

Easter 4- April 21, 2024

Prelude

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

Apostolic Greeting

L 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.**

P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

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

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you

C **And also with you**

L Let us pray: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

First Reading: Acts 4: 5-12

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 23 *read responsively*

¹The LORD ¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not ¹ be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down ¹ in green pastures
and leads me be- ¹ side still waters.**

³You restore my ¹ soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways ¹ for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall ¹ fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ¹ comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹ running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ¹ LORD forever.**

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. Holy Wisdom Holy Word

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

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

Holy Gospel according to John 10th Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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;

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



Hymn 752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying Marcia plays brief intro, then we sing once.

Prayers of the Church

L Our Good Shepherd awaits our faithful prayers. Let us lift them to Him.

AM For the “one flock,” that we may rejoice in our unity, Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

AM For any who seek to draw the flock away from the Shepherd, that they may repent and harken to the Shepherd’s call, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For “green pastures” and “still waters” by which we may live in peace with God and each other, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For the poor, the ill, the sorrowful, and the lonely, Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

AM For ourselves, that our grateful hearts may overflow in generosity. Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer**

AM For those suffering violence: Palestinians, Israelis, Ukrainians, and all who receive hate and harm, that they may come to know safety and a just peace, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer**

AM For any needs you now lift in silence or out loud.... Lord in your mercy,

C Hear Our Prayer

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

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God’s peace.

Anthem

We are Called

ELW 720

Offertory Hymn

ELW 182

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.

The Leader speaks an Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving –

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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 spoken or chanted.

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.

Leader continues with 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**

The 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, grant us peace.

Communion is distributed.

Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer

L Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life 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 give you peace. **C Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love, and serve the Lord. **C Thanks be to God**

Postlude

Please allow a time of reflective silence during the postlude.

Around the Church

4/22	W of the ELCA	6:30 pm
4/27	Potluck & Estate Planning	6:00 pm
4/27	Fellowship Dinner	5:15 pm

*Bible Studies 6pm most Tuesdays Zoom &
10 am most Wednesdays in person*

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays
Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays



Offerings Summary: SEE SLIDES

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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.

Francine Ahrens	Pat King	Jonathan Richard
Peggy Ali	Jason Lashbrook	Louise Roche
Joyce Almsted	John Lewis	Judy Schaller
Diane Boscarino	David Little	Rosemary & Otto Schibi
Cherie Brown	Rebecca Little	Teri Seleman
Eli Boda	Audrey & Ernie Marquard	George Shank
Selma Boscarino	Abigail Marine	Sigrid Smitley
Sharon Cable	Eric Marine	Deb & Jon Sterling
Leif Dallaire	Michael Marine	Julia Thompson Carroll
Emily Decker	Richard Marine	Jackie Quinn Wassik
Linda Dellano	Janis Martin	Ed
Betty Enbeskotte	Mike Martin	Jen O.
Mark Enbeskotte	Gil & Marilyn Martin	Jaiden
Jan Eucallito	Michael Meyers	Diane H.
Bruce & Liz Falls	Rich Minelli	Steve
Ashley Friday	Kate Marrow	Angel Marie
Rosemarie Foth	Baby Amelia Mosca	Lou W.
Joan Gerard	Bill Muhl	Curtis
Ruth Grech	Dennis Nalette	Shayla W.
Jack & Barbara Heintz	Karen Ness	Steve
Kathleen Hilton	Tom O'Brien	Jack W.
Shannon Hilton	Lea Orriola & family	
Jake Hoadley	Russell Palmer	<u>Our Nursing Home Members</u>
Erma Horn	Maria Payne	Dee Gammon
Amy Rose Jensen	Dr. Barbara Rose Ponse	Midge Rosenbeck
Ed Killingbeck	Jack Quinn	Calvin Bensch
Lynn Killingbeck	Caroline Quintal	
Marilyn Killingbeck	Roman Radzins	

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

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Fellowship Committee presents
837 Charles St., Torrington 06790



**Chicken Lombardy, Rice Pilaf, Veggies,
Salad, Bread, Dessert**

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Fellowship – 5:15pm Dinner – 6pm

Eat-In or Take Out

\$15.00 – Adults \$9.00 – Kids 5-10

Food, Fellowship, Drawing, Fun!

Tickets available on Sundays after church
or @ Church Office info. 860-482-3555

Hilltop Christian Early Learning Center Celebrating 50 years!!!

Come celebrate this important ministry of St. Paul's!

Hilltop ELC Annual Art Show & 50th Celebration

Friday, May 3 5:30 to 7:30 pm St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

Mother Goose will be story telling

food truck for a light dinner to purchase



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the
Director of Hilltop
Barbara Mazzei 860.482.3727





St. Paul's is having a Penny Auction on May 10th.
We are looking for new/gently preloved items for it!

Donations can be dropped at the office during
business hours or on Sundays on the spare desk.

ALSO

The St. Paul's Tag Sale will happen sometime in June
(date TBA) drop your treasures off on the brown push
cart in the office hallway during business hours or
on Sundays.

Thank you for supporting St. Paul's!