



SMALL GROUPS
Living Life Together

Beginning January 2026
Scan the QR Code for more information.



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RED HILL LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL**

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Help make a difference! Join us as a volunteer and be part of something bigger!

Thursday, January 29th, 2026

Scan the QR Code or register on the patio for your timeslot.

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Jesus in the Temple...Answering the "What" and "Who" Questions About Jesus

Jesus' _____.

*Luke 2.40, 47, 52 And the child grew and became strong, filled with **wisdom**. And the **favor** of God was upon him...⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers...⁵²And Jesus increased in **wisdom** and in stature and in **favor** with God and man.*

σοφία (*sophia*): "Wisdom" ("A quality of mind by virtue of which one is able to live well.") χάρις (*charis*): "Grace"

Isaiah 11.1-2 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the LORD SHALL REST UPON HIM, THE SPIRIT OF wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

Jesus' _____.

Luke 2.46, 48-51 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions...⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress."⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them.⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

(v.49):	ἐν	τοῖς	τοῦ	πατρός	μου	δεῖ	εἶναι	με
	in	(Things, Affairs)	of the	Father	of me	must	be	I
		(House?)						
		(Business?)						

Luke 9.22 (Jesus said)... "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

Ephesians 1.7-9 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ...

(Answers: Wisdom. Identity).