

## **Pentecost 14–Holy Cross Day- September 14, 2025**

**Prelude**    *Please maintain a reverent quiet as the Prelude is played.*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Children's Sermon**

**Opening Hymn**            **In the Cross of Christ I Glory**                            **ELW 324**

**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.**

**Glory to God Pg. 167**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. 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. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. 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. Glory to God in the highest, Amen, amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**L**     The Lord be with you

**C**     **And also with you**

**L**     Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C**     **Amen**

**First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9**

[From Mount Hor the Israelites set out,] <sup>4b</sup> but the people became discouraged on the way. <sup>5</sup> The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup> Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**C**     **Thanks be to God!**

## **Psalm 98: 1-4**

<sup>1</sup> Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done <sup>1</sup> marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have <sup>1</sup> won the victory.

<sup>2</sup> **O LORD, you have made <sup>1</sup> known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight <sup>1</sup> of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup> You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the <sup>1</sup> house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory <sup>1</sup> of our God.

<sup>4</sup> **Shout with joy to the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- <sup>1</sup> joice, and sing.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24**

<sup>18</sup> The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Holy wisdom, holy word. **C Thanks be to God**

**Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation Page 171**

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

**Holy Gospel according to John <sup>3rd</sup> Chapter Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup> “No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**

**ELW 857**

## 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 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,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

## Prayers of the People

L: As we turn in faith to our gracious, crucified Lord, let us also lift to him all our neighbors in their varied needs.

AM: For the whole, worldwide Church in all its variety and distinctive ways of worship, that we may be foolish enough to love in the face of hate, forgive in the face of vengeance, give in the face of greed, and heal in the face of harm, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the nations and peoples beyond the Church, created by God and loved by God, that our reliance on human wisdom not blind us to the deeper truths shown to us by Christ, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the creation beyond the human family, also loved by God, that we may rejoice in its ability to sustain life, and that we may thoughtfully and tenderly be faithful caretakers of all creatures, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For any who bear a cross of suffering in our time, especially the children who bear no responsibility for all that is wrong, that the foolishness of God's love and mercy may overtake the deadly inclinations of our wayward hearts, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For our sins and offenses, that Jesus' atoning death on the cross may cover us with divine mercy, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For any needs you now lift aloud or in silence.....Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

L: And for any other needs for which we need your providential care, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer. Amen.**

## The Peace

L The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

*Please share a sign of peace with one another. The Offering is received, and the table is prepared.*

### **Anthem: Worship Song      Words and Music: Joseph M. Martin**

Lord we gather to worship in this sacred place. We bring new songs as your children of grace. Joining together we sing as one, praising you for all you've done. You are Redeemer, the source of our life. You are Sustainer, the Father of light. Lord, you are worthy of honor and praise, you are Author of our faith. Hallelujah, Lord, we come to worship you. Hallelujah, we come to worship you! Lord we gather for worship to praise your name. You are Jehovah forever the same. Spirit of truth and the living word. You are heaven's priceless Pearl. Hallelujah, Lord, we come to worship you. Hallelujah, we come to worship you. Holy, holy, holy Lord God almighty early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty. God in three persons, blessed Trinity. Hallelujah, Lord, we come to worship you. Hallelujah, we come to worship you, we come to worship, we come to worship we come to worship, worship you.

### **Offertory Hymn ELW 185      Create in Me a Clean Heart**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

*The Leader speaks the offertory Prayer*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

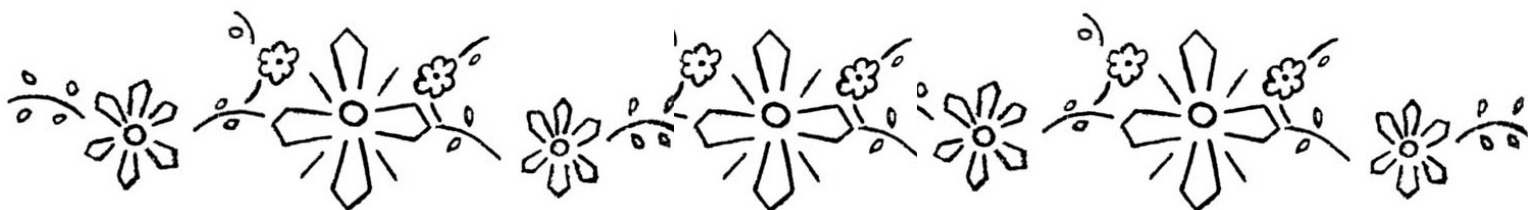
L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L 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,...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **Sanctus Pg. 173**

C 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.

### **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 pg. 174**

**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 warmly welcomed by Christ to his table and feast.*

## **Communion**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

## **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 grant you peace. **C** **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

## **Lift High the Cross**

**ELW 660**

## **Dismissal**

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

## **Postlude**

*Please maintain a reverent quiet as the Postlude is.*

***Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.***

## 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  
Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens  
Connie Aparo  
Phil Bascetta  
Kathleen Bowler

Cherie Brown  
Sharon Cable  
Angelo & Nicole Capasso  
Carol Cianciolo  
Emma Cortina  
  
Leif Dallaire  
Linda Dellano  
Carla Derrickson  
Winifried Diorio

Irene Douglas  
Judy Elliott  
Walt Esker  
Jan Eucalitto  
Jennifer Ezzo

Weston Faith  
Bruce & Liz Falls  
Tommy Fitzpatrick  
Bob Frantz  
Ashley Friday

John Fox  
Joan Gerard  
Liam Gregg  
Danise Hall  
Jack & Barbara Heintz

Brayden Herzberg  
Renate Higgins  
Charles Hilton  
Kathleen Hilton  
Shannon Hilton

Jake Hoadley  
Sven Holmgren  
Erma Horn  
Eunice Jones  
Colin Keeley

Marilyn Killingbeck  
Jason Lashbrook  
Gail Lavoie  
John Lewis  
David Little  
Rebecca Little

Amy & Dave Louen  
Michael Maccalous  
Kari Machowski

Mary Ellen Mackinnon  
Jerry MacManus  
Irene Madore  
Audrey Marquard  
Abigail Marine

Eric Marine  
Richard Marine  
Janis Martin  
Gil & Marilyn Martin  
Gladys Medina

Michael Meyers  
Kate Merrow  
Colin Moore  
Brigitte Mueller  
Barbara & Dennis Nalette

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

Caroline Quintal  
Ed & Susan Regner  
Jonathan Richard  
Louise Roche  
Mark Rose

Holly Schaff  
Rosemary & Otto Schibi  
Denae Seelye  
Matt Simpson  
Margo Skaret

Dana Steele  
Sigrid Smitley  
Paul Smith  
Donna Spino  
John Sproat

Dana & George Steele  
Jennifer Stella  
Deb & Jon Sterling  
Tom Sterling Sr.  
RuthAnn Stone  
Patricia Switzer  
Gloria Thibault

Andy Thomas  
Julia Thompson Carroll  
Kyle Thurlough & family

Susan Tycienski  
Carol Vrlík  
Steve Warner  
Renee Woodard  
Clayton Young  
Clarence & Priscilla

Ed  
Jen O.  
Jaiden  
Steve  
Lou W.

Steve  
Todd  
Robert K.  
Terry  
Joe

Carol G.  
Kristen & Jared  
Vinny  
Hagbard  
Carolina

Robert P.  
Peanut  
Colleen  
Ken  
Kathy

Jaxson  
Gail  
F.C.H.  
Chantel  
Stephan  
Helene B.

Jason R  
Baby Wesley

**Family & Friends of  
Maria Koskovich  
Sue Owens**

### **Our Nursing Home Members**

Dee Gammon  
Midge Rosenbeck  
Judy Schaller  
Ernest Marquard  
Mae Fay  
Francine Ahrens

### **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  
SPC Dominic Boscarino  
PVT Noah Braatz  
PVT 2 Christian Braatz  
Aiden Avenia USCG  
2nd Lt. Ben Speaker  
Pvt. Noah Roy

## Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Council	9/15	7:00 pm
Breakfast	9/17	8:30 am
Worship & Music	9/18	6:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner	9/20	5:15 pm
Women of the ELCA	9/22	7:00 pm

Bible Study Tuesday via Zoom

Tuesdays 6:00 pm

In person Bible Study Wednesdays

10:00 am

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays

Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays

**There will be a special congregation  
meeting at 7pm, Wednesday,  
October 8. Item to be discussed:  
The possible sale of part of St.  
Paul's property.  
All Voting Members are encouraged  
to attend.**

### Offerings Summary:

<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$4,561</b>
<b>Received</b>	<b>\$7,830</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>\$3,269</b>
<b>YTD shortfall</b>	<b>(\$48,585)</b>

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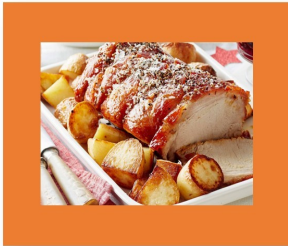


## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

837 Charles St., Torrington 06790

**The Fellowship Committee presents**

### The Fabulous Fall Dinner!



**Roasted Pork, Veggies, Bread, Potatoes and dessert!**

**Saturday, September 20, 2025**

Fellowship – 5:15pm      Dinner – 6pm

\$16.00 – Adults    \$10.00 – Kids 5-10

Food, Fellowship, Drawing, Fun!

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

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## BLUE RHYTHM BAND

**Live**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**837 Charles St., Torrington**

**Sat., Sept. 27, 5:30 pm**  
**Goodwill donations accepted.**

**Outdoors (inside if rain)**  
**Bring your own chair, relax, groove!**



**CT Yankee Chorale begins rehearsals  
every Tuesday here at 7pm  
beginning on the 16th**

**OCTOBER  
18<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church presents  
their**

### **Annual Car show**



**Saturday, October 18, 2025**

**10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Rain date: Sat. October 25, 2025

Registration fee \$10

**Food ♦ 50/50 Raffle ♦ Music**

*For more info.*

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

## **FALL FAIR**

**Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**9:00am – 3:00pm**

**Handmade Crafts,  
Artisans Market  
Soup & Sandwich Lunch,  
Bake Sale, Theme Baskets  
and More!**

**For info: 860-482-3555**

