

Pentecost VII - July 11, 2021

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Absolution

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God who forgives all our sin, 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.
Most merciful God,

C 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 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.
C Amen

Opening Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Apostolic Greeting

P 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.

Gloria

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. 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. 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.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray: O God from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, all peace which the world cannot give, That our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'" AM Holy wisdom, holy word. C Amen

Psalm 85:8-13

8 I will listen to what the Lord| God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

9 Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,

that your glory may dwell | in our land. R

10 Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;

righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

11 Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,

and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed | grant prosperity,

and our land will | yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go be- | fore the Lord

and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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 of the People

P Confident of God's mercy and grace, we pray for our neighbors and ourselves.

AM For the whole Church, that we may be faithful, joyful, and useful, Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

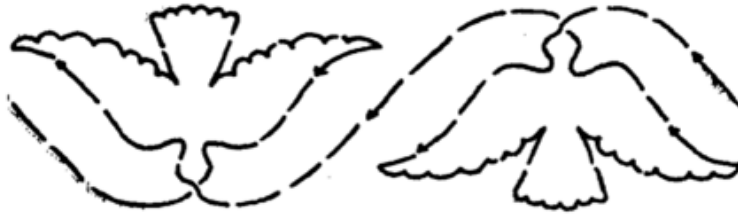
AM For the whole expanse of humanity in all nations, that we may know peace, justice, liberty, and harmony, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For the whole complex and wonderful creation, that we play our part within its web of life, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For any and all who are in any need, we lift our prayers...(silence for a time)...Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our**

P For all these and any other needs, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you all. C **And also with you.**
P Please share a sign of peace with one another.



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, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

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.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

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**

Communion

***Please open and receive your communion elements at this time.
Wrappers can be left in the wastebaskets on your way out.***

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

P The Body of Christ, given for you.

C Amen.

P The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.



P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

Post Communion Prayer

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you, and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

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

“O Living Bread From Heaven”

Dismissal

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

C Amen.

Postlude

When you depart, please exit through the door marked “Exit,” moving through the narthex and to your cars while maintaining a safe distance from your fellow Christians.

Please exit from the back pews first as directed by the ushers.

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.

Laurie Abbott
Francine Ahrens
John Ahrens
Robert & Mel Andrighetti
Chuck Andersen
Irene Barillaro
Elana Barkasy
Raymond Bazzolo
Judith (Ross) Beatty
Karen Bell
Jim Bement
Rebecca Bement
Nancy Bent
Armando Binelli
Eli Boda
Lisa Bodnar
Holly Borden
Brusseau Family
Eddie Burns
Joe Casagni
Liz Clinton
Jill Cochrhne
Nancy Colon
Cheryl and Rich Corey
Wayne Crossman
Diane Currier
Barry Demkar
Sigrid Devita
Mahaila Dickinson
Gerard Doll
Irene Douglas
Renate Duksis
Judy Elliott
Bruce & Liz Falls
Christy Ferro
Liz Fico
Holly Florio
Gabby Gerkin
Fred George
Carol Gesner
Pastor Wayne Gollenberg
Maggie Hanley
Alexis Heintz
Brad Herzberg
Lynn Horka
Vicki Jene
Jenn Johnson & Family
Ed Killingbeck
Lynn Killingbeck
Rebecca Little
Tommy Locascio
Mervin Mank
Cynthia Marine
Richard Marine
Janis Martin
Michael Meyers
Bob & Lynn Milano
Bernice Miller
Ruth Mohlenhoff
Denise Murphy
Dennis Nalette
Karen Ness

Ron Nurnberg
Greg O'Brien
Tom O'Brien
Bruce and Kathy Panella
Gary Parker
Maria Payne
Wally Pence
Colleen Peterson
Caroline Quintal
RuthAnn Rash
Marge Raspiller
Kathy & Ed Regner
Elfrieda Roller
Dave Roskopf
Chris Samele
Rosemary Schibi
Jay Shaw
Linda Shaw
Linda Hoffman Stearns
Ben Stone
Reid Underwood
Mary Vargas
Jackie Quinn Wassik
Russ Wilmot
Jean Marie Witt
Pastor Larry & Nancy Wogman
Anna Woike
Amy Worthington-Cady

Paul
Karen
Katherine
Helen
JO
Jaiden
Mike
Curran
Diane
Jen
Charlie
Michelle
Miguel
Jack & Barbara
Clarence and Priscilla
Diane H.
The Sedgewick Family
The Ahrens Family

Our Nursing Home Members

Doug Little
Vinetta Nigels
Doris Houk
Dee Gammon
Marilyn Duteau

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

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.

**Get ready for live ROCK AND ROLL!
50s, 60s, 70s. Dance or just chill out!**

SOUTH ROAD

Aug. 21 | 5:30-7 pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church parking lot

837 Charles St., Torrington | **Tickets: \$10**

www.eventbrite.com/e/south-road-concert-tickets-161535064727

Items needed for Blessing Bags

Social Concerns is putting together blessing bags for our Free Pantry. We are looking for donations to divvy up for the bags. The idea of a blessing bag is that it is filled with basic needs that will last the receiver for at least a few days. All items need to be store bought and individually packaged. Travel sized items are perfect! No perishables! Contact Christine Dickinson for more information or with questions: keekee97@optonline.net

- Gallon Sized Ziploc Bags
- Bottled water
- Granola Bars
- Cereal Bars
- Packaged Crackers— cheese/peanut butter
- Sunflower Seeds
- Trail mix
- Raisins
- Peanuts
- Fruit/applesauce cups
(cans only if they have a pull lid)
- Fruit snacks
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Bandages
- Small soaps

- Combs
- Feminine hygiene products
- Chapstick
- Hand sanitizer
- Moist Toilettes/wipes
- Socks
- Plastic spoons
- Pocket tissues
- Lotion
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Sunscreen





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For school year 2021-2022

Hilltop offers high quality part time Early Education experiences

- 2 year old class available T/Th mornings
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- State funded School Readiness M-F 9:00-3:00 (Torrington residents who meet income eligibility requirements only)

- NAEYC Accredited

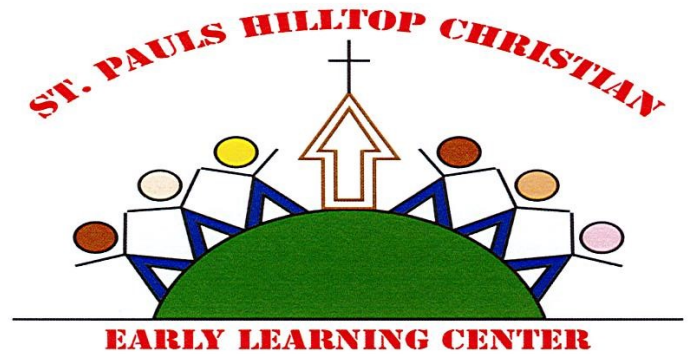
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7/17, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21

10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

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Save the Date

Please join us on Sunday, July 25th to celebrate Jan Sosnicki's retirement after more than 15 years as Director of St. Paul's Hilltop Christian Early Learning Center. We will honor Jan during service and then have a reception immediately following.

Please join us in wishing Jan well on her retirement and this new chapter in her life!

Hilltop Advisory Committee

