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The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

Preacher & Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us this morning. We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ as we worship together!

Saint Paul's Staff

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All stand as able

Opening Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Hymnal 390

The Word of the Lord

Celebrant:Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.People:And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together. **O** Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Old Testament

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;

the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, `Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

"Now therefore hear the word of the LORD.
You say, `Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.'
Therefore thus says the LORD:
`Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line;
you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

Reader:The Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82

God takes his stand in the council of heaven; * he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

"How long will you judge unjustly, * and show favor to the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan; * defend the humble and needy;

Rescue the weak and the poor; * deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; * all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, 'You are gods, * and all of you children of the Most High;

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, * and fall like any prince.'''

Arise, O God, and rule the earth, * for you shall take all nations for your own.

The Epistle

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and

understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Reader:The Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

Gospel Response "Where charity and love prevail"

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn; let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess; and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

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(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

Celebrant:The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.People:Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, `Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Celebrant:The Gospel of the Lord.People:Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Response "Where charity and love prevail"

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease; be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son; as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name; our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same .

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

The Nicene Creed (Please stand as able)

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Please stand, sit, or kneel as able for the prayers.

Celebrant:	Many people's needs press upon our daily lives and fill our daily news. That we may respond as neighbors, let us ask the Lord for help as we pray.		
Leader:	Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;		
All:	That we all may be one.		
Leader:	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;		
All:	That your Name may be glorified by all people.		
Leader:	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;		
All:	That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.		
Leader:	We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;		
All:	That there may be justice and peace on the earth.		

Leader:	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;	
All:	That our works might find favor in your sight.	
Leader: All:	We pray for the flooding victims in Texas who lost their lives, many of whom lost their lives trying to save others. Also for the families of the victims; and for first responders, medical teams, aid workers and citizens lending a hand. Grant them comfort and peace in the midst of this heavy reality they are living in, and that they would only draw closer to you during this time of intense grief.	
Leader:	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;	
All:	That they may be delivered from their distress.	
Leader:	Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Brenda Miller, and Mary & Otto Diehl, in whose memory the altar flowers are given;	
All:	Let light perpetual shine upon them.	
Leader:	We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;	
All:	May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.	
Leader:	Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.	

(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the silence of your heart.)

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Celebrant: Lord God, you formed us in love; you command us to live in your love. Hear the prayers we make in the name of the Son you sent to dwell among us, the neighbor is attentive to all our needs, Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Please kneel as able

- Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.
- All: Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and

forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to
the glory of your Name. Amen.Celebrant:Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the
Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant:The peace of the Lord be always with you.People:And also with you.

Announcements Please be seated for the announcements

Please stand as able for all hymns

Offertory Hymn

"I come with joy to meet my Lord"

Hymnal 304

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

(Remain standing as able)

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for through your Son Jesus Christ you have imbued us with strength that comes from his glorious power and prepared us to endure everything with patience; so that, leading lives worthy of your Name and fully pleasing in your sight, we may know the joy of your kingdom, and share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

> Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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You may stand or kneel.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with St. Paul and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant:Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;All:Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



- Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.
- Please follow the ushers directions for receiving the Eucharist at the altar rail.
- Let an usher know if you prefer to remain seated at your pew for distribution of the Bread and Wine.

Communion Hymn	"In Christ there is no East or West"	<u>Hymnal 529</u>
Communion Hymn	"Where cross the crowded ways of life"	<u>Hymnal 609</u>

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now and live lives worthy of the Lord. Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and bear fruit in every good work, putting love and mercy into action for others just as you would for yourselves. **Amen.**

And may God's glorious power make you strong; May Christ Jesus fill you with wisdom and understanding; And may the Holy Spirit prepare you for the hope that is laid up for you in heaven. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn "Lord, whose love through humble service"

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed, We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, Consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in living deeds to show; Hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

Words: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984); Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation" Johann Gottfried Walther



The altar flowers today are given by Jim Miller in memory of Brenda L. Miller;

> and by Bill Bennett in memory of Mary & Otto Diehl.

Altar Flowers - If you would like to request Altar flowers for a particular Sunday please see the Flower Chart in the back of the church, fill out an envelope located in the back of the church, send an email request to <u>dszen@yahoo.com</u> or contact the parish office.

Announcements

Summer Reading Group - Beginning next Wednesday, July 16th, for seven weeks, join Fr. Nate in the Guild Room after the Wednesday healing service to discuss *Finding Sanctuary* by Jennifer Hubbard.

Back to School Supply Drive - This summer we are joining with the Jericho Partnership for a school supply drive. There are supply lists in the back in the church with specific items that Jericho has requested. You don't need to get the whole list, but anything you are able to contribute will help! Donations need to be dropped off in the basket in the back of the church by July 27th. Any questions, please reach out to Kagan Kronberg at (203) 856-2230.

Name Tags - Please be courteous to visiting clergy, fellow parishioners, newcomers, and guests by extending a warm welcome to them and by wearing your name tag. You can leave them in the baskets at the doors as you leave for refiling. And remember to wear them to coffee hour as well.

Coffee Gathering - Following this service, join us downstairs in Crocker Hall for coffee.

Adult Class - The Adult Class meets on Sundays between services starting at 9:30 in Guild Room. They are currently talking about Colossians. Contact Dot Crocker for more info.

Nursery Service - Is provided during the 10:30 service each Sunday for children through age 4. Parents, please fetch your child from the nursery during announcement time so they and the nursery caregiver can return to the worship service for Communion.

Young Women's Night Out - Thursday, July 24 at 6:00 pm at Maggie McFly's, Brookfield. Drop-in when you can for a relaxed evening of connection and conversation. RSVP by texting Kagan Kronberg at (203) 856-2230.

Prayer Needs? - You can let us know by submitting your need on our website or emailing <u>prayerchain@saintpaulsbrookfield.com</u> and our team of intercessors will pray for your request or you can ask for a prayer servant to call you and we can pray together!

The Priest-in-Charge Weekly - Fr. Nate has a weekly e-mail, *"The Priest-in-Charge Weekly,"* to communicate things directly from his desk to yours. If you did not receive his e-mail this week and would like to, write Fr. Nate at priest@saintpaulsbrookfield.com and let him know.

Sword Points - Are you receiving our weekly electronic newsletter, *Sword Points*, and other communications from us online? If not, send your name and e-mail address to <u>StPaulsSwordPoints@gmail.com</u>.

Our Facilities - Our restrooms are located downstairs at the rear of our parish hall. Take the stairway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. The restrooms are located in the far left corner of the parish hall, across from the kitchen. A play area for our young ones is also set up in the parish hall as well as live streaming and audio of the service on a wide screen TV. In addition, coloring book packages are available for youngsters to use in the pews. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.



"Celebrating 240 years in the Spirit"

Calendar For The Week

(We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.) (Check website for up to date Zoom links - <u>www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com</u>

Sun., Ju1 13	8:00 am -	Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am -	Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am -	Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
Mon., Jul 14	7:00 pm -	Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
Tue., Jul 15	9:30 am -	Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Jul 16	10:00 am -	Holy Eucharist & Healing (YouTube Live)
	11:30 am -	Summer Reading Group, Guild Room
	7:00 pm -	Ladies Evening Zoom Bible Study (Zoom)
Thu., Jul 17	9:30 am -	Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
Sat., Jul 19	7:30 am -	John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford
	8:00 am -	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Crocker Hall
	10:00 am -	St. Paul's Quilters, Crocker Hall
Sun., Ju1 20	8:00 am -	Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am -	Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am -	Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)



Next Sunday - The 6th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am & 10:30 am Preacher: Rev. Nate Lee

Readings for July 20th Amos 8:1-12, Psalm 52, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

