

Pentecost 11– August 24, 2025

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

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Absolution

Pg 94-95

- L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
C Amen.
- L 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.
C Amen.
- L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
- All: We confess that we are captive 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.**
- L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God Forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, 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.
- C Amen.**

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

Morning Has Broken

ELW 556

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, 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.

C Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Wisdom, Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God!

Psalms 103: 1-8

¹ Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

² **Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and forget not | all God's benefits—**

³ who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;

⁴ **who redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**

⁵ who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

⁶ **O LORD, you provide | vindication
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**

⁷ You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.

⁸ **LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-29

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire. Holy wisdom, holy word. **C Thanks be to God**

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation Page 171

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

Holy Gospel according to Luke 13th C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

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: Blessed by the great mercy and healing grace of our Lord, we now intercede for others in any need.

AM: For the earthly Body of Christ, the one, holy, and apostolic Church, that our places of worship reflect the same compassion and gentle care shown by our Lord when he healed the woman on the Sabbath. Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For all earthly authorities and powers, that they also perceive their role to be one of compassion, healing, restoration, and justice, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For our earthly home, God's precious creation, that we notice where it has been harmed and care tenderly for it for the sake of those who will come after us. Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the children of the world, that all our policies and practices seek their well-being and help them to thrive. Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For all students and teachers returning to classes, that wisdom, knowledge, and a sense of commonly shared values be deepened and appreciated. Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For any other needs you raise now in speech or in silence.....Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

L: For any other needs, Lord, that you see we have, we trust your providential care.
People: Amen

The Peace

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: My Savior Words: Nancy Price and Don Besig; Music: Don Besig

As a shepherd tends his sheep in a quiet meadow, so my Savior watches me and cares for me each day. As a captain sails the sea through the storms and shadows, so my Savior stays with me and keeps me unafraid. When I fall he takes my hand and helps me to start again. When I call he understands; my Savior is my friend. As a parent calms the fear when there's pain and sorrow, so my Savior comforts me and helps me to find my way. He is my Savior, beautiful Savior, source of all hope and abiding faith. Truly I love him, proudly I serve him, redeemed forever by his grace. As the cool and gentle breeze brings a fresh new dawning, so my Savior touches me and fills my heart with hope. As the sun breaks through the trees on a bright new morning, so my Savior shines on me and helps my faith to grow.

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.

The Leader speaks the offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus Pg. 173

C 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

The Agnus Dei pg. 174

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

All are warmly welcomed by Christ to his table and feast.

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

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

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

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
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
Weston Faith
Bruce & Liz Falls
Tommy Fitzpatrick
Bob Frantz
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
Amy & Dave Louen
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

Barbara & 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
Donna Spino
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

Friends and Family of Calvin Bensch Nancy Campbell

Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
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
SPC Dominic Boscarino
PVT Noah Braatz
PVT 2 Christian Braatz
Aiden Avenia USCG
2nd Lt. Ben Speaker
Pvt. Noah Roy

Around the Church

| Event | Date | Time |
|----------------------------|------|---------|
| Hilltop Parent Orientation | 8/28 | 6:00 pm |
| Office Closed-Labor Day | 9/1 | All day |
| Fellowship Dinner | 9/20 | 5:15 pm |

Bible Study Tuesday via Zoom

Tuesdays 6:00 pm

In person Bible Study Wednesdays

10:00 am

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays

Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays



Offerings Summary:

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| Needed Weekly | \$4,561 |
| Received | \$2,387 |
| Shortfall | (\$2,174) |
| YTD shortfall | (\$48,077) |

Minimalist bulletin

Prelude

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Prayer of the Day

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

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Reading of the Holy Gospel

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Prayers of the People

Peace

A Capella Choir Anthem

The Offering is received

Offertory Hymn Pg. 185

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus pg. 173

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) pg. 174

Communion is Distributed

Post-communion prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

Postlude

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*

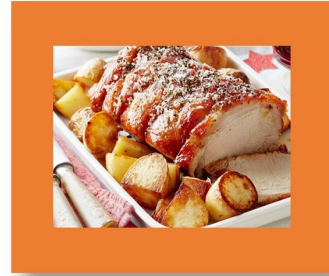
**Thank you for supporting
our effort!**

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

**OCTOBER
18TH**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
837 Charles Street
Torrington, CT**

**St. Paul's Lutheran
Church presents
their
Annual Car
show**



Saturday, October 18, 2025

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Rain date: Sat. October 25, 2025

Registration fee \$10

Food ♦ 50/50 Raffle ♦ Music

For more info.

St. Paul's: 860-482-3555 or Steve: 860-601-1691

FALL FAIR

**Saturday, November 1st
9:00am – 3:00pm**

**Handmade Crafts,
Artisans Market
Soup & Sandwich Lunch,
Bake Sale, Theme Baskets
and More!**

For info: 860-482-3555

