

15th Sunday after Pentecost — September 6, 2026

Prelude *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* **arr. by J. Wayne Kerr**

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Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn *As We Gather at Your Table* **ELW 522**

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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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

P: Amen

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked,

“O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalms 119:33-40 *spoken responsively*

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 18th Chapter. P: Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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Baptism of Veronica Bowman Please refer to Page 227

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Prayers of the People:

L: As we stand in humility before Christ, he exalts us to his table of grace. May we pray that all people recognize their need and accept his merciful invitation. Lord. in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer

L: First, let us read the first names from our prayer list that the Lord may care for them in their times of struggle.... (Am and L alternate reading names) When finished, AM says: Lord. in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer

AM: For the strong, the rich, the powerful, and the mighty, in the Church and in the world, that they may not be too proud to bow before God in obedience and simplicity, Lord. in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer

AM: For the weak, the poor, the vulnerable, and the lowly, in the Church and in the world, that they be lifted by the loving hand of God to places of honor in the kingdom, Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer

AM: For humanity, those within the Church, and within the wider world, that we may not place ourselves above our fellow creatures, but may appreciate our shared dependence upon our divine creator. Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer

AM: For the children of the Church and the children of the world, that none may suffer because of our apathy, malice, folly, or scorn, Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

AM: For all students and teachers, those in the Church and those in the world, returning to classes, that wisdom, knowledge, and a sense of commonly shared values be deepened and appreciated, Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

AM: For all who labor, those in the Church and those in the world, that their works may be honored, their places of work be safe and humane, their compensation be adequate, and their dignity unquestioned. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

AM: For any other needs you raise now in speech or in silence.....Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

L: For any other needs, Lord, that you see we have, we trust your providential care.
Lord in your mercy,

People: 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

Leaning into Jesus

Words: Patricia Mock and Music: Patti Drennan

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I'm leaning into Jesus for his mercies new each day, leaning into Jesus for the wisdom of his ways. I'm leaning into Jesus when my heart cries out in fear, leaning into Jesus when my eyes are filled with tears. I find his perfect peace when waves roll over me, giving him full control, yielding my heart and soul. When my path is shining bright, or in the dark of night, I'm leaning into Jesus, into his loving arms. I'm leaning into Jesus as blue skies turned to gray, leaning into Jesus when I lose my way. I'm leaning into Jesus for his mercies new each day, leaning into Jesus for the wisdom of his ways. I find his perfect peace when waves roll over me, giving him full control, yielding my heart and soul. When my path is shining bright, or in the dark of night, I'm leaning into Jesus, into his loving arms. He is my shelter safe, giver of strength and grace; I'm leaning on his everlasting arms. Oh, what a refuge sure, in him I rest secure; I'm leaning on his everlasting arms. I'm leaning into Jesus.

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 –

L: The Lord be with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: And also with you.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

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

I Come with Joy

arr. by Wolfgang Rübsam

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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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. by Lani Smith

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



Happenings Around the Church

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

Event	Date	Time
Finance Meeting	9/9	6:00 pm
Toastmasters Meeting	9/9	7:00 pm
Hilltop Meeting	9/10	4:45 pm
Howard Kreidwise "Calling Hours"	9/11	9-10 am
Howard Kreidwise "Funeral"	9/11	10:00 am
First Communion Class	9/12	9-12 noon
Soup Kitchen Ministry	9/13	10:00 am
NW Hills Exchange Club Meeting	9/14	8:00 am
Red Cross Blood Drive	9/14	12-7 pm
Christian Ed Committee Meeting	9/14	5:30 pm
Church Council Meeting	9/14	6:30 pm
CT Yankee Chorale Rehearsal	9/15	7:00 pm
Worship & Music (zoom)	9/17	6:00 pm
IT Committee (zoom)	9/17	7:00 pm
Private Birthday Party	9/19	
Rally Sunday – Jesus is my Rock	9/20	

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	\$6,290
Received	\$3,285
Shortfall	-\$3,005
YTD	-\$77,421

- 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.

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.



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.



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! ♥



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!



RALLY DAY 2026

CELEBRATED ON
Sunday,
September 20th,
2026

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



WORSHIP
BEGINS AT
10 A.M.

RALLY DAY
FESTIVITIES
BEGIN AT 11 A.M.



IN CHURCH



St. Paul's has Christian education programs for children ages three through grade nine.



ALL ARE
WELCOME!

COME HELP
BEAUTIFY
OUR GARDEN



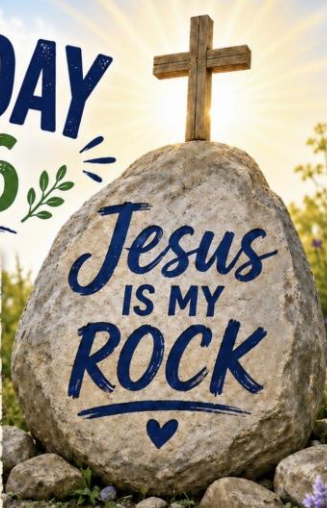
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☀ FUN!

Faith grows here! ♥



FIRST Holy COMMUNION



CELEBRATED DURING
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SUNDAY

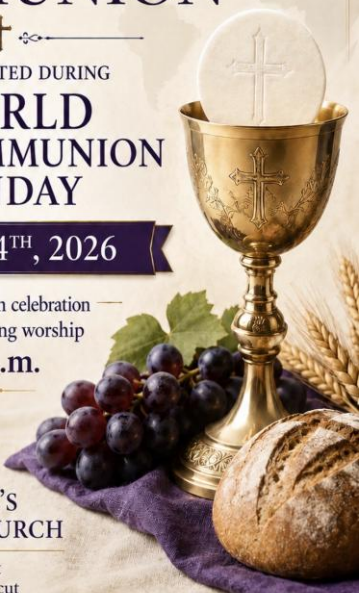
OCTOBER 4TH, 2026

First Communion celebration
will be held during worship
at 10 a.m.



SAINT PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

837 Charles Street
Torrington, Connecticut





Please see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex. We need volunteers for the offloading of the pumpkins on Saturday, October 3rd (after 2PM) 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.



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

Fabulous Fall Dinner!

Friday, October 16, 2026

Fellowship - 5:15
Dinner - 6:00

\$17.00 Adults
Kids 5-10 \$10.00

Food, Fellowship, Fun PRIZES

Roasted Pork **Veggies** **Potatoes** **Salad** **Bread** **Dessert**

Tickets available on Sundays after church or at the Church Office call 860-482-3555

St. Paul's LUTHERAN CHURCH
837 Charles Street
Torrington, Connecticut

Holiday FALL FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

HANDMADE CRAFTS **ARTISAN MARKET** **BAKE SALE** **THEME BASKETS** **SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH** **PRIZES GALORE!**

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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	Charlotte Madia Audrey Marquard Abigail Marine Eric Marine Richard Marine	Justin Wade & Family The Videtto Family Eveyln Walters Sue Watkins James Weber	Kyle W. Rowan Stefan Nikola J Janet E. Wendy Fedor
Coni Aparo Charlie Blakeslee Kathy Ann Campbell Angelo & Nicole Capasso Vinni Carey	Janis Martin Gil & Marilyn Martin Michael Meyers Brigitte Mueller Bob Murphy	Diane Wright Bruce Yauney Clayton Young Clarence & Priscilla Ed	Laurie Otis John Fleming Ethan Troy Danner Fred Rakyta & family Ryan English
Kathleen Wiley Kelly Emma Cortina Emily Decker Irene Douglas Judy Elliott	Barbara Nalette Karen Ness Tom O'Brien Karen Pagano Maria Payne	Jaiden Steve Lou W. Todd Robert K.	Mae Johnson Jackie Fleming Kiley Lombardo Christine & Fran Gaffney Patricia & Richard Sawitzke
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Rosemarie Foth Steven Fosbrook Bob Frantz John Lewis Danise Hall Marge Kiernan	Vincent Scarozzo Jean Schlapfer Sarah Seelye Lucille Videtto Paul Smith Marilyn Killingbeck	Michelle Marci Diane Tanner Olive Carol DeLeppo Tom Sterling Sr.	Ruth Ann Stone Joyce Young & family The family & friends of Cecile Scheidel The family of Howard Kreidwise
Renate Higgins Rusty Judd Kathleen Hilton Charlotte	Sigrid Smitley Patricia Switzer Lori Sola	The family of Kevin Walsh Shay Cronin	Shaelynn Holmgren Bob Hauser The Marold family

OUR NURSING HOME MEMBERS

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

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

