

PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD January 31, 2021 (prerecorded)

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Absolution

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sins, and whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen**

P 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.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence for reflection)

Most merciful God

C **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.**

P In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives 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.**

Apostolic Greeting

C 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.**

ymn:

“Gather Us In”

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,

here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Prayer of the Day

- P Almighty and everliving God, your only begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will

P Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

² My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

³ Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

⁴ Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.

⁵ Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶ As they go through the valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.

⁷ They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸ O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob

⁹ Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.

¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favour and honour.

No good thing does the Lord withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

¹² O Lord of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-18

14 Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. 16 For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

P Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke 2: 22-40

C Glory to you O Lord.

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,

²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ Lord, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“O Day Full of Grace”

1 O day full of grace that now we see
appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be
abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
your name on our hearts emblazon.

2 O day full of grace, O blessed time,
our Lord on the earth arriving;
then came to the world that light sublime,
great joy for us all retrieving;
for Jesus all mortals did embrace,
all shame and despair removing.

3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,
when he on the cross was hanging;
and then he arose and moved the stone,
that we, unto him belonging,
might join with angelic hosts to raise
our voices in endless singing.

4 God came to us then at Pentecost,
the Spirit new life revealing,
that we might no more in death be lost,
its pow'r over us dispelling.
This flame will the mark of sin efface
and bring to us all true healing.

5 When we on that final journey go
that Christ is for us preparing,
we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
all joy of the heavens sharing,
and there we will join God's endless
praise,
with angels and saints adoring.

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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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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 of the People

L With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all God's creation.

For the whole Church, the living temple of God, that all who confess their faith in Christ Jesus, may both receive and bestow the blessings of the Almighty,
God of mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

L For the nations, especially our own land, facing so many challenges, that we be guided and shaped by a common desire for the well being of all our neighbors, God of mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

L For the created universe, vast and mysterious, that we may walk in wonder and joy side by side with all who share our common humanity. God of mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

L For all petitions and intercessions we now raise from our own hearts..... For these things and all else you see that we need, God of mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

L Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

Thanksgiving of the Word

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C **We give you thanks and praise.**

P By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

C **We give you thanks and praise.**

P Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C **We give you thanks and praise.**

P Send forth your Spirit of truth, O God: rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C **Amen.**

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

Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you, the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Go My Children, With My Blessing”

1 “Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you
are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you
are my own.”

3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful
and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”

2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at
peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at
peace and pure.”

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Dismissal

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C Amen.

Postlude

The Congregational Meeting Part II
Sunday, February 7th, 2021 12:00 pm
via Zoom

**Packets will be emailed. If you need a hard copy, please visit the
office during business hours.**

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.

Jim Abbott
Laurie Abbott
Francine Ahrens
Pat Alexander
Vinnie Aparo
Edie Balkun
Elana Barkasy
Raymond Bazzolo
Judith (Ross) Beatty
Kevin Belkofer & Family
Jim Bement
Rebecca Bement
Nancy Bent
Richard Bertoli
Gurvinder Bharara
Armando Binelli
Brian & Lisa Bodnar
Joe Brancato
George Bruno
Brusseau Family
Eddie Burns
Theo & Victoria Camara
Peter Carbone, Sr.
Joe Casagni
Liz Clinton
Jill Cochrhne
Nancy Colon
Cheryl and Rich Corey
Wayne Crossman
Barry Demkar
Sigrid Devita
Melissa Dias
Doris & Dutch Deitman
Gerard Doll
Irene Douglas
Betsy Durstin
Diane & Paul Edwards
Judy Elliott
Bruce & Liz Falls
Christy Ferro
Barbra Fletcher
Holly Florio
Ed Ford
Mary Lynn Gagnon
Bob & Ann Gioscia
Carol Gesner
Pastor Wayne Gollenberg
Connie & Don Gugenheim
Wayne Hall
Owen Hanecak
Erica Haraldsen
Alexis Heintz
Bill Heintz
Brad Herzberg
David Hilton
Jim Hornfischer
Vicki Jene
Jenn Johnson & Family
Bob Jones
Ed Killingbeck

Lynn Killingbeck
Rick and Christa Kozik
Burke LaClair
Jeff Lajoie and family
Lori Ledone & family
Rebecca Little
Tommy Locascio
Judy Ludwig
Rita Lundeen
Ida Mallet
Mervin Mank
Cynthia Marine
Richard Marine
Bob & Lynn Milano
Barbara Miller
Ruth Mohlenhoff
Lonnie & Rose Moranino
Richard Mortlock
Carolyn Mosher
Denise Murphy
Doris Murphy
Michael Meyers
Joyce Nalette
Ron Nurnberg
Greg O'Brien
Tom O'Brien
Cindy O'Dell
Bruce and Kathy Panella
Gary Parker
Pastor Jim Pence
Wally Pence
Marge Raspiller
Pat Reiley
Pastor Sharon Riessinger-
Blezard
Grant Robinson
Mary Rolfe
Elfrieda Roller
Tm Roser & Family
Dave Roskopf
Tom Seleman
Chris Samele
Tom & Marianne Sedgwick
Rosemary Schibi
Jay Shaw
Linda Shaw
Tricia Sherwin
Bob Sienko
Marge Skaret
Richard Stanhope
Jon Sterling
Reid Underwood
Jean Marie Witt
Anna Woike

Karen
Katherine
Helen
JO
Jaiden
Mike
Curran
Janice
Diane
Jen
Charlie
Michelle
Jessica
Donna L.
Rich S.
Dustin
Skylar
Andrea
Kayleigh
Linda H.
Tom S.
Diane, Kayla, and family
Bob
Shannon H.
Karen M.
Ora
Sharon
Mason
Louis F.
Katherine T.
Joyce-Ann
Maryann Z.
Diane
Jack
Max
Lisa
Erin and Family
Tom D.
Pam
Jack & Barbara
Lorraine
The Maxwell Family
The Loomis Family

Our Nursing Home Members

Doug Little
Vinetta Nigels
Doris Houk
Dee Gammon
Richard Regner

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.

Pvt. Brennan Thompson
Tyler Quinn
Eric Beyus
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Jr.
Brion Olivero
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
S/W Anderson James
Ernst USCG
PFC Dominic Boscarino

The family and friends of Teresa Brauer

If you place a name on the Prayer List, it is your responsibility to let the office know either by Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex, e-mail or a quick phone call, once per month if the name needs to remain on the list. Thank you.

“Soup”er Bowl of Caring

Grinder and Chili Sale

and

(Contactless) Drive-Thru Food Drive

Fresh, Frozen, & Non-Perishable Foods
to Benefit
Friendly Hands Food Bank & Community Soup Kitchen

Saturday, February 6, 2021

(snow date Sunday, February 7th)

12:00pm – 2:00pm



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

837 Charles Street, Torrington



Detach and Return to St. Paul's Office no later than 1/31/2021

Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

_____ Grinder, Chili, & Chips (Deluxe) = \$12.00 each
(Circle One) Ham, Turkey, Combo

_____ Chef Salad, Chili, & Chips (Deluxe) = \$12.00 each

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_____ Chef Salad & Chips = \$8.00 each

_____ Chili & Chips = \$8.00 each