

World Communion Sunday
19th Sunday after Pentecost — October 4, 2026

Prelude

Meditation on Repton

arr. by Robert A. Hobby

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Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

Rise Up, O Saints of God

ELW 669

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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: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

P: Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 80:7-15 *spoken responsively*

- ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
- ⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.**
- ⁹ You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.
- ¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**
- ¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.
- ¹² **Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**
- ¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- ¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;**
- ¹⁵ behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

- ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.
- ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing

Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow, I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. 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.

P: Glory to you, O Lord

Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 21st Chapter.

[Jesus said:] ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? ⁴³ “Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

Text and Music: African American Spiritual in Public Domain

Blessing and Distribution of Bibles and Installation of Teachers

Receiving First Communion and Whirl Bibles Today:

*Steven Francis DiStefano, III Olivia Mae Mackiewicz
Avery Mae Rosenbeck*

Receiving Story Book Bibles Today:

Sawyer Joseph DiStefano & Alivia Craig-Markey

Prayers of the People:

L: We pray to Him who comes to us in bread and wine filled with holy grace.

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 whole Church gathered around the sacrament of the altar, that the unity God intends might be manifest in a common mission of service and compassion. AM says: Lord, in your mercy. **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For our young members, receiving for the first time the holy supper, that they may grow in confidence in Christ's promise of forgiveness and new life, Lord in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For the secular world, that a Church nourished by this meal may bear a faithful witness to God's reconciling love, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For the physical world, the source of our daily food and the grapes and wheat that make up our sacred meal, that we may always appreciate and cherish its bounty and beauty, 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: And for all other needs, we trust in our Saviour's eternal 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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson Tunes: Warrenton and Nettleton arr: Lloyd Larson

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Come Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. I am bound for the Kingdom, will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord. Here I raise my Ebenezer. Hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home. I am bound for the Kingdom, will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord! O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. I am bound for the Kingdom, will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah! Hallelujah, praise the Lord! Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

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.

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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

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW 729

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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 portions of "Partita on Westminster Abbey" arr. by Charles Callahan

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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
CT Yankee Chorale Rehearsals – 7-8:30 pm

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
Christian Ed Meeting	Mon. 10/5	6:30 pm
Red Cross Blood Drive	Tues. 10/6	12-7 pm
Hilltop Advisory Meeting	Thurs. 10/8	4:45 pm
Finance Committee Meeting	Thurs. 10/8	6:00 pm
Soup Kitchen Ministry	Sun. 10/11	10:00 am
NW Hills Exchange Club Meeting	Mon. 10/12	8:00 am
Church Council Meeting	Mon. 10/12	6:30 pm
Toastmaster's Meeting	Wed. 10/14	7:00 pm
Worship & Music (zoom)	Thurs. 10/15	6:00 pm
IT Committee (zoom)	Thurs. 10/15	7:00 pm
St. Paul's Fall Dinner	Fri. 10/16	5:15 pm
Oliver Wolcott Tech – Bingo Night	Sat. 10/17	3-9 pm
St. Paul's Holiday Fair	Sat. 11/7	9am-3pm

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	\$6,290
Received	\$1,905
Shortfall	<u>-\$4,385</u>
YTD	-\$87,869

- Those interested in becoming official members please fill out a form found on the table in the narthex.
- Stewardship/Commitment forms for 2027 are available in the narthex.



Please see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex. We need volunteers to help man the sale table in 4-hour shifts (11-3 or 3-7). There are a few dates open.

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

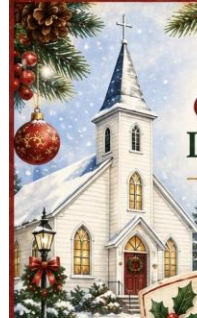



					
Roasted Pork	Veggies	Potatoes	Salad	Bread	Dessert

We hope to see you there!

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	 SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH
 BAKE SALE	 THEME BASKETS	 PRIZES GALORE!

For more information, CALL 860-482-3555

ALL ARE WELCOME!



CANDY FAMILY FRIENDLY COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31ST
2:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

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

WE'LL BE SERVING:

				
A CAULDRON OF SPOOKY MAC AND CHEESE	MUMMIFIED HOT DOGS	FRESH VEGGIE SKELETON AND DIP	FRITO PIE	CHIPS AND MORE!

Purchase a pumpkin at the door to decorate
at our family friendly celebration!

DONATIONS ARE REQUESTED!
Families are asked to bring one or more of the following items:

		
Candy	Ready-to-eat raw veggies	Individual bags of assorted chips

Your donations help make this event a treat for everyone in our community!

Warm Neighbors Brighter Tomorrows



WINTER COAT DRIVE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH **FISH** of Torrington, Connecticut

OCTOBER 5 - NOVEMBER 9

COAT DRIVE COLLECTION ONLY IS BEING HELD AT:
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
837 Charles Street, Torrington, Connecticut

Coats and jackets of all kinds are being collected for all ages — infant through seniors.



Infants ♥ Children ♥ Teens ♥ Adults ♥ Seniors

Please leave donations in the gray covered bin outside the church doors.

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF:
Monday – Friday
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
OR
On Sundays before church service.

All donations must be clean and in good repair.
No missing buttons. No broken zippers.

Watch for more details as to where and when the coat drive giveaway will take place!

Available for sale in the Narthex after worship



Gift Cards
for sale!

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CAN ALSO ORDER!
Can't find what you need?
We can order it for you!

CHURCH GETS A PERCENTAGE!
Your purchase helps support our church.

YOU PAY *the value* OF THE CARD.

We take

CASH | **CHECKS** | **CREDIT CARDS**

Thank you for supporting our church!

Gift cards shown: Amazon (\$25), Walmart, Target, Starbucks, Visa (\$50).

Cards for restaurants, department stores, discount stores and outlet stores, electronics, entertainment, fast food, gas and auto, grocery, home improvement, sporting goods and even universal prepaid cards! Don't see one on the list that's available – just ask.

If you are thinking “ahead of the holidays”, put your list together and see the people at the gift card table. You not only save yourself time going shopping but the church also gets a % of your sales.

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

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Rowan
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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

Bridget Deemer
Emma Cortina
Emily Decker
Irene Douglas
Judy Elliott

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Karen Ness
Tom O'Brien
Karen Pagano
Maria Payne

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Steve
Lou W.
Todd
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Kiley Lombardo
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Patricia & Richard Sawitzke

Diane Engle
Jan Eucalitto
Weston Faith
Amy Falls
Bruce & Liz Falls

Melissa Pilbin
Lisa & Dennis Polzun
Ed & Susan Regner
Baerbel Roehl
Charlotte

Hagbard
Peanut
Diane L.
Sandie Harper
Pam Ewing

Shannon Hilton
Deb & Jon Sterling
David Little
Carol Vrlik
Terry

Rosemarie Foth
Steven Fosbrook
Bob Frantz
John Lewis
Danise Hall
Marge Kiernan

Vincent Scarrozzo
Jean Schlapfer
Sarah Seelye
Lucille Videtto
Paul Smith
Marilyn Killingbeck

Michelle
Marci
Diane Tanner
Baby Olive Pressler
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
Helenna Hauser
Gloria Thibault

Sigrid Smitley
Patricia Switzer
Lori Sola
George Gray
Roger Jensen

Margaret Miller
Patrick Friday
Shay Cronin
Leigh Martin
Linda Martin

Shaelynn Holmgren
Bob Hauser
The Marold family
Lori Sola

OUR NURSING HOME MEMBERS

Francine Ahrens
Dee Gammon
Walter Joray

Mae Fay
Betty Hilton
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

