



Saint Paul's Parish

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The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025

Preacher: Sophia Tilford

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

10:30 am - Youth Sunday & 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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Julie Astbury

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“I want to walk as a child of the light”

[Hymnal 490](#)

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.**

Opening Praise

“Open the eyes of my heart Lord”

Chorus 1

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

(Bridge)

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

I want to see You

Verse 1

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy holy holy

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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 God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Old Testament

Genesis 18:20-32

The LORD said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138



- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole *heart*; *
before the gods I will sing your *praise*.
 - 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your *Name*, *
because of your love and *faithfulness*;
 - 3 For you have glorified your *Name* *
and your word above all *things*.
 - 4 When I called, you *answered me*; *
you increased my strength with *-in me*.
 - 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O *LORD*, *
when they have heard the words of your *mouth*.
 - 6 They will sing of the ways of the *LORD*, *
that great is the glory of the *LORD*.
 - 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the *lowly*; *
he perceives the haughty from a *-far*.
 - 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me *safe*; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall *save me*.
 - 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for *me*; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your *hands*.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the *Son*, *
and to the Holy *Spirit*.
- As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall be*, *
world without end. A *-men*.

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God”

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And its righteousness
And all these things
shall be added unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
Seek, and ye shall find,
Knock, and the door
shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!

Words: Karen Lafferty (b. 1948);
Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Response

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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

You may stand, sit or kneel for the prayers

Celebrant: In our prayers today, we put all thoughts and worries and hopes into the hands of God. You may like to hold your own hands in front of you as you pray.

Intercessor: We place into the hands of God the life of this church, the people around us, and those who are not here today.

We place into the hands of God our difficulties and frustrations, and our hopes and our worries about the future.

We place into the hands of God the life of the church in all the world, all people in the world who bring God's love to others, all people who are in danger because they share the love of God.

Loving God, as you have blessed us, make us a blessing to your world.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We place into the hands of God a world that needs peace, a world that needs wisdom, a world that needs healing.

We place into the hands of God the leaders of every nation, the poor of our own and every land, those who live in fear, and all who hold the lives of others in their hands.

Loving God, You have poured such love into your world. Show us how to help make it a more loving place.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We place into the hands of God the health and well-being of our teachers, school officials and all who work in our schools.

We place into the hands of God our Sunday School teachers and assistants who help in our Sunday School program.

And on this Youth Sunday, we place into the hands of God and give special thanks for the loving support our congregation gives to our young people.

Loving God, bless all teachers and mentors that they may continue educating and caring for the young people in our communities.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We place into the hands of God our families, our young people, our friends, and our neighbors, those who live and work in our towns, in our schools, shops and local businesses, those who work from home, those who are unemployed, and all who pass through our towns on their travels.

We place into the hands of God all those we know who are suffering, all who have asked for our prayers and those we now lift up to you.

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

Intercessor: Loving God, bless them with your love and comfort and healing. And show us how to care for them.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers:

Celebrant: Father of Jesus, we ask your blessing and look to you as the giver of all good gifts. Make us ever eager to come to you in prayer and thanksgiving, as your Son has taught us. By your Holy Spirit, bring us to behold in Christ the fulfillment of those things for which we pray - your holy name, your coming kingdom, daily bread, forgiveness, shelter in temptation and deliverance from every evil; through the same Jesus Christ. **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 Praise

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus 1

So here I am to worship

Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

And You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

“Here I Am to Worship”

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

(Bridge)

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross'

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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, 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 Jesus Christ your Son, who has taught us to pray and to ask of you those things which we need for our lives together, we have come to understand you as a loving parent, giving and trustworthy and sure. By your grace, you have made us alive together through Baptism and faith in him, and you have forgiven our sins, that we may be raised to the fullness of new life in the kingdom that is to come.

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:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

(Sanctus continues on next page)



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

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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.**

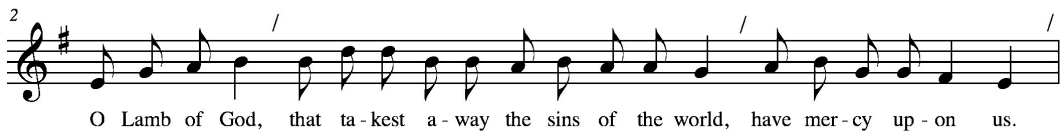
The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*



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 in the altar.*
- *Let an usher know if you prefer to remain seated at your pew for distribution of the Bread and Wine.*

Communion Praise “Children of the heavenly Father”

Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in his bosom gather,
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e’er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish;
In his holy courts they flourish;
From all evil things he spares them;
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;

Unto them his grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne’er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

Words by Caroline W. Sandell-Berg (1832-1903,
Music: Traditional Swedish melody

Communion Praise “Jesus loves me!”

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, “Let them come to Me.” *Refrain*

Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live. *Refrain*

Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me,
I will henceforth live for Thee. *Refrain*

I love Jesus! Does he know?
Have I ever told him so?
He would like to hear me say,
That I love him every day.

Yes, I love Jesus!

Yes, I love Jesus!

Yes, I love Jesus!

Each day I'll tell Him so!

Words: Anna B. Warner (1824-1915);
David R. Mcguire;(1929-1971);
Music: *Jesus Loves Me*, William B. Bradbury (1816-1868).

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world through serving the children and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now as people in whom love and fidelity embrace; peace and justice kiss. Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, full of thanksgiving and praying as he taught us. **Amen.**

And may God give good gifts in answer to your prayers;

May Christ Jesus establish you in the faith and strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, reaching out especially to our children;

And may the Holy Spirit pour out heaven's riches upon you. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

[Hymnal 405](#)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Remembering especially all our children, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

"Our Father in Heaven"

Johann Christoph Bach

Youth Sunday

Youth Participating in the Service

Greeters/Ushers - Genesis Gordon, Ellie Blandford,
Aster Kronberg, Ezekiel Lee,
Malachi Lee, Emma Marcalus, Vivian
Tilford

Choir - ;Isa Kronberg

Acolyte - Jake Salvatore

Lector - Emily Yurcisin

Intercessor - Jaheim Humphreys

Lay Reader - Rob Salvatore

Sermon - Sophia Tilford

Verger - Taylor Sarver

Parent - Amy Tilford

The altar flowers today are given in memory of
Bishop Jeffrey Rowthorn.

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 dszen@yahoo.com or contact the parish office.

Announcements

Next Generation Worship - Today is “Youth Sunday” at both services with the youth of our parish, many of them stepping out of their comfort zones, participating in most of the leadership positions in our worship. We are grateful for their commitment, energy, and faith in leading today’s service. Their service in their voices, their presence, and their devotion reminds us all of the vitality and hope that lives in the next generation.

Summer Reading Group - Join Fr. Nate in the Guild Room after the Wednesday healing services 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. Anything you are able to contribute will help! Donations are due today. Any questions, please reach out to Kagan Kronberg at (203) 856-2230.

Name Tags - Please be courteous to 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 discussing 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 collect your child from the nursery during announcement time so they and the nursery caregiver can return to the worship service for Communion.

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.

Calendar For The Week

(We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.)

(Check website for up to date Zoom links - www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com)

Sun., Jul 27	8:00 am - Youth Led Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am - Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am - Youth Led Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
Mon., Jul 28	7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
Tue., Jul 29	9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Jul 30	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 31	9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
	7:30 am - John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford
	8:00 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Crocker Hall
Sun., Aug 3	8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am - Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	3:00 pm - Linda Pendergast Burial Rite (YouTube Live)



Next Sunday - The 7th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate Lee

Readings for August 3rd

[Hosea 11:1-11](#) - [Psalm 107:1-9, 43](#) - [Colossians 3:1-11](#) - [Luke 12:13-21](#)

