



Saint Paul's Parish

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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Dr. Kevin Olds

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

10:30 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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Prelude

“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!” Georg Philipp Telemann

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord”

[Hymnal 404](#)

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

“Better Is One Day”

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

*Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)*

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells *(Repeat)*

(Bridge)

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You

*Better is one day, better is one day
Better is one day,
Than thousands elsewhere*

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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. **Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more;

bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers, I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,
learn to do good;

seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,

defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out,
says the LORD:

though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;

though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;

but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 *Responsively by half verse*

The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.

"Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God

The Epistle

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Gospel Response

“Lord I Need You”

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

*Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You*

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(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

Luke 12:32-40-21

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

Gospel Response

“Lord I Need You”

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

*Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You*

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Dr. Kevin Olds

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.

The Prayers of the People

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

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor: For all people in their daily life and work;
All: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Intercessor: For this community, the nation, and the world;
All: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor: For the just and proper use of your creation;
All: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor: For better stewardship.
All: That we may fulfill our responsibilities with love and diligence so that our efforts may glorify God.

Intercessor: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
All: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, the homeless, and the needy.

Intercessor: For the peace and unity of the Church of God; for Will & Becky McLaughlin, our missionaries in Cambodia;
All: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor: For Sean our Presiding Bishop; Jeffrey and Laura our Bishops; Fr. Nate, our Priest-in-Charge; and for all bishops and other ministers;
All: For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor: Hear us, Lord;

All: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Intercessor: We will exalt you, O God our King;

All: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor: We pray for all who have died, especially Michael McCormick, in whose memory the altar flowers are given, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

All: Who put their trust in you.

Intercessor: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

**All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

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

Oh soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see
There's a light for a look at the Saviour
And life more abundant and free

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace*

Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there

“Turn Your Eyes”

Over us, sin no more hath dominion
For more than conquerors we are

His word shall not fail you, He promised
Believe Him and all will be well
Then, go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell

Songwriters: Keith Everette Smith / Jadon Lavik
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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 your Son Jesus Christ you have taught us to hope, and called us to faith and obedience, trusting in your promises. Like our ancestors, we hold fast to your Word, and we await a share in the inheritance that is ours, as descendants of the covenant and children of your heavenly kingdom.

Therefore, we join our voices and lift up your Name, as we sign this hymn of praise to your honor and glory:

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 -

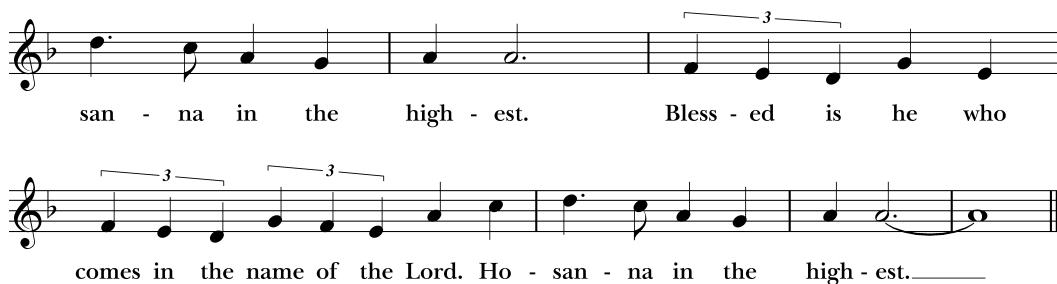
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

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.



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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*

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

2 O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

3 O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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 Praise

Jesus be the center
Be my source, be my light
Jesus. (repeats)

Jesus be the center
Be my hope, be my song
Jesus. (repeats)

“Be the Center”

*Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus, Jesus*

Jesus be my vision
Be my path, be my guide
Jesus. (*Repeats*)

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Communion Praise

“You Are My King (*Amazing Love*)”

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

Misc 1
You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King

Chorus 1

Amazing love, how can it be
That You my King, would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true

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Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now like those prepared for the Lord to return. Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed. Give freely to those in need and let your treasure be in the things of heaven. **Amen.**

And may God not be ashamed to be called your God;
May Christ Jesus find you attentive and well prepared;
And may the Holy Spirit give you the assurance of all that has been
promised to you. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn “How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord” [Hymnal 637](#)

Dismissal

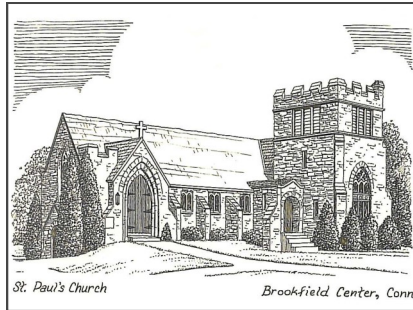
Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude “Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee” Henry J. Markworth

<p>The altar flowers today are given by Laura McCormick in memory of Michael McCormick.</p>

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.



"Celebrating 240 years in the Spirit"

Announcements

Please Welcome - The Rev. Canon Dr. Kevin Olds is our preacher this morning at both services. Canon Olds is the diocesan Canon for Congregations & Transitions. Canon Olds works with parishes during seasons of transition, discernment, and renewal, helping them grow in clarity, connection, and mission.

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, visiting clergy, 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.

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.

Chronic Pain Support Group - Living with chronic physical pain can feel isolating and overwhelming, but you don't have to face it alone. Join others who understand what you're going through in a safe, supportive, and faith-centered environment. Our monthly, peer-led support group provides a welcoming space to connect, share experiences, and support one another. This group will meet on the first Thursday each month, starting September 4th at 11:30 am in the Guild Room. For more info contact chronicpain@saintpaulsbrookfield.com.

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 10	8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:15 am - Leadership/Staff Meeting w/Canon Olds, Guild Room
	9:30 am - Adult Class
	10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	12:30 pm - Young Adult / Young Family Outing @ Candlewood East
Mon., Aug 11	7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
Tue., Aug 12	9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Aug 13	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)
	7:30 pm - Vestry Meeting, Guild Room
Thu., Aug 14	9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
Sat., Aug 16	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., Aug 17	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 - Al Chaleski Burial Rite (YouTube Live)



Next Sunday - The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate Lee

Readings for August 17th

[Isaiah 5:1-7](#) - [Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18](#) - [Hebrews 11:29-12:2](#) - [Luke 12:49-56](#)

