

Prelude *Choral Prelude on "Evan", arr. by John M. Rasley c.1968 by Lorenz Publishing Co. in the April 1968 issue of "The Organ Portfolio"*

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 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways ELW 772

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 Pg. 204 L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

All: glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heaven above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heaven above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you

C **And also with you**

L Let us pray. O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 15 spoken responsively

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth¹ from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.



James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. Holy Wisdom Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

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C Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Holy Gospel according to Mark in the 7th Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

²¹"For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

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 866 v. 3 We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God. We are
praying in the light of God., we are praying in the light of God. We are praying, we are
praying. We are praying OOOO, we are praying in the light of God. We are praying,
praying, we are praying OOOO, we are praying in the light of God.*

Prayers of the Church

L Our defilement has been cleansed by the purifying grace of Christ. May our prayers
for healing be a blessing to all for whom we pray.

AM For those on our prayer list....

The Assistant Minister and Leader read the first names from our prayer list...
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 magnificent earth, that we may never fail to be good stewards of its riches.

Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

AM For our nation in a time of decision, that we may be wise for our neighbors' sake,

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 *Glory to God in the Highest*

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith

Music: John Carter

Glory to God in the highest, rejoice in the praise of his worth! Glory to God in the highest, all creatures of heavenly birth! Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth! Worship the Lord, the almighty; devotion and thankfulness bring. "Praise be to God for his glory and peace to his people," we sing; "Glory to God in the highest, the Father and heavenly King." Jesus, the Christ, the Redeemer, the Son of the Father on high; Lamb to the slaughter, the Lord who was willing to die; God in the heavenly places, "have mercy upon us," we cry. Christ and he only is holy, the Lord whose dominion we own; one with the Father in Spirit, most high, everlasting, alone; Reigning eternal in glory, the glory of God on his throne, the glory of God on his throne.

Offertory Hymn

Take Our Bread by Joe Wise 1966

Take our bread, we ask you, take our lives, we love you, take our hearts, O Father, we are yours, we are yours. Yours as we stand at the table you set, yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget. We are the sign of your life with us yet, we are yours, we are yours. Take our bread, we ask you, take our lives, we love you, take our hearts, O Father, we are yours, we are yours. Your holy people standing washed in your blood, spirit filled yet hungry we await your food. We are poor, but we've brought ourselves the best we could; we are yours, we are yours. Take our bread, we ask you, take our lives, we love you, take our hearts, O Father, we are yours, we are yours.

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, 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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O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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

Communion *Purer in Heart, O God, arr. by Lani Smith c. 1987 by Lorenz Publishing Co. in "Offertories for 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

ELW 217

C The God of all grace, who has called you to glory, support you and make you strong.

Closing Hymn

O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate

ELW 722

Dismissal

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

C Thanks be to God

Postlude *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart, arr. by Lani Smith c. 1983 by Lorenz Publishing Co. in the May 1983 issue of "The Organist"*

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	Second Saturday Craft Fair Brother Other Concert	10:00 am 5:30 pm
Sept 15	Rally Day!	11:00 am

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 \$2,069
Shortfall (\$2,879)
YTD Shortfall (\$63,203)

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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*

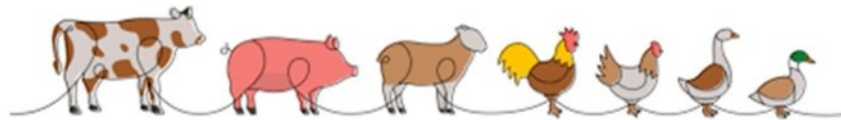
**Thank you for supporting
our effort!**





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

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

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

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!**

**OCTOBER
19TH**

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

*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