

the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God!

Psalm 22: 25-31 *read responsively*

²⁵From you comes my praise in the ^l great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ^l fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat ^l and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts ^l live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ^l to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow ^l before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs ^l to the LORD,**

who rules o- ^l ver the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow ^l down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- ^l fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall ^l serve the LORD,**

whom they shall proclaim to genera- ^l tions to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people ^l yet unborn,

saying to them, "The ^l LORD has acted!"

Second Reading: 1 John 4: 7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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 15th Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pon-
tius 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 Fa-
ther.
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 wor-
shipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apos-
tolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the for-
giveness 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 Seeking to bear fruit as branches on Christ's vine, we offer our heartfelt prayers.

AM For the Church, that together we may bear abundantly for our neighbor's sake, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For the nations and peoples of the world, that none be bereft of the overflowing mercies of God, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For a fair and humane distribution of the world's goods, that none may know poverty or need, 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: Israelis, Palestinians, 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 In this election year, we pray for those who seek to be public servants, that those who take office may do so with honor, integrity, and wisdom. 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 Sing the Mighty Power of God* Words by Isaac Watts Traditional English tune Kingsfold Arr. Dale Grotenhuis

We sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise. That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey. We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good. Lord how your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes; if we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies. There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glory is known, in the clouds arise and tempest blow by order from your throne; While all life is ever in your care, and everywhere that we can be, you God, are present there, And everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there. You, God, are present there.

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.

Sanctus

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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.

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

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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 I Know That My Redeemer Liveth (George F. Handel) arr. and abridged from "Messiah" by Lani Smith c.1987 by Lorenz Publishing Co.

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 and your neighbors.
C Thanks be to God

Postlude *Pass it On* by Kurt Kaiser, arr. by Mark Hayes tune c.1969 by Lexicon Music, Inc.; setting c. 1981 by Lexicon Music, Inc.

Please allow a time of reflective silence during the postlude.



Around the Church

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| May 3 | Hilltop 50th Celebration | 5:30 pm |
| May 6 | Blood Drive | 7a-7pm |
| May 8 | Finance Meeting | 6:00 pm |
| May 9 | Hilltop Advisory Meeting Zoom | 4:30 pm |
| May 10 | Penny Auction | 6:00 pm |
| May 13 | Council Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| May 19 | Last Day of Sunday School Church Picnic | |

*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:
Needed Weekly \$4,948
Actually Received \$2, 161
Shortfall (\$2, 787)

Minimalist bulletin

Prelude
 Welcome & Announcements
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 Confession & Absolution
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 Psalm
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 Postlude

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.

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

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
S/W Anderson James Ernst USCG
SPC Dominic Boscarino
PVT Noah Braatz
PVT 2 Christian Braatz

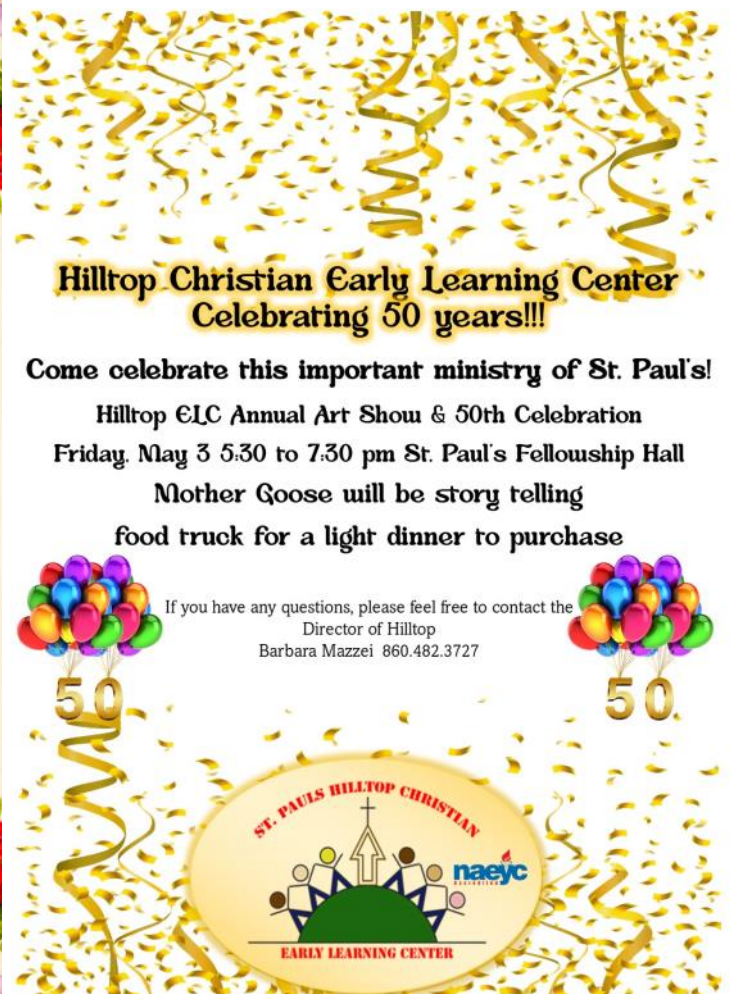


**Penny Auction
&
50/50 Drawing**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
837 Charles St, Torrington**

**Friday, May 10, 2024
Doors Open at 6:00pm
Drawing at 7:00pm**

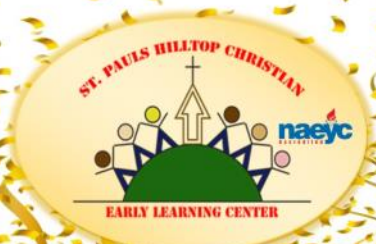

**The Women of the ELCA honors
Moms or the special ladies in your life!
Bring your own snacks
Info 860-482-3555**



**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



Member Appreciation & End of Sunday School CHURCH



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

ALL ARE INVITED AND WELCOMED!
FUN FOR ALL AGES!

CHANGE THIS YEAR : BRING YOUR OWN MEAT!

Potluck Lunch: (if your name begins with...)

A-E please bring dessert

F-N please bring appetizers, chips, beverages 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 May 13th so we can have an approximate headcount.