



## 8:00am Worship for the Week of August 23, 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](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 to 11:15 am Contemporary worship

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# RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH

8:00 a.m. – 13th Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Seth Britton, Senior Pastor

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.*  
–Psalm 138

Congregation responses are in **BOLD print**.

## +GATHERING+

### PRELUDE

River of Peace

James Michael Stevens

Mary Oppermann, flute; Dr. Linda Brown

### OPENING HYMN

#### The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

## 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,

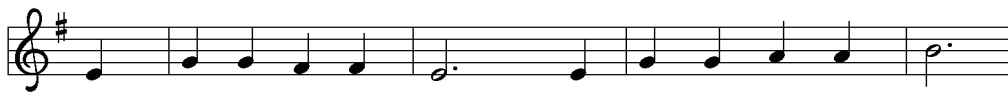
**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus 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*



- 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!

### HYMN 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.**

Let us pray...

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## +WORD+

### READING

**Isaiah 51:1–6**

<sup>1</sup>“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

### READING

**Romans 11:33—12:8**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

<sup>34</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”

<sup>35</sup>“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”

<sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

#### HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 16.13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup> And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup> Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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](http://redhillchurch.org/give).*

#### OFFERTORY

O God, Beyond All Praising *Gustav Holst, arranged by Stephen DeCesare*  
*Mary Oppermann, flute; Linda Brown*

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
 and for all people according to their needs...

*Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, special concerns. The congregation may be invited to offer other petitions.*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*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).*

*If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to come forward for a personal blessing (indicate this by crossing your arms) or you can spend this time in prayer. Our hope is that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.*

## 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 pow'r and might:**

**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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 provided.

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

## COMMUNION MEDITATION

Ubi Caritas    *Maurice Durufle arranged by Samuel Wernain*  
*Mary Oppermann, flute; Linda Brown*

## 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.**

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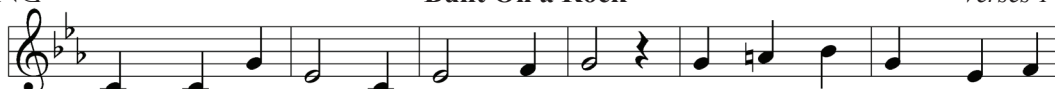
Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SENDING SONG

**Built On a Rock**

*Verses 1 through 3*



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is  
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for his own hab - i -  
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is  
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
dwell - ing; high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our  
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear God's Word where he this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, he in their  
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with  
prom - ise is bring - ing: I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
midst would show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.  
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Hyfrydol

*arranged by Jason D. Payne*



## THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

August 23 Sophie Palmer  
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

## ANNIVERSARIES

August 23 Gary and Lis Fortner  
August 24 John and Terry Castellon

## PRAYER & CARE

### New Prayers This Week:

Requested by Joshua Bransetter: Prayers for health and protection for upcoming UFC BSS competitions, and safe travels; Requested by the Gebhardts: Prayers of healing for Carolyn Bergt, Clare McCollum, Solomon Riuz, and Doug Moran. Prayers for B&C to hear God's call.

### Continued Prayers:

Hillary Hurt, Lola Campos, \*Barbara Jackson, Rob Mills, Teri Burch, Katie W., Tuck Coop, Tamara Lippert, Denise Pace, Drew Lippert, Sheila D., Barbara Miller; Jane Thorson W., David Kulcinski, Heather Hoersch, Susan Murphy, Jeff Cadwell, Edna Hohener, Eileen Hamilton, Tina Philips, Diana Godinez's dad, Tin Ngo, Peter D., Amber Benson, Rebecca Tomlinson, Gloria Tomas, Nancy Ogden, Rick Gertenson, Anita Hollis, and Danny Smith

**Healthy Pregnancy** - Stacia Davis, Kari Woodward, Danielle Scalzo, Alison Kooistra, Denise Estrada

### 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

**Altar Guild:** Patti Sullivan, Debbie Hays, Laurie Henry, Rosa Dalton, Donna Wiksell, Melissa Gomez, Patty Reiten, Renee Mihalovich, Sue Raybourn, Betty Flowers-Ackerman, Jennifer Brown, Susan Hansen, Kathy Groff

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

**Readers:** 8:00 John Ogden 10:15 Charlene Liebelt

**Communion Servers:** 8:00 Carol Pickford & Amy Ronce, Yvonne Cole (B) 10:15 Charlene Liebelt & Laurie Henry, Brian Crooker (B)

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

## ALTAR FLOWERS

*•In honor and celebration of our 40th wedding anniversary!  
Lis and Gary Fortner*

## 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.

## BIBLE STUDY/COMMUNITY

### DiscipleU Study – Recovering the Way with Bob Rognlien

Sunday Morning from 9:15am – 10:00am in the CLC

Join us this summer for DiscipleU as we journey through a video based series, “Recovering the Way” with Bob Rognlien. This 12-part video series follows the life of Jesus from birth to resurrection, using history, archaeology, culture, and stunning visual imagery of the Holy Land to illuminate the Way of Jesus and help us follow Him more closely today. Each session features engaging video teaching, vivid photographs of biblical sites, animated maps, historical reconstructions, and meaningful discussion as we explore discipleship, spiritual formation, mission, and life with Christ. Whether you are new to our church, or looking to grow deeper in your walk with Jesus this summer, you are welcome to join us for this in-depth summer study. If you have questions, or would like more information, please contact Stephanie McArthur at [smcarthur@redhillchurch.org](mailto:smcarthur@redhillchurch.org)

### “Foundations: Called to be God’s People.” The Ministry and Mission of Red Hill Lutheran Church and School.

Begins Sunday, September 6th- 9:15 to 10:00am.

In the Christian Life Center (CLC)

Are you looking to be a part of Red Hill, or looking to learn more about who we are?

During the month of September in “DiscipleU”, we will offer a four-week class entitled, “Foundations: Called to be God’s People. The Ministry and Mission of Red Hill Lutheran Church and School. This course will examine the nature of the Christian church generally, as well as the mission, values and commitments of Red Hill Lutheran Church specifically. We will explore questions such as: “Why does the church exist?” “What is the purpose of the church today?” “Why is it important to be a member of a local church?”

If you have been thinking about joining Red Hill Lutheran Church, or have questions about the ministry of our church, you are invited to join us for this important class, as we welcome you into the Red Hill family! Additionally, our hope is that if you are a current member of Red Hill, this course will be a reminder of who we are as God’s people, and how



you make a difference in the life of our church (and you can welcome and get to know our newer members!) Mark your calendars now and plan to join us! We are looking forward to seeing YOU!

### **“Wednesdays in the Word.”**

#### **Wednesday Morning Bible Study.**

“The Sermon on the Mount”

Wednesdays 7:00a.m. to 7:45a.m. in the Sanctuary (In person, Livestreamed and Recorded) Teacher: Pastor Seth Jesus’ “Sermon on the Mount” is found in the Gospel of Matthew, chapters 5 through 7. Beginning with the “Beatitudes” and concluding with the surrounding crowds’ astonishment of Jesus’ authoritative teachings, the Sermon on the Mount contains some of the most practical, ethical, and challenging instructions from Jesus about how life is lived according to the truths and values of the Kingdom of God!

Beginning this Wednesday, August 5th, we will begin a verse-by-verse study on this profound and powerful “sermon” given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. You are welcome to join us as we examine...

- The historical, cultural, and contextual issues within the Sermon on the Mount
- Jesus and the Old Testament Laws
- What is prayer and living a life of prayer
- Anger, Forgiveness, and living in freedom

After the study at 7:45 a.m., those whose schedule permits, reassemble at local restaurant in Tustin for breakfast and continuing conversation.

Again, this study is livestreamed beginning at 7:15a.m., as well as recorded and posted on our website so that you can participate at any time!

You are always welcome as we study the Word of God!

#### **RHL Quilters**

Quilters meet on Monday morning from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, in Peter’s Parish. We invite all adult women to bring your lunch or snack and enjoy fellowship with us. For more information on our quilts and our partnership with Lutheran World Relief, please contact Nancy Pace at [n15pace@yahoo.com](mailto:n15pace@yahoo.com).

#### **Colossians Women’s Bible Study - Beginning in September**

Life is busy, but God’s Word offers lasting peace. Join other women as we study the book of Colossians together through honest conversation, encouragement, prayer, and the promises of Christ. Multiple groups meet throughout the week with morning and evening options to fit your schedule. Study books are \$10.

Choose the study that works best for you:

Monday, September 14 | 6:30 PM

Rebekah Circle – Peter’s Parish

Contact: Martha Toft – [martha.toft@gmail.com](mailto:martha.toft@gmail.com)

Tuesday, September 15 | 9:30 AM

Deborah Circle – Peter’s Parish

Contact: Carmen Gogosha – [4gogosfam@gmail.com](mailto:4gogosfam@gmail.com)

Tuesday, September 15 | 10:00 AM

Grace Circle – The Groves, Irvine

Contact: Marlene Thorson – [emthor@cox.net](mailto:emthor@cox.net)

You can also scan the QR code, stop by the Welcome Table on the patio this Sunday, or visit [RedHillChurch.org/Women](http://RedHillChurch.org/Women) to learn more.

#### **Mensday Bible Study**

All men of Red Hill are invited to an informal dinner & Bible study Monday nights, 6:30pm in Peter’s Parish. We meet off-site the 1st Monday of the month. We typically discuss Pastor Seth’s Compass notes. Come and give it a try! Contact: Tom Waldron [tjwaldron3@aol.com](mailto:tjwaldron3@aol.com) 714-697-5349

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

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

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](mailto:beths@redhillchurch.org)
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#### **T.O.T.S. Early Childhood Ministry**

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

T.O.T.S. Early Childhood Ministry provides a nurturing environment for Christ’s littlest disciples—ages six weeks to five years—to play, learn about Jesus, sing praises, and grow excited about joining the worshiping community. Our teaching series, “Love Roots,” traces the story of God’s redemption promise from the tree in the Garden of Eden to the shoot from the stump of Jesse. We are reciting the first part of the Apostle’s Creed, praising God our Creator, and playing our way through His epics of old! Today’s Bible Story is “Donkey Words.” Contact Brie Longoria or Katelyn Der for more information.

#### **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 brings elementary-aged kids together to Know Jesus, Impact the world around them, become Disciples of Jesus and Serve others - K.I.D.S. "We've got spirit, yes we do!" It's easy to cheer when your team is winning, but it's a lot harder when things don't go the way you hoped. This month, we'll learn what it means to stick with God's plan through the good times and the hard ones, like when waiting feels long, things feel unfair, or we feel left out. We will explore how we can follow God's directions, how God gives hope when things feel impossible, how God is with us when life is unfair, and how God created us to work together and help one another. Today's Bible Story is "Joseph Put in Charge," found in Genesis 41:9-45:8. Contact Itzel Mancilla for more information.

### **Operation Kid-to-Kid™ Summer Mission Project**

This summer, our Red Hill community is partnering with World Vision through Operation Kid-to-Kid™ to bring hope and health to families in Central America. A gift of just \$9 provides one fruit tree seedling, along with training and support for planting and caring for the tree. These trees provide nutritious food for children, additional income for families, and resources that can be shared with neighbors, creating a lasting impact throughout the community. We have already raised enough to provide 200 fruit trees! Help us continue making a difference by making your donation by next Sunday, August 30th. Donations may be made by cash or check. Please write "VBS 2026 Mission Project" in the memo line of your check. All donations will appear on your giving statement. Contact Beth Stoffregen or Itzel Mancilla for more information.

### **Student Ministry Confirmation Classes**

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

Confirmation is for middle school and high school students, designed to help them grow in their faith through God's Word, Lutheran teaching, topical studies, and honest discussion about life and faith. Students are encouraged to ask questions, grow in community, and deepen their understanding of who God is. If you would like more information, please contact Tim Rivera.

### **Mid-Week Student Ministry Nights**

Tuesday, August 25th, and Wednesday, August 26th, from 6:00pm-8:00pm in Peter's Parish

High school students are invited to gather on Tuesday evening, and middle school students are invited to meet on Wednesday evening. Both groups will meet at Peter's Parish and are welcome to come and enjoy food, fun, fellowship, and a great time in God's Word. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Tim Rivera.

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California**

Men's Weekend: September 24th-27th, 2026

Women's Weekend: October 1st-4th, 2026

Location: St. Joseph's Retreat Facility – Rosemead, CA

Registration Deadline for the Men's Weekend: Sept. 17th

Registration Deadline for the Women's Weekend: Sept. 24th

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 people 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). You can also learn more at [www.lcsocal.org](http://www.lcsocal.org).

### **Ministry Expo – Find Your Place at Red Hill!**

Join us on Sunday, September 13th, from 9:00am to 12:30pm in the CLC for one of our favorite Sundays of the year! Explore the many ministries of Red Hill Lutheran Church & School, meet ministry leaders, enjoy delicious treats, family activities, raffle prizes, and discover how you can get connected. Pick up a beautifully designed ministry guide at each table, complete your stamp card for a chance to win prizes, and find your next step in the life of our church. There's a place for you here! For more information contact Stephanie McArthur at [smcarthur@redhillchurch.org](mailto:smcarthur@redhillchurch.org)

### **Endowment Fund - Support the Future of Our Church & School**

Red Hill Lutheran Church and School invite all members to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider supporting the Endowment Fund, an enduring means of sustaining the mission and ministries of our congregation and school for generations to come. Grounded in Christ's love, our shared mission is to proclaim the Gospel, nurture faith through worship and education, serve others with compassion, and equip both church members and students to live out their faith in daily life.

Contributions to the fund are faithfully stewarded to provide a stable, long-term source of financial support, enabling both the church and school to serve our community, care for those in need, provide Christ-centered education, and continue growing together in faith. Through faithful and intentional stewardship today, we help ensure a vibrant and lasting legacy for future generations of both the church and the school. Contact us: [endowment@redhillchurch.org](mailto:endowment@redhillchurch.org).

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## UPCOMING AT RED HILL

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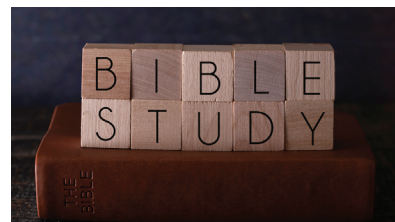
### DISCIPLEU

Sunday Mornings  
 9:15am to 10:00am  
 CLC



### NEW DISCIPLEU

Starts Sept. 6th  
 9:15am to 10:00am  
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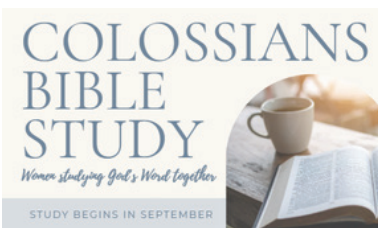
### WED. BIBLE STUDY

Wed. Mornings  
 7:00am to 7:45am  
 Sanctuary



### MENSDAY STUDY

Monday Evenings  
 6:30pm to 8:00pm  
 Peter's Parish



### WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Beginning Sept.  
 AM & PM Groups  
 Peter's Parish



### WOMEN'S BUNCO

Fri. Sept. 18th  
 5:30pm to 7:30pm  
 CLC



### MINISTRY EXPO

Sun. Sept. 13th  
 9:00am to 12:00pm  
 CLC



### CURSILLO WEEKEND

Men's September  
 Women's October  
 Contact Beth S.



### Jesus, Who?

*Matthew 16:13-15* Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

### In This Text...

#### The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus is Confessed.

*Matthew 16:16-17* Simon Peter replied, "You are the **Christ**, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

Χριστός (*Christos*): "Christ" ("Messiah")

מָשִׁיחַ (*mā·šîḥ*): "Anointed one"

#### The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus is Given.

*Matthew 16:18a* And I tell you, you are **Peter**, and on this **rock** I will build my **church**...

"Peter"... Greek (Diminutive): "Petros:" Lit., "Little-rock" (From the Greek, *Petra*): "Rock, Stone"

Εκκλησία (*Ecclesia*): Lit., "Out-Called (To assemble)"

*Psalms 18.1* I love you, O LORD, my strength. <sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

*Matthew 16:18b* ...and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

*Matthew 16:19-20* I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

(Answers: Identity. Promise).