

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God!

Psalm 8 *chanted responsively*

- ¹ O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
- ² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.
- ³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- ⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,**
human beings that you should care for them?
- ⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
- ⁶ **You have made them rule over the works of your hands;**
you have put all things under their feet:
- ⁷ all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
- ⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,**
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
- ⁹ O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Holy wisdom, holy word. **C Thanks be to God**

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

ELW Pg. 142

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

Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 28th Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW 579

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.

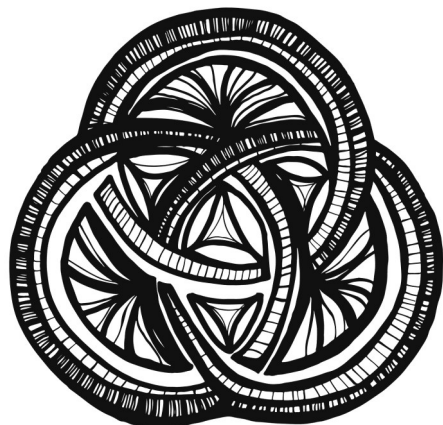
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**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.**



Prayers

L: Our prayers are offered to the most holy Trinity, confident that our God will respond out of divine love and mercy.

AM: Most holy Creator, source of all life, we offer our praise and prayers for all you have made, including ourselves, those we love, and the whole church of all times and places, Lord, in your love and mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: Most holy Redeemer, Jesus Christ, we offer our praise and prayers for the whole wide expanse of the human race. Bless all our neighbors, near and far, with your generous and providential hand, Lord, in your love and mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: Most holy Sustainer, Comforter, and Guide, indwelling Spirit, we offer our praise and prayers for the fullness of the natural world. May we be moved by your presence in our hearts to care for the earth, the sea, and all the creatures which share our planet. Lord, in your love and mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: Most holy Trinity, we stand before you in need of absolution for wrongs we have done and for faithful deeds we have left undone. Besides our praise, we confess our transgressions, seeking and imploring your grace, Lord, in your love and mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

L: For all these, and for all else we need, we trust in your tender care. Lord, in your love and mercy, **People: Hear our prayer. Amen.**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace.

The offering is received

Anthem One Step He Leads Words & Music Pepper Choplin

Sometimes I worry and wish I could see what lies ahead, what the future will be. But God calls me on to follow in faith, and he'll take tomorrow if I give him today. One step he leads and one step I'll follow, God knows my needs and he will supply. I don't know the future and all that's in store, so I'll take one step, one step to follow my Lord. Jesus said, leave all your worries, forget all your cares, what will you eat and what will you wear. But seek first my Kingdom and all that is right. Your needs shall be given as you live in the light. One step he leads and one step I'll follow, God knows my needs and he will supply. I don't know the future and all that's in store, so I'll take one step, one step to follow. Just one step he leads and one step I'll follow, he knows my needs and he will supply. I don't know the future and all that's in store, so I'll take one step, one step to follow, to follow my Lord. So I'll take one step, one step to follow, to follow my Lord, follow my Lord.

Offertory Hymn

ELW 884

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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 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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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

Great Are You Lord

**You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord**

[Chorus]

**It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only**

**You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are you lord**

**It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only**

**And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord
And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord
And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord**

**It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only**

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	Marilyn Killingbeck	Patricia Switzer	Stefan Nikola J.
Casaundra Abeling	John Lewis	Diane Tanner	Our Nursing Home Members
Roberta Alteri	David Little	Gloria Thibault	Dee Gammon
Ben, Sheryl & Nic Ahrens	Rebecca Little	Nancy Underwood	Midge Rosenbeck
Michelle Ahrens	Kari Machowski	Lucille Videtto	Mae Fay
Coni Aparo	Charlotte Madia	Carol Vrlik	Francine Ahrens
Charlie Blakeslee	Audrey Marquard	Justin Wade & Family	Betty Hilton
Kathy Ann Campbell	Abigail Marine	Eveyln Walters	Walter Joray
Angelo & Nicole Capasso	Eric Marine	Sue Watkins	Our Military Friends
Vinni Carey	Richard Marine	James Weber	Lord Jesus, Savior of the
Carol Cianciolo	Janis Martin	Kim Weissman	World and King of Peace,
Pat Collins	Gil & Marilyn Martin	Diane Wright	watch over our sons and
Emma Cortina	Michael Meyers	Bruce Yauney	daughters in the service
Emily Decker	Brigitte Mueller	Clayton Young	of their Country. Protect
Irene Douglas	Bob Murphy	Clarence & Priscilla	them from the physical
J.J. Eby	Barbara Nalette	Ed	and moral dangers.
Judy Elliott	Karen Ness	Jen O.	Keep them close to you
Diane Engle	Tom O'Brien	Jaiden	and help them live the
Jan Eucalitto	Karen Pagano	Steve	commandments. Lord,
Weston Faith	Maria Payne	Lou W.	Jesus give them courage
Amy Falls	Melissa Pilbin	Todd	to serve their country with
Bruce & Liz Falls	Lisa & Dennis Polzun	Robert K.	honor and dignity. Be
Rosemarie Foth	Ed & Susan Regner	Terry	with them when they are
Steven Fosbrook	Baerbel Roehl	Hagbard	in danger; strengthen
Bob Frantz	Patricia & Richard	Peanut	them when they face
Christine & Fran Gaffney	Sawitzke	Diane L.	hardship. Above all Lord,
Danise Hall	Vincent Scarrozzo	Holly L.	grant that when their ser-
Renate Higgins	Jean Schlapfer	Al & Mary	vice is finished that they
Kathleen Hilton	Sarah Seelye	Isaac	may return to us, sound
Shannon Hilton	Paul Smith	Marci	in mind, body and soul.
Shaelynn Holmgren	Sigrid Smitley	Kyle W.	Amen.
Bob Hauser	Lori Sola	Michelle	Tyler Quinn
Rusty Judd	Deb & Jon Sterling	Ethan & his Marine Unit	Eric Beyus
Brian Kiernan	Tom Sterling Sr.	Jonathan E & his Army	Major Zachary Fulton
Marge Kiernan	RuthAnn Stone	Unit	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
Chris Ed meeting	6/1	6:30 pm
Property Committee	6/4	7 pm
Blood Drive	6/9	1 to 6 pm
Toastmasters	6/10	7 pm
Hilltop Advisory Committee Via Zoom	6/11	4:45pm
Council	6/15	6:30 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	\$1,373
Shortfall	(\$4,917)
YTD shortfall	(\$56,122)

Minimalist bulletin

Prelude

Announcements

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

Apostolic Greeting

Glory or Kyrie Pg 138

Prayer of the Day

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel Acclamation Pg. 142

Reading of the Holy Gospel

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Creed

Prayers of the People

Peace

A Capella Choir Anthem

The Offering is received

Offertory Hymn ELW 140

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus pg. 144

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) pg. 146

Communion is Distributed

Post-communion prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

Postlude

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

b.taichi.3@gmail.com



All are invited and welcomed!



Fun for All Ages!



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

3 pm!

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Saturday, June 20, 2026

3 pm!

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!

**Vacation Bible School
"Junkyard Redemption"**

Save the Date!

**August 3 to August 7
9 am to noon!**

**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**