Pentecost 17 September 15, 2024

Prelude Meditation on "Canonbury", arr. by Marcia C. Newcome

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 Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

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

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. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you L

And also with you С

Let us pray. O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and L by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ. our Savior and Lord. Amen С

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GoD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? Holy Wisdom, Holy Word Thanks be to God!

Psalm 116 chanted responsively

¹I love the LORD, who has [|] heard my voice, and listened to my ¹ supplication, ²for the LORD has given ¹ ear to me wheney- | er I called.

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name [|] of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full [|] of compassion. ⁶The Lord watches o-¹ ver the innocent; I was brought low, ¹ and God saved me.

⁷Turn again to your rest, [|] O my soul. for the LORD has dealt [|] well with you. ⁸For you have rescued my [|] life from death, my eyes from tears, and my [|] feet from stumbling;

⁹I will walk in the presence [|] of the LORD in the land | of the living.

Second Reading: James 3: 1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh. 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 8th Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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 Clinging to Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah, our Lord and Savior, we pray that we may faithfully pass on Christ's promise of redemption to each new generation.
- AM For our Sunday School students and teachers, that our common faith in Christ may shape our lives and our church, Lord in your mercy, **C** Hear our prayer.
- AM For the peoples of the world, that Christ's Lordship may draw us all toward a planet at peace, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**
- AM For the whole physical world, that no place be devoid of the joy and love brought to us through Christ, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**
- AM For our nation in a time of decision, that our trust in Christ's grace may direct our choices, 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 We Sing the Might Power of God

Words: Don Besig & Nancy Price Music: Don Besig

Come rejoice and sing to the Lord on high, let your joyful voices resound. Let the music ring as it fills the sky with a clear and a jubilant sound. Come and gather in friendship and love. Come and worship together in faith. With your hearts united in fellowship, come sing out with glory and praise. Now we join our hearts as we bow in prayer, and we find forgiveness in God's Word. Let us do our part with the gifts we share to bring hope and peace to all the world. We will walk in the light of the Lord. We will follow our Savior in faith. When we live and serve as the Lord commands, we give him all glory and praise. When we come together to celebrate and give thanks for all we receive, we are blessed forever by love and grace, and we learn to trust and believe. We are one in the family of Christ. We are brothers and sisters in faith. Let us lift our voices in joyful song and sing out with glory, sing out united in praise! Sing praise!

The Leader speaks an Offertory Prayer



Offertory Hymn

The Great Thanksgiving -

L The Lord be with you.

- L Lift up your hearts.
- 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

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 Am I a Soldier of the Cross, arr. by David Paxton c. 1989 by Lorenz Publishing Co. in "The Impromptu Pianist"

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- C And also with you.
- C We lift them to the Lord.

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

Closing Hymn Lift High the Cross

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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** Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said, arr. by Marilyn Biery c. 2011 by Augsburg Fortress in "An American Perspective: Settings of Old and new Tunes for Organ"

Please allow a time of reflective silence during the postlude.



Around the Church

9/16	Chris Ed Meeting	6:30 pm
9/18	Breakfast	8:30 am
	Men– AC's &	
	Women George's	
9/19	I/T meeting via Zoom	7:30 pm
9/21	Pork take out dinner	4-5 pm
9/25	Contemporary Music	7:30 pm
	rehearsal	
9/26	Worship & Music committee	6:00 pm
	meeting	

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 \$3,486 Shortfall (\$1,462) YTD Shortfall (\$65,993)

Minimalist bulletin

Prelude

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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.

Kay Ackley Francine Ahrens Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens Peggy Ali Joyce Almsted Vinnie & Connie Aparo Phil Bascetta

Eli Boda Cherie Brown Sharon Cable Carol Cianciolo Cheryl Corey

Leif Dallaire Emily Decker Linda Dellano Carla Derrickson Sigrid Devita

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

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

Brayden Herzberg Kathleen Hilton Shannon Hilton Jake Hoadley Erma Horn

Amy Rose Jensen Eunice Jones Lynn Killingbeck Marilyn Killingbeck Jason Lashbrook John Lewis David Little Rebecca Little Linda Lundberg

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

Janis Martin Gil & Marilyn Martin Michael Meyers Rich Minelli

Kate Merrow Colin Moore Brigitte Mueller Bill Muhl Dennis Nalette

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

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

Jonathan Richard Louise Roche Judy Schaller Rosemary & Otto Schibi Teri Seleman George Shank Matt Simpson Sigrid Smitley Paul Smith Jennifer Stella

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

Ed Jen O. Jaiden Shirley Steve

Lou W. Curtis Steve Todd

Robert K. Joe Carol G.

Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon Midge Rosenbeck Calvin Bensch



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

837 Charles Street, Torrington Fall Take Out Dinner Saturday. September 21, 2024 Pick up between 4 and 5 pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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

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



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