

4th Sunday after Pentecost — June 21, 2026

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

WOV Pg. 10

Leader: The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: 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.

People: Amen

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are in bondage 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.

People: Amen

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

This is My Father's World

ELW 824

Apostolic Greeting

WOV Pg. 28

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, 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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, 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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, 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. Amen. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you

People And also with you

L Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People Amen

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²

O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³ Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

P Thanks be to God!



Psalm 69: 7-18 *chanted responsively*

⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,
and shame has cov- | ered my face.

⁸ **I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,
an alien to my | mother's children.**

⁹ Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.

¹⁰ **I humbled my- | self with fasting,
but that was turned to | my reproach.**

¹¹ I put on | sackcloth also,
and became a by- | word among them.

¹² **Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,
and the drunkards make | songs about me.**

¹³ But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have | set, O LORD:
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- | failing help.

¹⁴ **Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the deep waters.**

¹⁵ Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swal- | low me up;
do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.

¹⁶ **Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;
in your great compassion, | turn to me.**

¹⁷ Hide not your face | from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.

¹⁸ **Draw near to me | and redeem me;
because of my enemies de- | liver me.**

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Holy wisdom, holy word. **C Thanks be to God**

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

Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 10th Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, ³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. ³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Children of a Heavenly Father

ELW 781

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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

Leader: Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

AM: Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace, **People: hear our prayer.**

AM: Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace, **People: hear our prayer.**

AM Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering. God of grace, **People: hear our prayer.**

AM: Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. God of grace, **People: hear our prayer.**

AM: Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. God of grace, **People: hear our prayer.**

AM: And for any needs we now raise in speech or in silence.....Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **People: Amen.**

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 The Everlasting Arms Words and Music: Pepper Choplin with text from Elisha A. Hoffman (1839-1929)

When my joy gives way to sighing, when faith gives way to doubt and fear, help me remember when hope is dying, that my Lord will be forever near. And I'll sing, what a fellowship and what a joy divine, I'm leaning on the everlasting arms. Oh, what a blessedness and what a peace is mine, I'm leaning on the everlasting arms of God. The longer I live, the more I long for a love that will never say goodbye. And I know the everlasting Lord will hold me, and will show me a love that never dies. So I'll sing, what a fellowship and what a joy divine I'm leaning on the everlasting arms. Oh, what a blessedness and what a peace is mine, I'm leaning on the everlasting arms of God. I thank the Lord for friends and family, I never could have made it all alone. And when we sing the mighty songs of faith, it is the sweetest sound I've ever known. So I'll sing, what a fellowship and what a joy divine, I'm leaning on the everlasting arms. Oh, what a blessedness and what a peace is mine, I'm leaning on the everlasting arms of God. Now I'm leaning on the everlasting, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms of God.

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 dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving – WOV Pg. 36-40

- 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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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. 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

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

WOV Pg. 41

L Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: Amen

Closing Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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Dismissal

WOV Pg. 41

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

P: 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	Justin Wade & Family
Casaundra Abeling	Charlotte Madia	Eveyln Walters
Roberta Alteri	Audrey Marquard	Sue Watkins
Ben, Sheryl & Nic Ahrens	Abigail Marine	James Weber
Michelle Ahrens	Eric Marine	Kim Weissman
Coni Aparo	Richard Marine	Diane Wright
Charlie Blakeslee	Janis Martin	Bruce Yauney
Kathy Ann Campbell	Gil & Marilyn Martin	Clayton Young
Angelo & Nicole Capasso	Michael Meyers	Clarence & Priscilla
Vinni Carey	Brigitte Mueller	Ed
Carol Cianciolo	Bob Murphy	Jen O.
Emma Cortina	Barbara Nalette	Jaiden
Emily Decker	Karen Ness	Steve
Irene Douglas	Tom O'Brien	Lou W.
Judy Elliott	Karen Pagano	Todd
Diane Engle	Maria Payne	Robert K.
Jan Eucalitto	Melissa Pilbin	Terry
Weston Faith	Lisa & Dennis Polzun	Hagbard
Amy Falls	Ed & Susan Regner	Peanut
Bruce & Liz Falls	Baerbel Roehl	Diane L.
Rosemarie Foth	Patricia & Richard Sawitzke	Holly L.
Steven Fosbrook	Vincent Scarozzo	Al & Mary
Bob Frantz	Jean Schlapfer	Isaac
Christine & Fran Gaffney	Sarah Seelye	Marci
Danise Hall	Paul Smith	Kyle W.
Renate Higgins	Sigrid Smitley	Michelle
Kathleen Hilton	Lori Sola	Ethan & his Marine Unit
Shannon Hilton	Deb & Jon Sterling	Jonathan E & his Army Unit
Shaelynn Holmgren	Tom Sterling Sr.	Stefan Nikola J.
Bob Hauser	RuthAnn Stone	Janet
Rusty Judd	Patricia Switzer	
Brian Kiernan	Diane Tanner	
Marge Kiernan	Gloria Thibault	
Marilyn Killingbeck	Nancy Underwood	
John Lewis	The Videtto Family	
David Little	Lucille Videtto	
Rebecca Little	Carol Vrlik	

Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Mae Fay
Francine Ahrens
Betty Hilton
Walter Joray

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
Dominic Boscarino
Noah Braatz
Christian Braatz
Aiden Avenia
Ben Speaker
Noah Roy

Family & Friends of Carol Cianciolo

Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
WELCA Banquet	6/22	6 pm
Scholarship Sunday	6/28	10 am
VBS	8/3-7	9 am

Tuesdays

New Tai Chi class 10-11:30am \$12

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

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A Capella Choir Anthem

The Offering is received

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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.

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

Vacation Bible School "Junkyard Redemption"

Save the Date!

August 3 to August 7

9 am to noon!