

## **Pentecost 10– August 17, 2025**

**Prelude**    *Please maintain a reverent quiet as the Prelude is played.*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Children's Sermon– Blessing of the Backpacks!**

**Opening Hymn**

**Apostolic Greeting**

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

**C**     **And also with you.**

**Glory to God Pg. 167**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Glory to God in the highest, Amen, amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**L**     The Lord be with you

**C**     **And also with you**

**L**     O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C**     **Amen**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29**

<sup>23</sup> Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup> Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup> How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup> They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? Wisdom, Holy Word.    **C**    **Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm 82

- <sup>1</sup> God stands to charge the divine council assembled,  
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:
- <sup>2</sup> **“How long will you judge unjustly,  
and show favor to the wicked?”**
- <sup>3</sup> Save the weak and the orphan;  
defend the humble and needy;
- <sup>4</sup> **rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**
- <sup>5</sup> They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- <sup>6</sup> **Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,  
and all of you children of the Most High;**
- <sup>7</sup> nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince.’”
- <sup>8</sup> **Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 19– 12:2

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Holy wisdom, holy word.

**C Thanks be to God**

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel according to Luke 12<sup>th</sup>    C Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>“I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

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

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?” This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C    Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

L: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

AM: Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality. Hear us, O God. **People: Your mercy is great.**

AM: Safeguard rivers and lakes (local water sources may be named) from pollution. Sustain the work of conservationists, policy makers, and advocacy groups seeking to protect fresh water sources. Hear us, O God. **People: Your mercy is great.**

AM: Bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers who enact policies that protect our neighbors who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God. **People: Your mercy is great.**

AM: Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound Reassure them of your care in all times and places. Hear us, O God. **People: Your mercy is great.**

AM: O God, source of all goodness: we give you thanks for the gift of reason and the opportunity for education. Bless our schools, that they may be places of learning and safety where teachers challenge the minds and nurture the hearts of students. Grant that teachers and students may work together in mutual respect and find joy in the challenges of academic life; Hear us, O God. **People: Your mercy is great.**

AM: For our children, that they may grow to love and serve You with love. Help them to learn right from wrong and learn the importance of peace and respect. May the adults who surround these young saints serve as examples of faithful followers of You. As lifelong learners, may we support one another in each of our callings of career, recreation, family, and friends., Hear us, O God. **People: Your mercy is great.**

AM: For any other needs you now lift to God..... Lord, in your mercy,  
**People: Your mercy is great.**

L: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. **People: Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C     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**

L The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

*Please share a sign of peace with one another. The Offering is received, and the table is prepared.*

**Anthem: Sing of the Glory Words and Music: Jon Paige**

Sing of the glory of the Lord forever, sing of the glory of the Lord forever. Praise, all the earth. Sing of his worth. Sing of the glory of the Lord, sing the glory of the Lord, sing the glory of the Lord, oh sing all the earth. Sing of his worth. Sing of the glory of the Lord, of the Lord. Sing of the splendor of His Majesty praise him for he is truth and light. Proclaim the glory of the everlasting Lord. Behold the wonder of his might. Sing of the glory of the Lord, sing of the glory of the Lord, forever sing of the glory of the Lord, sing of the glory of the Lord, sing of the glory of the Lord, sing of the glory of the Lord. Sing of the glory of the Lord forever, sing of the glory of the Lord forever. Sing all the earth. Sing of his worth. Sing of the glory of the Lord, sing of the glory of the Lord, sing of the glory of the Lord, sing of the glory, sing of the glory, glory of the Lord, glory of the Lord, ever sing the glory of the Lord. Sing of the Lord.

**Offertory Hymn ELW 185 Create in Me a Clean Heart**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Offering Prayer**

Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

**Benediction**

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. C Amen.

**Closing Hymn**

**Dismissal**

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors. C Amen.

**Postlude**

*Please maintain a reverent quiet as the Postlude is.*

***Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.***

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Kay Ackley  
Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens  
Connie Aparo  
Phil Bascetta  
Kathleen Bowler

Cherie Brown  
Sharon Cable  
Nancy Campbell  
Angelo & Nicole Capasso  
Carol Cianciolo

Emma Cortina  
Leif Dallaire  
Linda Dellano  
Carla Derrickson  
Sue DiAngelis

Winifried Diorio  
Irene Douglas  
Judy Elliott  
Walt Esker  
Jan Eucalitto

Jennifer Ezzo  
Bruce & Liz Falls  
Tommy Fitzpatrick  
Ashley Friday  
John Fox

Joan Gerard  
Liam Gregg  
Danise Hall  
Jack & Barbara Heintz  
Brayden Herzberg

Renate Higgins  
Charles Hilton  
Kathleen Hilton  
Shannon Hilton  
Jake Hoadley

Sven Holmgren  
Erma Horn  
Eunice Jones  
Marilyn Killingbeck  
Maria Koskovich  
Jason Lashbrook  
John Lewis

David Little  
Rebecca Little  
Michael Maccalous  
Kari Machowski  
Mary Ellen Mackinnon  
Jerry MacManus  
Irene Madore  
Audrey Marquard

Abigail Marine  
Eric Marine  
Richard Marine  
Janis Martin  
Gil & Marilyn Martin

Gladys Medina  
Michael Meyers  
Kate Merrow  
Colin Moore  
Brigitte Mueller

Martin Mueller  
Dennis Nalette  
Karen Ness  
Tom O'Brien

Lea Orriola & family  
Russell Palmer  
Maria Payne  
Caroline Quintal  
Ed & Susan Regner

Jonathan Richard  
Louise Roche  
Mark Rose  
Holly Schaff  
Rosemary & Otto Schibi

Denae Seelye  
Matt Simpson  
Margo Skaret  
Dana Steele  
Sigrid Smitley

Paul Smith  
Dana & George Steele  
Jennifer Stella  
Deb & Jon Sterling

Tom Sterling Sr.  
RuthAnn Stone  
Patricia Switzer  
Gloria Thibault  
Andy Thomas  
Julia Thompson Carroll

Susan Tycienski  
Steve Warner  
Renee Woodard  
Clayton Young  
Clarence & Priscilla  
Ed

Jen O.  
Jaiden  
Steve  
Lou W.  
Steve  
Todd  
Robert K.  
Terry  
Joe  
Carol G.

Kristen & Jared  
Vinny  
Hagbard  
Carolina  
Robert P.

Peanut  
Colleen  
Ken  
Kathy  
Jaxson

Gail  
F.C.H.  
Chantel  
Stephan  
Helene B.  
Jason R  
Baby Wesley

### **Our Nursing Home Members**

Dee Gammon  
Midge Rosenbeck  
Calvin Bensch  
Judy Schaller  
Ernest Marquard  
Mae Fay  
Francine Ahrens

### **Our Military Friends**

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn  
Eric Beyus  
Major Zachary Fulton  
Brandan Holbrook  
Jonathan Connell  
Tom Gregg, Jr.  
Eric Bremer  
Peter Hutchinson  
S/W Anderson James Ernst  
USCG  
SPC Dominic Boscarino  
PVT Noah Braatz  
PVT 2 Christian Braatz  
Swab Aiden Avenia USCG  
2nd Lt. Ben Speaker  
Pvt. Noah Roy

## Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Chris Ed. Meeting	8/18	6 pm
Breakfast	8/20	8:30 am

Pastor Vacation            August 11- 19

Rachel Vacation            Back tomorrow

Bible Study Cancelled on Tuesday the 19th  
resuming on Wed. the 20th

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays

Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays

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# **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

837 Charles St., Torrington 06790

**The Fellowship Committee presents**

## **The Fabulous Fall Dinner!**



**Roasted Pork, Veggies, Bread, Potatoes and  
dessert!**

**Saturday, September 20, 2025**

**Fellowship – 5:15pm**

**Dinner – 6pm**

**\$16.00 – Adults   \$10.00 – Kids 5-10**

**Food, Fellowship, Drawing, Fun!**

**Tickets available on Sundays after church  
or @ Church Office   info. 860-482-3555**



**There will be a special congregation meeting Wed, Aug 20 at 7pm,**

Items to be discussed: 1. a proposal for a solar array and roof refinishing  
2. HVAC upgrade. All Voting Members are encouraged to attend.

What is a Voting Member?

1. Must be an official member of St. Paul's
2. Must have received communion in the last 12 months
3. Must have made a "contribution of record" in last 12 months. This means a financial donation that can be attributed to you.

If you have any doubt about your status as a voting member, please contact the office.

**Opportunity! We're looking for volunteers to  
to help us re-start our famous Puppettude ministry.  
If interested, please see  
Pastor Cady or Judy Ludwig**



# Back to School Supply Collection

Social Concerns is collecting school supplies for kids in need!

Backpacks

Pencil Cases

Pencils

Pens

Washable Markers

Crayons

Glue Sticks

Notebooks

3 Ring Binders

Colored Pencils

Pencil Sharpeners

Erasers

Pocket tissues



We are also looking for new  
packaged socks and underwear  
Kids sizes 5 and up!

*Accepting items until  
September 7, 2025*

**Thank you for supporting  
our effort!**

