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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

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

10:00 am - Dedication of Outdoor Altar & 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!

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Opening Hymn

“Come, thou fount of every blessing”

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I, fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help, I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;

he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

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

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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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. **Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Epistle

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and

forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

Luke 14:1,7-14

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

Hymn in Response

“Come as You Are”

Come out of sadness, from wherever you've been
Come broken hearted, let rescue begin
Come find your mercy, O, sinner come kneel
‘Cause earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal [x2]

Chorus

So lay down your burdens

Lay down your shame

All who are broken

Lift up your face

Oh, wanderer come home

You're not too far

So lay down your hurt

Lay down your heart

Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table and taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
‘Cause earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure [x2]

Chorus

There's joy for the mourning; O, sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal [x2]

Chorus

Come as you are...

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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

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

Celebrant: God has searched for us to teach us how to search for one another. That we may learn to live in God's peace, generous with life, let us pray together, saying "Lord, hear our prayer."

Intercessor: For faith to treasure our place of honor at the table of the Lord, which he won for us through his humble sacrifice; and for boldness to spurn the foolish honors of this world, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For hearts that trust the love of Christ, that whenever we offend him with our sins, we would quickly come to his house to receive forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For God's holy Church here and throughout the world, for all who confess the name of Christ, and for the unity of the Church in doctrine and practice, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the family and the home, that it would be a place where we learn, care and extend God's love to one another; and that the Lord would visit and bless our homes and strengthen and restore our relationships through the healing power of forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For our nation and those who lead us in this land; for those who serve on behalf of this people; for the nations, that justice and peace may reign; and for courage, that Christians may endure in faith in times of test, trial and persecution, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For faith to cherish the honor of receiving our Lord's Supper and to spurn all the small and fleeting honors of this world, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For all who pass through difficult circumstances: the lonely and the persecuted, the imprisoned and the addicted, those suffering from mental distress and those suffering from bodily affliction, especially for 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: That they would know the comfort of the Lord's promise that he will never leave them or forsake them, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers:

Celebrant: It would be a joy for us to be as you are, O Lord, toward the least of things on earth. We ask for your peacefulness, your humility, your innocence, both for ourselves, and for all the world. For there is no going home to you without our brothers and sisters, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dedication of Altar

All involved in the creation of new worship space come forward for the dedication.

Celebrant: We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of your people, and for the work of many hands, which have beautified this place and furnished it for the celebration of your holy mysteries. Accept and bless all we have done, and grant that in these earthly things we may behold the order and beauty of things heavenly; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All: Arise, go to Bethel, and dwell there, and make there an altar to our God.

Celebrant: I will go to the altar of God:

All: To the God of my joy and gladness.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

(Silence)

Celebrant: We praise you, Almighty and eternal God, that for us and our salvation, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be born among us, that through him we might become your sons and daughters.

All: Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

Celebrant: We praise you for his life on earth, and for his death upon the cross, through which he offered himself as a perfect sacrifice.

All: Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

Celebrant: We praise you for raising him from the dead, and for exalting him to be our great High Priest.

All: Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

Celebrant: We praise you for sending your Holy Spirit to make us holy, and to unite us in your holy Church.

All: Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

Celebrant: Lord God, hear us. Sanctify this Table dedicated to you. Let it be to us a sign of the heavenly Altar where your saints and angels praise you for ever. Accept here the continual recalling of the sacrifice of your Son. Grant that all who eat and drink at this holy Table may be fed and refreshed by his flesh and blood, be forgiven for their sins, united with one another, and strengthened for your service.

All: Blessed be your Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; now and for endless ages. 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

“Love of God”

Doxology

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 in your Son Jesus Christ you have shown us the blessedness that comes from humility and love: and by your grace you have accepted us as your children and have given us a place of honor at your table with the saints in light.

Therefore with them, and with all those gathered to share the heavenly banquet, we praise you, as we say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: **On** the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now the suffering and death and proclaiming the resurrection and ascension of Jesus our Redeemer, we bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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 in front of the altar.
- Let an usher know if you prefer to remain seated for distribution of the Bread and Wine.

Communion Praise

“Come to the Altar”

Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling

Chorus
O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today, there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes, a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Chorus
Oh, what a Savior
Isn't He wonderful?
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen

Chorus

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Communion Praise

“Before the throne of God above ”

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart [x2]

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me [x2]

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And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me [x2]

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God [x2]

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the one, risen Son of God! *Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the one, risen Son of God!*
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the one, risen Son of God!

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Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now and walk in all God's ways. Keep your lives free from the love of money but let love between people continue and be honored. Show hospitality to strangers. Pray for those who suffer torture and imprisonment and do not neglect to do good. **Amen.**

And may God be your strength;

May Christ Jesus be for you a fountain of living water;

And may the Holy Spirit raise you to life with all God's righteous ones.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

"My hope is built on nothing less"

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus Christ, my righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

Chorus

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
In Him, my righteousness, alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus

Words: Edward Mote (1797-1874);
Tune: *Solid Rock*; William B Bradbury!(1816-1868).

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Welcome Mark Miller - To make this occasion even more meaningful, we welcome Mark Miller, who is leading our music worship this morning.

Mark brings a lifetime of musical richness to our community. Raised by a Gospel-singing father and a classically trained pianist mother, his roots run deep in music. With a Master's degree in conducting from Emory University and experience leading worship in diverse settings - from megachurches to Episcopal parishes - Mark blends reverence and excellence in every note.

What truly sets Mark apart is his authenticity and heartfelt connection to worship. His music invites us into a deeper, passionate encounter with God, whether in a grand sanctuary or under the open sky.

We're grateful for Mark's presence as we dedicate our new outdoor altar and how his musical leadership blesses our time together.

Next Sunday, September 7th

Next Sunday, September 7th is "*Bring-A-Friend-to-Church Sunday*" - Think of someone in your life - a friend, a neighbor, a coworker, a family member - who might need a little more hope, connection, or peace. Someone who might be wondering where God is in the midst of everything. Or someone who just needs a reminder that they're not alone. Say a prayer for them. Reach out. And simply invite them to come sit with you at church.

Priest-in-Charge Listening Session - The second of this year's quarterly Priest-in-Charge Listening Sessions will be held next Sunday, September 7th in Crocker Hall at 9:30 a.m. These gatherings are part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a culture of safety, connection, and shared purpose within the parish. This is an opportunity to ask questions, share reflections, and hear about where we've been and where we're headed as a community. Your presence helps strengthen the fabric of our common life.

Blessing of the Backpacks - Next Sunday, September 7th at the 10:30 service, there will be a blessing of the backpacks for all students! Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpack to the service to receive a special "Back to School" blessing!



Announcements

Summer Reading Group - Join Fr. Nate in the Guild Room after the Wednesday healing service for the final discussion on *Finding Sanctuary* by Jennifer Hubbard.

Drive-Thru Food Collection - Our next Drive-Thru Food Collection will be this Wednesday, September 3rd from 11 am to noon. This will be our 141st food drive since we started in April 2020!

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 Daily Bread - The *Our Daily Bread* devotional pamphlet for September, October & November is now available at the back of the church. *Our Daily Bread* contains a scripture verse and meditation for each day.

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!



The cornerstone that is now part of our altar came from our old rectory that was located at 9 Long Meadow Hill Road. The rectory built in 1879 was sold in 1970. The cornerstone is engraved “St. Paul’s Rectory” across the front and has the date 1879 on the left side. Come up and take a closer look.

Looking Ahead

Adult Class - An exciting new adult Christian Formation series is starting Sunday, September 14th. More than anything else, Christ came to earth to instill faith in God and trust in His promises. Faith isn’t optional - it’s the heartbeat of the Christian life. Join us as we explore what faith really is, how it works in everyday life, and how it deepens our walk with God. The Adult Class meets weekly on Sundays between services starting at 9:30 in Guild Room.

Sunday School Resumes Next Week - Sunday School classes for kindergarten through grade 8 will resume Sunday, September 14 at 10:30 am.

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday - Join us on Sunday September 14th as we celebrate everyone who volunteers to make St. Paul’s the family we are; and to also learn about our various ministries and opportunities to serve.

Blessing of the Animals - On Sunday, October 5th, in the spirit of St. Francis, we’ll be blessing the animals at our 10:30 service.

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 31 10:00 am - **Outdoor Dedication of Altar & Holy Eucharist**, Meadow
(YouTube Live)
11:30 am - Parish Picnic, Meadow
- Tue., Sep 2 9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
- Wed., Sep 3 10:00 am - **Holy Eucharist & Healing** (YouTube Live)
11 to Noon - Drive Thru Food Collection, #141
7:00 pm - Ladies Evening Zoom Bible Study (Zoom)
- Thu., Sep 4 9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
11:30 am - Chronic Pain Support Group, Guild Room
7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:30 pm - Property Committee, Guild Room
- Fri., Sep 5 10:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Brookfield Greenway
- Sat., Sep 6 7:30 am - John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford
8:00 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Crocker Hall
- Sun., Sep 7 ***"Bring a Friend to Church Sunday"***
8:00 am - **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
9:30 am - Town Hall Meeting, Crocker Hall
10:30 am - **Blessing of Backpacks & Contemporary Holy Eucharist**
(YouTube Live)



Next Sunday - The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate Lee

Readings for September 7th

[Jeremiah 18:1-11](#), [Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17](#), [Philemon 1-21](#),
[Luke 14:25-33](#)

