

Pentecost 15– September 21, 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

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

ELW 696

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 God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat."⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. 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 113

¹ Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants [|] of the LORD;
praise the name [|] of the LORD.

² **Let the name of the [|] LORD be blessed,
from this time forth for- [|] evermore.**

³ From the rising of the sun to its [|] going down
let the name of the [|] LORD be praised.

⁴ **The LORD is high a- [|] bove all nations;
God's glory a- [|] bove the heavens.**

⁵ Who is like the [|] LORD our God,
who sits en- [|] throned on high,

⁶ **but stoops [|] to behold
the heavens [|] and the earth?**

⁷ The LORD takes up the weak out [|] of the dust
and lifts up the poor [|] from the ashes,

⁸ **enthroning them [|] with the rulers,
with the rulers [|] of the people.**

⁹ The LORD makes the woman of a [|] childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. [|] Hallelujah!



Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth. 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 16th C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one or love the other. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

ELW 678



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 children of the Kingdom, let us trust in God's bounty and blessings, and intercede for all our neighbors that they too may be well blessed.

AM: For all Christians, that our hearts always be grateful for God's love and grace, and help spread those blessings to the whole world, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For all people beyond the Church, especially the most powerful and wealthy, that they may use their resources for the good of their neighbors, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For God's boundless creation, that its fruits may be accessible to the whole human race, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For our nation, that rage, sorrow, fear, and grief not blind us to Christ's call to love, forgive, serve, and share, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the world's children - God's precious children - that they be spared the ravages of war, hunger, poverty, violence, sickness or any harm, and that those already wounded in these ways may find relief and comfort, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For any needs you now raise to God.....Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

L: For all these, and any other needs, we ask divine help, Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer. 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: Seek First the Kingdom Words and Music: Ruth Elaine Schram

Sometimes we worry what we will eat and what we will drink and what we will wear. Sometimes we worry what we will eat and what we will drink and what we will wear. Surely the Lord knows our every need and has promised to provide. So, do not worry! So, do not worry! Trust in his loving care. Seek first the Kingdom of God. Seek first his righteousness, and all these things, all these things will be freely given, given unto you. Seek first the Kingdom of God seek first his righteousness, and all these things, all these things will be given unto you. Sometimes we worry what comes tomorrow, bearing a burden we need not bear. Sometimes we worry what comes tomorrow, bearing a burden we need not bear. Surely the Lord knows our every need and has promised to provide. So, do not worry! So, do not worry! Trust in his loving care. Seek first the Kingdom of God. Seek first his righteousness, and all these things, all these things will be freely given, given unto you. Seek first the Kingdom of God. Seek first his righteousness, and all these things, all these things will be given unto you. Seek first 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.

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 Savior, Again, to Your Dear Name We Raise ELW 534

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
Winifried Diorio
Irene Douglas
Judy Elliott
Walt Esker
Jan Eucalitto
Jennifer Ezzo
Weston Faith
Bruce & Liz Falls
Tommy Fitzpatrick
Sherry Franceschetti
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
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
Patricia & Richard Sawitzke
Holly Schaff
Rosemary & Otto Schibi
Denae Seelye
Matt Simpson
Dana Steele
Sigrid Smitley
Paul Smith
John Sproat
Dana & George Steele
Jennifer Stella
Deb & Jon Sterling
Tom Sterling Sr.
RuthAnn Stone
Patricia Switzer
Gloria Thibault
Andy Thomas
Julia Thompson Carroll
Kyle Thurlough & family
Susan Tycieski
Carol Vrlík
Steve Warner
Renee Woodard
Clayton Young
Clarence & Priscilla
Ed
Jen O.
Jaiden
Steve
Lou W.
Steve
Todd
Robert K.

Diane A.
Terry
Joe
Carol G.
Kristen & Jared
Vinny
Hagbard
Carolina
Robert P.
Peanut
Colleen
Ken
Kathy
Jaxson
Gail
F.C.H.
Chantel
Stephan
Jason R
Baby Wesley
Diane L.

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 |
|-------------------|------|---------|
| Blood Drive | 9/22 | 1-6 pm |
| Women of the ELCA | 9/22 | 6:00 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:

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| Needed Weekly | \$4,561 |
| Received | \$1,805 |
| Shortfall | (\$2,756) |
| YTD shortfall | (\$51,341) |

Minimalist bulletin

Prelude

Announcements

Sharing of Blessings or prayers

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Reading of the Holy Gospel

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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



CT Yankee
Chorale rehearses
here every
Tuesday at 7pm

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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
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

