

## Pentecost 13– September 7, 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

**Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

**ELW 802**

### 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 Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

## First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”  
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God!

## Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

## Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, <sup>2</sup>to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. <sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to

you and to me. <sup>12</sup> I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup> I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. <sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask. 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>25</sup> Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ**

**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.**

## Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

## Prayers of the People

L: As we seek to make all our relationships reflect a wholesome trust in Christ, both with people and property, we include our deep compassion for those on our prayer list.

*Asst Min and Pastor read first names off prayer list*

AM: *after names are read* AM says: *“For all these and any others in need of healing, Lord in your mercy.”* **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the Church, the wider human family, those in authority, and the nations of the world, especially we pray for our own nation, that unity and mutual respect flourish among our people. Lord in your mercy. **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For children everywhere, especially those suffering famine, violence, abuse, neglect, or illness, that we may advocate for their well-being, and be agents of their healing, Lord in your mercy. **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For any needs we now lift in silence or speech..... Lord in your mercy. **People: Hear our prayer.**

L: And for all other needs, Lord, which are known to you, that we may faithfully place them into your gracious hands. **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: With Glory, Honor and Praise! Words: Don Besig and Nancy Price;  
Music: Don Besig**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, joining today in celebration. Come rejoice in praise to the Lord; sing out a song of jubilation. In Christ, we all are one. See what the Lord has done. Let us proclaim his marvelous name with glory, honor and praise! We have found our strength in the Lord; Christ is our rock and our foundation. We are bound by faith in the Lord, here in this loving congregation. We join in grateful prayer for all the gifts we share. Christians rejoice; come lift up your voice with glory, honor and praise, our thanks we raise. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, whose faith endured, surviving every test. God's true disciples, loved and ever blessed. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Walk in faith and trust in the Lord, living a life of dedication. Share the grace and love of the Lord; serve him with

hope and inspiration. Like those who came before, go forth beyond these doors following Christ and shining his light with glory, honor and praise, our song we raise, our song we raise. We sing with praise!

### **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            Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said            ELW 667**

## **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

David Little  
Rebecca Little  
Amy & Dave Louen  
Michael Maccalous  
Kari Machowski

Patricia Switzer  
Gloria Thibault  
Andy Thomas  
Julia Thompson Carroll  
Kyle Thurlough & family

Cherie Brown  
Sharon Cable  
Angelo & Nicole Capasso  
Carol Cianciolo  
Emma Cortina

Mary Ellen Mackinnon  
Jerry MacManus  
Irene Madore  
Audrey Marquard  
Abigail Marine

Susan Tycienski  
Steve Warner  
Renee Woodard  
Clayton Young  
Clarence & Priscilla

Leif Dallaire  
Linda Dellano  
Carla Derrickson  
Sue DiAngelis  
Winifried Diorio

Eric Marine  
Richard Marine  
Janis Martin  
Gil & Marilyn Martin  
Gladys Medina

Ed  
Jen O.  
Jaiden  
Steve  
Lou W.

Irene Douglas  
Judy Elliott  
Walt Esker  
Jan Eucalitto  
Jennifer Ezzo

Michael Meyers  
Kate Merrow  
Colin Moore  
Brigitte Mueller  
Barbara & Dennis Nalette

Steve  
Todd  
Robert K.  
Terry  
Joe

Weston Faith  
Bruce & Liz Falls  
Tommy Fitzpatrick  
Bob Frantz  
Ashley Friday

Karen Ness  
Tom O'Brien  
Lea Orriola & family  
Russell Palmer  
Maria Payne

Carol G.  
Kristen & Jared  
Vinny  
Hagbard  
Carolina

John Fox  
Joan Gerard  
Liam Gregg  
Danise Hall  
Jack & Barbara Heintz

Caroline Quintal  
Ed & Susan Regner  
Jonathan Richard  
Louise Roche  
Mark Rose

Robert P.  
Peanut  
Colleen  
Ken  
Kathy

Brayden Herzberg  
Renate Higgins  
Charles Hilton  
Kathleen Hilton  
Shannon Hilton

Holly Schaff  
Rosemary & Otto Schibi  
Denae Seelye  
Matt Simpson  
Margo Skaret

Jaxson  
Gail  
F.C.H.  
Chantel  
Stephan  
Helene B.

Jake Hoadley  
Sven Holmgren  
Erma Horn  
Eunice Jones  
Colin Keeley

Dana Steele  
Sigrid Smitley  
Paul Smith  
Donna Spino  
John Sproat

Jason R  
Baby Wesley

Marilyn Killingbeck  
Maria Koskovich  
Jason Lashbrook  
Gail Lavoie  
John Lewis

Dana & George Steele  
Jennifer Stella  
Deb & Jon Sterling  
Tom Sterling Sr.  
RuthAnn Stone

**Family & Friends of  
Renate Riese**

### **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
Chris Ed	9/8	6:30 pm
Finance	9/10	6:00 pm
Council	9/15	7:00 pm
Breakfast	9/17	8:30 am
Worship & Music	9/18	6:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner	9/20	5:15 pm
Women of the ELCA meeting	9/29	7:00 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>\$4,413</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>(\$148)</b>
<b>YTD shortfall</b>	<b>(\$51,854)</b>

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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

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## BLUE RHYTHM BAND

**Live**  
**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**837 Charles St., Torrington**  
**Sat., Sept. 27, 5:30 pm**  
**Goodwill donations accepted.**  
**Outdoors (inside if rain)**  
**Bring your own chair, relax, groove!**



**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**

