14th Sunday after Pentecost — August 30, 2026

Prelude **"*Take My Life and Let It Be"*** **arr. by Albin C. Whitworth, b.1938**

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Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn ***Take My Life, That I May Be*** **ELW 685**

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Apostolic Greeting **WOV Pg. 28**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **P: And also, with you**

Gloria **WOV Pg. 29**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, 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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, 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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, 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. Amen. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you
P: And also, with you

L: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

P: Amen

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

15 O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
16 Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.
17 I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
18 Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

19 Therefore thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
20 And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.
21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 26:1-8 (*chanted responsively)*

1 Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and | have not faltered.
2 **Test me, O | Lord, and try me;**
examine my heart | and my mind.
3 For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.
4 **I have not sat | with the worthless,**
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of | evildoers;
I will not sit down | with the wicked.
6 **I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O Lord,**
that I may go in procession | round your altar,
7 singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.
8 **Lord, I love the house in | which you dwell**
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.

Second Reading: Roman 12:9-21

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.
16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." 20 Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
P: Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation WOV Pg. 31
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 16th Chapter. P: Glory to you, O Lord
21 From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

[27] "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. [28] Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." This is the Gospel of the Lord. **P: Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ***Will You Come and Follow Me*** **ELW 798**

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Affirmation of Baptism **Please refer to Page 234** **ELW (red book)**

Prayers

L: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. Lord. in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

AM: For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

AM: For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters. Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

AM: For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

AM: For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit. Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

AM: For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

L: And for any other needs, Lord, we seek your divine grace. Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer. Amen**

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **P: And also, with you**

Please share a sign of God's peace. ***The offering is received***

Anthem ***Jubilate Deo! Come Worship the Lord!***

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Come, lift up to God a jubilant song, and burst out in fervent praise; For worthy is he of highest acclaim! Rejoice in his wonderful ways! Jubilate Deo! Come with joy and worship the Lord! With resounding thanks let us sing! Come, adore the king of all kings! Jubilate Deo! Jubilate deo! Exalt the Lord God, who calls us his own! With him we will reign on high! Our hope is alive! Sing Hallelujah! And shout with great delight! Jubilate Deo! Come with joy and worship the Lord! With resounding thanks let us sing! Come, adore the king of all kings! Jubilate deo! Jubilate deo! If we fail to bring the Lord a blessing of joyful praise, the rocks and hills will cry and shout! So sing! Sing! Sing with voices raised! Voices raised! Jubilate Deo! Come with joy and worship the Lord! With resounding thanks let us sing! Come, adore the king of all kings! Jubilate Deo! Jubilate Deo! Jubilate, jubilate, jubilate, jubilate Deo!

Offertory Hymn **WOV Pg. 35**

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 dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving **WOV Pg. 36-40**

L: The Lord be with you. **P: And also with you.**
L: Lift up your hearts. **P: We lift them to the Lord.**
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Proper Preface is spoken

L: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

P: 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.

The Words of Institution

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

Agnus Dei **WOV Pg. 39**

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.

Communion is distributed.

Communion Music ***Love That Casts Out Fear*** **arr. by John Leavitt, b. 1956**

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Post Communion Prayer

Benediction **WOV Pg. 41**

L: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
P: Amen

Closing Hymn ***Lift High the Cross*** **ELW 660**

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Dismissal **WOV Pg. 41**

AM: Assisting Minister: Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors. **P: Thanks be to God**

Postlude ***Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*** **arr. By Marilyn Biery, b. 1959**

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

Please see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex. We need volunteers for the offloading of the pumpkins on Saturday, October 3rd AND help to man the sale table in 4-hour shifts (11-3 or 3-7).

What a great way to get involved with your church and a community event. We will give any student a certificate for "community service hours" if needed for school.

We thank you in advance for your support and participation in our first Pumpkin Patch at St. Paul's.

Funeral Reception MINISTRY

A Ministry of Care and Compassion

From time to time, we experience the loss of a member of our St. Paul's family, and the family may request a reception following the funeral service.

Helping with these receptions is a wonderful way to offer comfort, care, and support to grieving families.

Your help means so much to families during a difficult time.

St. Paul's Women provides:

- Tablecloths
- Paper goods
- Coffee & decaf
- Tea
- Iced water & lemonade
- Desserts

The family provides:

The main meal, either hot or cold, which is usually catered.

Volunteers are always appreciated to help prepare the Fellowship Hall, serve refreshments and food, and assist with cleanup afterward.
Many hands make this ministry possible!

We welcome any questions you may have.

If you would like to add your name to our list of volunteers, please see Kathy in the church office or speak with:

Paula Rosenbeck • June Seiser
Jeanette Richard • Pamela Little

Thank you for being part of this caring ministry.

Love

Coffee Hour VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Coffee Hour is held each Sunday morning after worship, and YOU CAN HELP!

Grab a friend and make it fun!

With fall approaching, we'd like to get a regular schedule of volunteers to host Coffee Hour.

No experience is necessary—there's always someone willing to help you learn the ropes, including how to use the coffee machine.

On occasion, there are leftovers in the freezer that can be used.

Hosts should plan to bring a dessert or two and some fruit—cut-up fruit, grapes, or something similar.

MILK

Before Sunday, please check to see if there is whole milk in the refrigerator.

If not, please bring some with you.

We provide the rest!

Regular and decaf coffee are stored in the refrigerator.

Regular and decaf tea, hot cocoa, stirrers, sugar, and sugar substitutes can be found in the cupboard over the microwave.

Coffee Hour is a wonderful time for fellowship and conversation, and hosting is even more fun when you do it with a friend!

Thank You!

PLEASE SIGN UP!

A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex.
Pick a Sunday that works for you and help us keep this special time of fellowship going!

We appreciate you!

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

837 Charles St., Torrington, CT

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Friday, October 16, 2026

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Dinner - 6:00

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Food, Fellowship, Fun

PRIZES

Roasted Pork | Veggies | Potatoes | Salad | Bread | Dessert

We hope to see you there!

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Around the Church

Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
New Members Join	8/30	
Blood Drive	9/3	1-6 pm
Property Committee Mtg	9/3	7 pm
New Members' Class	9/5	10-12 n
First Communion Class	9/12	9-12 n
NW Hills Exchange Mtg	9/14	8:00 am
Christian Ed Committee Mtg	9/14	5:30 pm
Church Council Mtg	9/14	6:30 pm
Worship & Music (zoom)	9/17	6:00 pm
IT Committee (zoom)	9/17	7:00 pm
Rally Sunday	9/20	

Tuesdays

New Tai Chi class 10-11:30am $12

Bible Study

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm
In person Bible Study Wednesdays 10:00 am

Wednesdays

Members Tai Chi 11:00 am
Quilting Group 1:00 pm

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	**$6,290**
Received	**$3,062**
Shortfall	**-$3,228**
YTD	**-$74,416**

GIFT CARDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE NARTHEX

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- Those interested in becoming official members please fill out a form found on the table in the narthex.
- Looking ahead, we'll be taking a large group picture of you all on September 20, Rally Day, for use in publicity. Anyone who does not want to be in the picture will be able to exit first.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a list 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. If you would like to add or subtract for this list, please write name(s) on the Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex located on the stand-up desk to the right of the exit doors or email the office. Thank you!

Joe Abbott
Casaundra Abeling
Roberta Alteri
Ben, Sheryl & Nic Ahrens
Michelle Ahrens
Coni Aparo
Charlie Blakeslee
Kathy Ann Campbell
Angelo & Nicole Capasso
Vinni Carey
Kathleen Wiley Kelly
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Emily Decker
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Jan Eucalitto
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Amy Falls
Bruce & Liz Falls
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John Lewis
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Marge Kiernan
Renate Higgins
Rusty Judd
Kathleen Hilton

Charlotte Madia
Audrey Marquard
Abigail Marine
Eric Marine
Richard Marine
Janis Martin
Gil & Marilyn Martin
Michael Meyers
Brigitte Mueller
Bob Murphy
Barbara Nalette
Karen Ness
Tom O'Brien
Karen Pagano
Maria Payne
Melissa Pilbin
Lisa & Dennis Polzun
Ed & Susan Regner
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Vincent Scarrozzo
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Sarah Seelye
Lucille Videtto
Paul Smith
Marilyn Killingbeck
Sigrid Smitley
Patricia Switzer
Lori Sola

Justin Wade & Family
The Videtto Family
Eveyln Walters
Sue Watkins
James Weber
Diane Wright
Bruce Yauney
Clayton Young
Clarence & Priscilla
Ed
Jaiden
Steve
Lou W.
Todd
Robert K.
Hagbard
Peanut
Diane L.
Sandie Harper
Pam Ewing
Michelle
Marci
Diane Tanner
Olive
Carol DeLeppo
Tom Sterling Sr.
The family of
Kevin Walsh
Shay Cronin

Kyle W.
Rowan
Stefan Nikola J
Janet E.
Wendy Fedor
Laurie Otis
John Fleming
Ethan Troy Danner
Fred Rakyta & family
Ryan English
Mae Johnson
Jackie Fleming
Kiley Lombardo
Christine & Fran Gaffney
Patricia & Richard Sawitzke
Shannon Hilton
Deb & Jon Sterling
David Little
Carol Vrlik
Terry
Ruth Ann Stone
Joyce Young & family
The family & friends of
Cecile Scheidel
The family of Howard
Kreidwise
Shaelynn Holmgren
Bob Hauser
The Marold family

OUR NURSING HOME MEMBERS

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Mae Fay
Francine Ahrens
Betty Hilton
Walter Joray

OUR MILITARY FRIENDS

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace 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 Beuis
Dominic Boscarino
Ethan & his Marine Unit
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Fr.
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
Ben Speaker
Noah Braatz
Christian Braatz
Aiden Avenia
Sydney Craig & her Army unit