

## Pentecost 12– August 31, 2025

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

### Welcome & Announcements

### Confession and Absolution

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- 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                      Let Us Go Now, To the Banquet                      ELW 523**

### 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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

## First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7a

<sup>6</sup> Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,

<sup>7a</sup> for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. Wisdom, Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God!

## Psalms 112

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD  
and have great delight in <sup>1</sup> God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty <sup>1</sup> in the land;  
the generation of the upright <sup>1</sup> will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be <sup>1</sup> in their house,  
and their righteousness will <sup>1</sup> last forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness <sup>1</sup> for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full <sup>1</sup> of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be gener- <sup>1</sup> ous in lending  
and to manage their af- <sup>1</sup> fairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **For they will nev- <sup>1</sup> er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- <sup>1</sup> ing remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any <sup>1</sup> evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and <sup>1</sup> will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- <sup>1</sup> on their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands <sup>1</sup> fast forever;  
they will hold up their <sup>1</sup> head with honor.

<sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and <sup>1</sup> pine away;  
the desires of the wick- <sup>1</sup> ed will perish.**

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup> Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" <sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. 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 14<sup>th</sup> C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." <sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**See the next page**

# O Christ the Same



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—  
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing  
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;  
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;  
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,  
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing  
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:  
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:  
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,  
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—  
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;  
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;  
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,  
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:  
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.  
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.  
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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 Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish tune

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## 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: As we stand in humility before Christ, he exalts us to his table of grace. May we pray that all people recognize their need and accept his merciful invitation.

AM: For the strong, the rich, the powerful, and the mighty, in the Church and in the world, that they may not be too proud to bow before God in obedience and simplicity, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the weak, the poor, the vulnerable, and the lowly, in the Church and in the world, that they be lifted by the loving hand of God to places of honor in the kingdom, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For humanity, those within the Church, and within the wider world, that we may not place ourselves above our fellow creatures, but may appreciate our shared dependence upon our divine creator. Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the children of the Church and the children of the world, that none may suffer because of our apathy, malice, folly, or scorn, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For all students and teachers, those in the Church and those in the world, 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 all who labor, those in the Church and those in the world, that their works may be honored, their places of work be safe and humane, their compensation be adequate, and their dignity unquestioned. 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: Let the Church Rejoice Incorporating the churches one foundation, words by Samuel J Stone, music by Samuel S Wesley. Words and music by Joseph M Martin**

Sing Hallelujah. Sing Hallelujah. Rejoice and sing Hallelujah. Sing to the Lord, rejoice. Let the church rejoice, Hallelujah. Let the church break forth in song. Let the people sing Hallelujah. Praise God with voices strong. Let valleys all be raised. Let hills break forth in praise. Let all creation sing unto the Lord. Sing unto the Lord. Let the church rejoice. Let the earth bring thanks, hallelujah, for the Lord is ever true. Let the people shout Hallelujah. Let spirits be renewed. Proclaim with highest praise the glories of God's grace. Let all creation sing unto the Lord. Sing unto the Lord. Let the church rejoice. Let the church rejoice. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is his new creation by Spirit and the word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride. With his own blood he bought for, and for her life he died. Let the church rejoice. Let the church rejoice. Hallelujah. Let the church rejoice. Let every heart and every voice resound with joyful praise. Sing unto the Lord. Sing unto the Lord. Let the church rejoice. Sing an hallelujah. Let the church rejoice, Hallelujah. Let the church break forth in song. Let the people sing Hallelujah. Praise God with voices strong. All people celebrate. Give God the gift of praise. Let all creation sing unto the Lord. Sing unto the Lord. Let the church rejoice. Let the church rejoice. Let the church rejoice. Let the church rejoice. Let the church rejoice. Let the church rejoice. Let the church rejoice. Let the church rejoice!

**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**

**See next page for lyrics**

### **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.***

# I'll Fly Away

## [Verse 1]

Some glad morning when this life is o'er  
I'll fly away  
To a home on God's celestial shore  
I'll fly away

## [Chorus]

I'll fly away, oh glory  
I'll fly away  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by  
I'll fly away

## [Verse 2]

When the shadows of this life have gone  
I'll fly away  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown  
I'll fly away (

## [Chorus]

I'll fly away, oh glory  
I'll fly away  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by  
I'll fly away

## [Verse 3]

Oh How glad and happy when we meet,  
I'll fly away  
No more cold iron shackles on my feet,  
I'll fly away

## [Chorus]

I'll fly away, oh glory  
I'll fly away  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by  
I'll fly away

## [Verse 4]

Just a few more weary days and then  
I'll fly away  
To a land where joy shall never end  
I'll fly away

## [Chorus]

I'll fly away, oh glory  
I'll fly away  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by  
I'll fly away



## 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  
Colin Keeley  
Marilyn Killingbeck  
Maria Koskovich  
Jason Lashbrook  
Gail Lavoie  
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  
John Sproat  
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  
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
Office Closed-Labor Day	9/1	All day
Chris Ed	9/8	6:30 pm
Finance	9/10	6:00 pm
Council	9/15	7:00 pm
Worship & Music	9/18	6:00 pm
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:

<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$4,561</b>
<b>Received</b>	<b>\$2,968</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>(\$1,593)</b>
<b>YTD shortfall</b>	<b>(\$49,670)</b>

## Minimalist bulletin

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# 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*

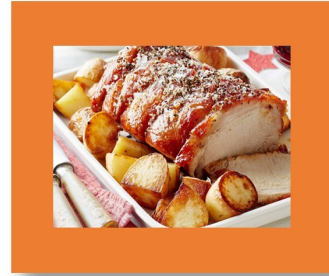
**Thank you for supporting  
our effort!**

## 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  
18<sup>TH</sup>**

**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 1<sup>st</sup>  
9:00am – 3:00pm**

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

**For info: 860-482-3555**

