

Ascension of Our Lord — May 17, 2026

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

ELW 392

Apostolic Greeting

ELW Pg. 138

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **People And also with you.**

This is the Feast

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This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

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L The Lord be with you

People And also with you

L Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People Amen**

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Luke writes: ¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **C Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 93 *chanted responsively*

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and ¹ armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- ¹ not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has ¹ been established; you are from ¹ everlasting.**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted ¹ up their voice; the waters have lifted up their ¹ pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers ¹ of the sea, mightier is the LORD who ¹ dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are ¹ very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- ¹ evermore.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

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

Holy Gospel according to Luke in the 24th Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴ Jesus said to the eleven and those with them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Come Away to the Skies

WOV 669

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving – page 144

- 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.**

The Proper Preface is chanted.

- L intercedes for us as our great high priest. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus Pg. 144

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. 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**

Agnus Dei Pg. 146

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.

Communion is distributed.

Communion Music

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

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

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Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C Thanks be to God

Postlude

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. If you would like to add or subtract for this list, please write name(s) on the Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex located on the stand up desk to the right of the exit doors or email the office. Thank you!

Joe Abbott	Kari Machowski	Lucille Videtto	
Casaundra Abeling	Charlotte Madia	Carol Vrlik	Our Nursing Home Members
Roberta Alteri	Audrey Marquard	Justin Wade & Family	Dee Gammon
Ben, Sheryl & Nic Ahrens	Abigail Marine	Eveyln Walters	Midge Rosenbeck
Michelle Ahrens	Eric Marine	Sue Watkins	Mae Fay
Coni Aparo	Richard Marine	James Weber	Francine Ahrens
Charlie Blakeslee	Janis Martin	Kim Weissman	Betty Hilton
Kathy Ann Campbell	Gil & Marilyn Martin	Diane Wright	Walter Joray
Angelo & Nicole Capasso	Michael Meyers	Bruce Yauney	Our Military Friends
Carol Cianciolo	Brigitte Mueller	Clayton Young	Lord Jesus, Savior of the
Pat Collins	Bob Murphy	Clarence & Priscilla	World and King of Peace,
Emma Cortina	Barbara Nalette	Ed	watch over our sons and
Emily Decker	Karen Ness	Jen O.	daughters in the service
Irene Douglas	Tom O'Brien	Jaiden	of their Country. Protect
J.J. Eby	Karen Pagano	Steve	them from the physical
Judy Elliott	Maria Payne	Lou W.	and moral dangers.
Diane Engle	Melissa Pilbin	Todd	Keep them close to you
Jan Eucalitto	Lisa & Dennis Polzun	Robert K.	and help them live the
Weston Faith	Ed & Susan Regner	Terry	commandments. Lord,
Amy Falls	Baerbel Roehl	Hagbard	Jesus give them courage
Bruce & Liz Falls	Patricia & Richard	Peanut	to serve their country with
Rosemarie Foth	Sawitzke	Diane L.	honor and dignity. Be
Bob Frantz	Vincent Scarrozzo	Holly L.	with them when they are
Danise Hall	Jean Schlapfer	Al & Mary	in danger; strengthen
Renate Higgins	Sarah Seelye	Isaac	them when they face
Kathleen Hilton	Paul Smith	Marci	hardship. Above all Lord,
Shannon Hilton	Sigrid Smitley	Kyle W.	grant that when their ser-
Shaelynn Holmgren	Lori Sola	Michelle	vice is finished that they
Rusty Judd	Deb & Jon Sterling	Ethan & his Marine Unit	may return to us, sound
Brian Kiernan	Tom Sterling Sr.	Jonathan E & his Army	in mind, body and soul.
Marge Kiernan	RuthAnn Stone	Unit	Amen.
Marilyn Killingbeck	Patricia Switzer	Stefan Nikola J.	Tyler Quinn
John Lewis	Diane Tanner	Family and friends	Eric Beyus
David Little	Gloria Thibault	of Lucille Merati	Major Zachary Fulton
Rebecca Little	Nancy Underwood		Brandan Holbrook
			Jonathan Connell
			Tom Gregg, Jr.
			Eric Bremer
			Peter Hutchinson
			Dominic Boscarino
			Noah Braatz
			Christian Braatz
			Aiden Avenia
			Ben Speaker
			Noah Roy

Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
CYC Concert @ St. Paul's	5/17	4 pm
Women of the ELCA	5/18	7 pm
Men's & Women's Breakfast	5/20	8:30 am
Worship and Music Committee	5/21	6 pm
I/T via Zoom	5/21	7pm
New Members Class	5/23	10 am
Toastmasters	5/27	7 pm

Bible Study

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm

In person Bible Study Wednesdays

10:00 am

Wednesdays

Members Tai Chi 11:00 am

Quilting Group 1:00 pm

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	\$6,290
Received	\$3,411
Shortfall	(\$2,879)
YTD shortfall	(\$48,381)

Minimalist bulletin

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Reading of the Holy Gospel

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Creed

Prayers of the People

Peace

A Capella Choir Anthem

The Offering is received

Offertory Hymn ELW 140

Offertory Prayer

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Communion is Distributed

Post-communion prayer

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The Rev. Dr. G. Scott Cady

Music Director Marcia Newcome

Around the Church

Church Picnic 3-5pm, Saturday June 20, followed by South Road concert from 5:30 - 7pm. Also reports will be available as our Annual Meeting part II

Christmas Eve survey please fill it out if you have not already.

Anyone wishing to be a Sunday helper next year please sign up sheet in narthex or contact Pastor.

Those interested in becoming official members please fill out a form found on the table in the narthex.

New Tai Chi class starting on Tuesday May 5, 2026 10 to 11:15 am \$12 per class

Divine by Design
~B Still & Breathe with Bonnie

Approach

I embrace a holistic approach to better health. Through the practice of gentle movement, breathwork and mindful meditation we are able to release stress and anxiety, and thus harmonize mind, body, spirit and emotions. By enhancing tranquility, we improve balance, coordination, mind/body awareness, flexibility, circulation and range of motion. Participants blossom in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

Teaching Experience

For the past 12 years, I have taught tai chi, qigong, and mindful meditation with large groups and small in many venues, including the Sullivan Senior Center in Torrington, the Torrington Historical Society, Keystone Place at Newbury Brook, the Torrington Health Department, and Ed Advance.

Training

I have been practicing tai chi, qigong, yoga and meditation for over 30 years and have trained with national and international experts in the field, including: Paul Lam, Master Yang Yang, Lee Holden, Greg DeLisio, Ken Nelson, and Daisy Lee among others.

Contact Information

Bonnie Fienemann

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All are invited and welcomed!

Fun for All Ages!

**Member Appreciation &
Annual Meeting of the Congregation Picnic!**

3 pm! St. Paul's Lutheran Church **3 pm!**
Saturday, June 20, 2026

Followed by our first summer concert featuring South Road!

Council will provide hamburgers, not dogs, rolls and paper goods!

Potluck Lunch: (if your name begins with...)

A-E please bring desserts or beverages

F-N please bring finger food, chips, etc.

O-Z please bring salads, pasta, potato, green etc.

Please bring blankets, towels, lawn chairs, sunscreen
and a friend or 2!

Please sign up by June 14th so we can have an approximate headcount to
know how much meat to buy!



**Summertime
Craft Fair!**

July 18, 2026

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
837 Charles St. Torrington
10 am to 1 pm

Running in conjunction with the
Torrington Farmers Market

All handmade items presented
by local artisans and crafters