

Prelude *What a Friend We Have in Jesus, arr. by William M. Felton c. 1943 by Theodore Presser Co. in "Chancel Echoes for Organ"*

Announcements

Confession and Absolution

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- L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C Amen.**
- L 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.**
- L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

All: 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.

- 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.
- C Amen.**

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn **What a Friend We Have in Jesus** **ELW 742**

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.**

Gloria

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- L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

All: 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

L The Lord be with you

C **And also with you**

L Let us pray. Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, That, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.” Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 34: 15-22 *chanted responsively*

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous,
and God's ears are open | to their cry.

¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them | from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them
and delivers them from | all their troubles.

¹⁸**The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted
and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed.**

¹⁹Many are the troubles | of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from | every one.

²⁰**God will keep safe | all their bones;
not one of them | shall be broken.**

²¹Evil will bring death | to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.

²²**O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.**



Ephesians 6: 10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak. 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 in the 6th Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

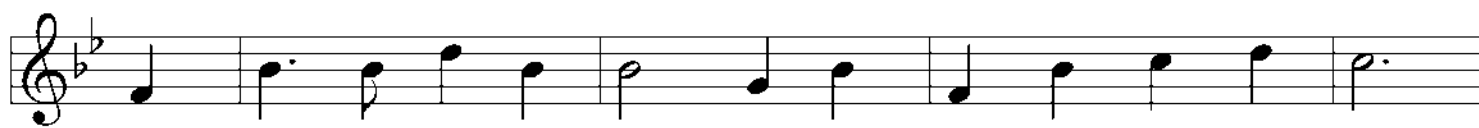
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

(see next page)

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, as sol - diers of the cross,
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;



lift high his roy - al ban - ner; it must not suf - fer loss.
stand forth in might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day.
the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.
this day the din of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my he shall lead,
Let all his faith - ful serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the gos - pel ar - mor; each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, their crown of life shall see,



till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.
let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
and with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: George Duffield, 1818-1888, alt.
Music: WEBB, George J. Webb, 1803-1887

Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our
Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the
Father,
and he will come 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.

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

Prayers of the Church

L Christ brings the word that blesses us with eternal and abundant life. May our words
of prayer also bless those for whom we intercede.

AM For the Church, determined to remain faithful, Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

AM For nations in turmoil, that a just and lasting peace may become theirs. Lord in your
mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

AM For our unique planet, that we may never fail to be in awe of its wonders. Lord in your
mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

AM For the victims of war, especially the children, that we may seek to build a world which
does not forsake the young, 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 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.

The Offering is received and the table is prepared.

The Anthem is sung *I'll Fly Away*

Some glad morning when this life is over, I'll fly away, fly away. To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away, fly away. I'll fly away, fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away, fly away, in the morning. When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away, fly away. When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away, fly away, fly away. Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away, fly away. I'll fly away, fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away, fly away, in the morning. When I die, hallelujah, by and by, fly away, fly away. Just a few more weary days and then I'll fly away, fly away, I'll fly away. To a land where joy shall never end, i'll fly away, fly away. Fly away, fly away, oh glory, fly away, fly away, in the morning. When I die, hallelujah, by and by I'll fly away. Yes I'll fly, fly away! I'm gonna fly away!

Offertory Hymn

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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.

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 on this day 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

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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.

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.

All are welcome to the table of the Lord. Communion is distributed.

Communion *Blessed Assurance, arr. by John Carter c. 2005 by Augsburg Fortress in "Gospel Treats for Jazz Piano"*

Post Communion Prayer

L Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Benediction

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L The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **C Amen.**

L The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

L The God of all grace bless you now and forever. **C Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

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Dismissal

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

C Thanks be to God

Postlude *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus, arr. by Cindy Berry c. 1988 by Word Music (a division of Word, Inc.) in "Classic Hymns in Classical Styles"*

Please allow a time of reflective silence during the postlude.



Around the Church

Aug 28	Congregational Meeting re: Constitution and By-law changes	7:00 pm
Sept 4	Finance Meeting	6 pm
Sept 5	Blood Drive	1 pm
Sept 10	Council Meeting	7 pm
Sept 12	Hilltop Advisory Meeting via Zoom	4:30 pm
Sept 14	Brother Other Concert	5:30 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:
Needed Weekly \$4,948
Actually Received \$3,328
Shortfall (\$1,620)
YTD Shortfall (\$60,324)

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Prayers of the People

Peace

A Capella Choir Anthem

The Offering is received

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Back to School Supply Collection

Social Concerns is collecting school supplies for kids in need!

Backpacks
Pencil Cases
Pencils
Pens
Washable Markers
Crayons
Glue Sticks
Notebooks
3 Ring Binders
Colored Pencils
Pencil Sharpeners
Erasers
Pocket tissues



We are also looking for new packaged socks and underwear Kids sizes 5 and up!

Accepting items until September 14, 2024

Thank you for supporting our effort!



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

Fall Take Out Dinner

Saturday, September 21, 2024
Pick up between 4 and 5 pm

\$15 – Adult ♦ \$8 Kids (ages 5-10)
♦ Under 5 Free ♦

**Roast Pork, mashed potatoes,
veggies, bread
and cake for dessert!**



**God's Barnyard
Rally Day 2024**
Sunday, September 15th
11:00am
(Rain or Shine)

Bring a Stuffedie for our Barnyard Blessing of our "animals," games, stories, craft, music, and fun!



Sunday School/Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday, September 22nd @ 11am – 12pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
837 Charles Street
Torrington, CT

**OCTOBER
19TH**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church presents their
**8th Annual
Car show**



Saturday, October 19, 2024

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Rain date: Sat. October 26, 2024

Registration fee \$10

Food ♦ 50/50 Raffle ♦ Music

For more info.

St. Paul's: 860-482-3555 or Steve: 860-601-1691

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.

Kay Ackley
Francine Ahrens
Peggy Ali
Joyce Almsted
Phil Bascetta

Jason Lashbrook
John Lewis
David Little
Rebecca Little
Linda Lundberg

George Shank
Matt Simpson
Sigrid Smitley
Paul Smith
Jennifer Stella

Eli Boda
Cherie Brown
Sharon Cable
Carol Cianciolo
Cheryl Corey

Audrey & Ernie Marquard
Abigail Marine
Eric Marine
Michael Marine
Richard Marine

Lynn Stengal
Deb & Jon Sterling
RuthAnn Stone
Julia Thompson Carroll
Clarence & Priscilla

Leif Dallaire
Emily Decker
Linda Dellano
Carla Derrickson
Sigrid Devita

Janis Martin
Mike Martin
Gil & Marilyn Martin
Michael Meyers
Rich Minelli

Ed
Jen O.
Jaiden
Shirley
Steve

Irene Douglas
Judy Elliott
Mark Ebbeskotte
Jan Eucallito
Bruce & Liz Falls

Kate Mellow
Colin Moore
Brigitte Mueller
Bill Muhl
Dennis Nalette

Lou W.
Curtis
Steve
Jack W.
Todd

Ashley Friday
Rosemarie Foth
Joan Gerard
Ruth Grech
Jack & Barbara Heintz

Karen Ness
Tom O'Brien
Lea Orriola & family
Russell Palmer
Maria Payne

Robert K.
Joe
Carol G.

Brayden Herzberg
Kathleen Hilton
Shannon Hilton
Jake Hoadley
Erma Horn

Dr. Barbara Rose Ponse
Jack Quinn
Jackie Quinn Wassik
Caroline Quintal
Roman Radzins


Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Calvin Bensch

Amy Rose Jensen
Eunice Jones
Lynn Killingbeck
Marilyn Killingbeck

Jonathan Richard
Louise Roche
Judy Schaller
Rosemary & Otto Schibi
Teri Seleman

Family and Friends of Ed Killingbeck



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

