

Saint Paul's Parish

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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 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

"Sing praise to God who reigns above"

Hymnal 408

The Word of the Lord

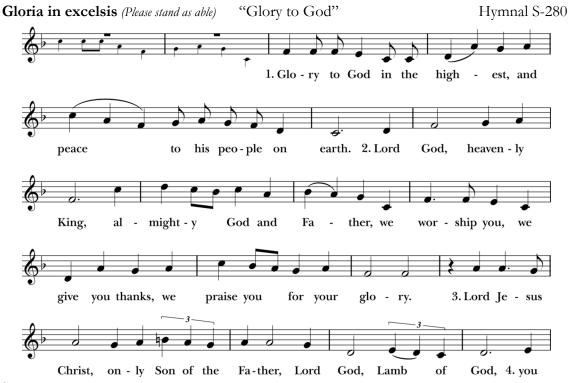
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

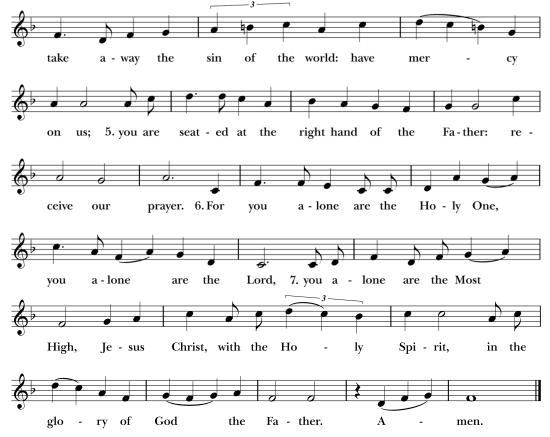
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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. Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

The more I called them,

the more they went from me;

they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,

I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them.

I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love.

I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.

I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt,

and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.

The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes.

My people are bent on turning away from me.

To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim?

How can I hand you over, O Israel?

How can I make you like Admah?

How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me;

my compassion grows warm and tender.

I will not execute my fierce anger;

I will not again destroy Ephraim;

for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

They shall go after the LORD,

who roars like a lion;

when he roars,

his children shall come trembling from the west.

They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

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

Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Responsively by half verse

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim * that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; * from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes; * they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

They were hungry and thirsty; * their spirits languished within them.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

He put their feet on a straight path * to go to a city where they might dwell.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

For he satisfies the thirsty * and fills the hungry with good things.

Whoever is wise will ponder these things, * and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

The Epistle Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

Gospel Response "

"Take my life, and let it be"

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Words by Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879), alt.; Tune: Hollingside (John Bacchus Dykes, 1823-1876)

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel Luke 12:13-21

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, `What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, `I will do this: I will pull

down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

Gospel Response "Take my life, and let it be"

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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

You may stand, sit or kneel for the prayers

Celebrant: Let us pray together for the riches that endure, saying, saying: Lord, have

mercy.

Intercessor: For faith enough as a church to proclaim God's word in worship and

preaching, especially to the one third of world that is unreached by the

gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For courage and peace enough to tackle the problems of nations and races,

let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For compassion enough to comfort the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For hope enough to bolster the discouraged, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For forgiveness enough to heal old wounds, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For wisdom enough to remember that the purpose of life is always greater

that knowing that we have enough for tomorrow, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For love enough to bind us to all in Christ's community, let us pray to the

Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For joy enough to remember all who have died, especially Linda Pendergast,

knowing that they are now with you and that we shall be reunited with them

in paradise, let us prayer to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: 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: Giver of all gifts, what we are and what we have come from you. Enrich us

with your blessings; impoverish us in the service of your Son who lived and died in poverty. He is our greatest wealth, Jesus Christ, our savior and 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

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please stand as able for all hymns

Offertory Hymn

"At the Name of Jesus"

Hymnal 435

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.

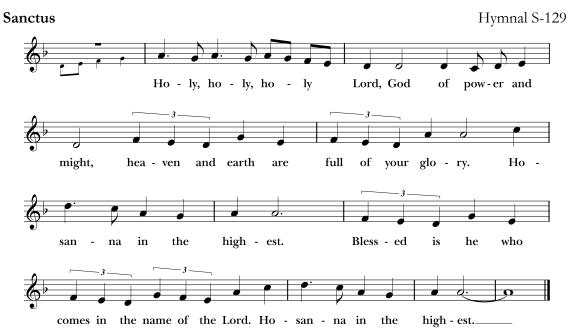
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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 you have taught us through your Son Jesus Christ that true riches and abundance are not to be found in having, but in giving; and not in earthly possessions, but through seeking first your kingdom and storing up treasures in heaven by following you and serving you.

Therefore, as we await the heavenly reward promised to all who love you, we praise you, and together with angels and archangels and all your holy Church, we lift our voice as one, as we 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,

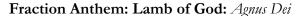
All:

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 your mercy, Lord, you called me" Hymnal 706

Communion Hymn "Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us" Hymnal 559

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant:

Let us pray.

All:

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamor and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant:

Go now as those raised with Christ, wondering at God's great love and telling the story of your salvation. Be on your guard against all kinds of greed and set your minds on the ways of heaven. **Amen.**

And may God reach out to you and nourish you;

May Christ Jesus renew you in the image of your creator;

And may the Holy Spirit lead you with cords of kindness and love. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

"God of grace and God of glory"

Hymnal 594

Dismissal

Celebrant:

Le us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" Edward Broughton

Announcements

Summer Reading Group - Join Fr. Nate in the Guild Room after the Wednesday healing services to discuss *Finding Sanctuary* by Jennifer Hubbard.

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.

Drive-Thru Food Collection - Our next Drive-Thru Food Collection will be this Wednesday, August 6th from 11 am to noon. This will be our 139th food drive since we started doing them in April 2020!

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

Prayer Needs? - You can let us know by submitting your need on our website or emailing prayerchain@saintpaulsbrookfield.com 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!

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., 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)
Mon., Aug 4	7:00 pm	-	Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
Tue., Aug 5	9:30 am	-	Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Aug 6	10:00 am	-	Holy Eucharist & Healing (YouTube Live)
	11 am - Noon	-	Drive-Thru Food Collection
	11:30 am	-	Summer Reading Group, Guild Room
	7:00 pm	-	Ladies Evening Zoom Bible Study (Zoom)
Thu., Aug 7	9:30 am	-	Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
	7:30 pm	-	Property Committee, Guild Room
Sat., Aug 9	7:30 am	-	John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford
	8:00 am	-	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Crocker Hall
Sun., Aug 10	8:00 am	-	Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am	-	Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am	-	Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	12:00 pm	-	Young Adult & Young Family Outing: Candlewood East



Next Sunday - The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am Preacher: Fr. Nate Lee

Readings for August 10th

<u>Isaiah 1:1, 10-20</u> - <u>Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24</u> - <u>Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16</u> <u>Luke 12:32-40</u>

