

Pentecost 16– September 28, 2025

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

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

ELW 863

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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

^{1a}Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.⁴Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, ⁶who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 146

¹ Hal-¹ lelujah!

Praise the LORD,¹ O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long¹ as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I¹ have my being.**

³ Put not your¹ trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there¹ is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they re-¹ turn to earth,
and in that day¹ their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob¹ for their help,
whose hope is in the¹ LORD their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that¹ is in them;
who keeps promis-¹ es forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to¹ those who hunger.
The LORD sets the¹ captive free.

⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who¹ are bowed
down;
the LORD¹ loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD cares¹ for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way¹ of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD shall¹ reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.¹ Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. 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 16th C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ” This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW 659

Sacrament of Baptism

Hollis Kolek

Pg. 227-231

Prayers of the People

L: Striving to be faithful followers of Christ, we hold one another in fervent prayer.

AM: For all the baptized, that together we may care for each other in all our needs, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the whole human race, that the world’s abundance may be freely and justly shared, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For our global home, that humanity may find a path to mutual respect for one another, and a unified commitment to care for our fragile planet, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For our youngest members, that the Church may give them a foundation of faith, hope, and love, and a deep desire to serve their neighbors, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For ourselves, that God’s mercy may free us from the burdens of our sin and shame, 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 any other needs we have, Almighty God, we seek your tender care, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer. Amen**

The Peace

A prayer attributed to Francis of Assisi

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **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: Give Me a Song

Words and Music: Heather Sorenson

Jesus, give me a song, give me a song to sing when the world goes silent. Jesus, give me a song, give me a song. Lord, give me a song for my heart to soar, a melody I've never sung before. Jesus, give me a song, Lord, give me a song. Jesus, give me a word, Lord, give me a word to speak when the world stops listening. Jesus, give me a word, Lord, give me a word. Lord, send down the message that they need to hear, then help me to speak it loud and clear. Jesus, give me a word, Lord, give me a word. Jesus, give me your light, Lord, give me your light to shine in a world of darkness. Jesus, give me your light, Lord, give me your light. Lord, turn this nighttime into day. Then use me to show that there's a better way. Jesus, give me your light, Lord, give me your light. This little light of mine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. I'll let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. This little light of mine, this little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, let it shine. Lord, give me your light. Lord give me a word. Lord, give me a song, give me a song. Jesus, give me a song, give me a song to sing when the world goes silent. Jesus, give me a song, give me a song. Lord, give me a song for my heart to soar, a melody I've never sung before. Jesus, give me a song, Lord, give me a song. Lord, give me a song for my heart to soar, a melody I've never sung before. Jesus, give me a song. Lord, give me a song, Jesus, give me a song, Lord give me a song. Jesus, give me a song, give me a song. Lord, give me a song. Lord, give me a song. Lord, give me a song. Give me a song!

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 Contemporary Choir Are You Walking And A-Talking For The Lord

Would you lend a helping hand, to some poor sinner man? Are you walkin' and a-talkin' for the Lord? On your journey to the grave, would you stop and try to save on your journey to the grave? Are you walkin' and a-talkin' for the Lord? [Chorus] Are you walkin'? (are you walkin'?) Are you talkin'? (are you talkin'?) Are you walkin' and a-talkin' for the Lord? Are you travelin' in his light, ev'ry day and ev'ry night? Are you walkin' and a talkin' for the Lord? If you soul said testify, would the world hear your reply? Are you walkin' and a-talkin' for the Lord? Would you stand and shout His name, or bow your head in shame? Are you walkin' and a-talkin' for the Lord? [Chorus] Are you walkin'? (are you walkin'?) Are you talkin'? (are you talkin'?) Are you walkin' and a-talkin' for the Lord? Are you travelin' in his light, ev'ry day and ev'ry night? Are you walkin' and a talkin' for the Lord? When the time has come to go, will your robe be white as snow? Are you walkin' and a-talkin' for the Lord? Will He take you by the hand and lead you to that promised land? [Chorus] Are you walkin'? (are you walkin'?) Are you talkin'? (are you talkin'?) Are you walkin' and a-talkin' for the Lord? Are you travelin' in his light, ev'ry day and ev'ry night? Are you walkin' and a talkin' for the Lord? Are you walkin' and a talkin' for the Lord? Are you walkin' and a talkin' for the Lord? Are you walkin' and a talkin' for the Lord?

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
Karen Pagano
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 Tycienski
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	10/7	1-6 pm
Finance	10/8	6:00 pm
Congregational Meeting	10/8	7 pm
Council	10/13	7 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:

Needed Weekly	\$4,561
Received	\$2,383
Shortfall	(\$2,178)
YTD shortfall	(\$53,519)

Minimalist bulletin

Prelude

Announcements

Sharing of Blessings or prayers

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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



CT Yankee
Chorale rehearses
here every
Tuesday at 7pm

**Congregational
Meeting October 8**

7pm

**Regarding the
possible sale of part
of St. Paul's
property.
Information session
today at coffee hour**

**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

