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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 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

Priest-in-Charge

Wardens

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The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

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Julie Astbury

Prelude

“Prelude on *Aurelia*”

Charles Callahan

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“The Church's one foundation”

[Hymnal 525](#)

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.**

Gloria in excelsis *(Please stand as able)* “Glory to God”

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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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 us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 *Responsively by half verse*

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Epistle

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response

“Day by day, dear Lord”

[Hymnal 654](#)

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

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

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Response

“Day by day, dear Lord”

[Hymnal 654](#)

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: Almighty and boundless God, you know us as no other and from you no secrets are hid. Awaken us as at our earthly birth, that we may re-fashion ourselves day by day, to follow your will in the lives you have given us to live.

Intercessor: Almighty God, we ask your special blessings upon all who lead us in your Church, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura our bishops; Fr. Nate; and all who speak your word to us, and teach us, by example, to imitate their faith and thoughtfully consider the outcome of our own ways of life. Lord of all, giver of life,

All: Refresh our hearts in Christ.

Intercessor: Almighty God, transform the relationship between the leaders of this world, this country, and this community, and those they govern. As a potter re-crafts at the wheel, shape character and morality into each unique and useful vessel, and stamp your signature of justice, mercy, and peace upon us all. Lord of all, giver of life,

All: Refresh our hearts in Christ.

Intercessor: Almighty God, guide us to partner with all who have dedicated themselves as true disciples of Jesus, who will teach us to count the blessings more than the cost of the work ahead, and how to grow in and share our faith. Lord of all, giver of life,

All: Refresh our hearts in Christ.

Intercessor: Almighty God, smooth the rough edges from all who are chipped by chronic pain, depression, or a sense of helplessness, and polish the spirit of all who serve their needs. Lord of all, giver of life,

All: Refresh our hearts in Christ.

Intercessor: Almighty God, encircle your healing hands around the grieving, especially John & Jean Stauffer in whose memory the altar flowers are given, even as all those we have sent to you, are now new again in the splendor of eternal life. Lord of all, giver of life,

All: Refresh our hearts in Christ.

Intercessor: Almighty God, send comfort and healing to all who are ill, feel hopeless, or are addicted, and replenish the energy of those who give support. We pause

in this moment to offer you our other heartfelt intentions and petitions,
aloud or silently...

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

Intercessor: Lord of all, giver of life,
All: Refresh our hearts in Christ.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers.

Celebrant: Divine artisan, master of creation, keep us as malleable as unfired clay so that you, who formed us in the womb, may continue to form our minds, our hearts, and our souls into worthy receivers of your love and grace. We ask through Jesus, our redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, our wonderful counselor, who together with you are one God, now and forever. 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*

- *September Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Please stand as able for all hymns

Offertory Hymn

“Jerusalem, my happy home”

[Hymnal 620](#)

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 in your Son Jesus Christ we are called to true and faithful discipleship, to lives dedicated to the coming of your kingdom and to work and service in your Names.

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

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You may stand or kneel.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Saint Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

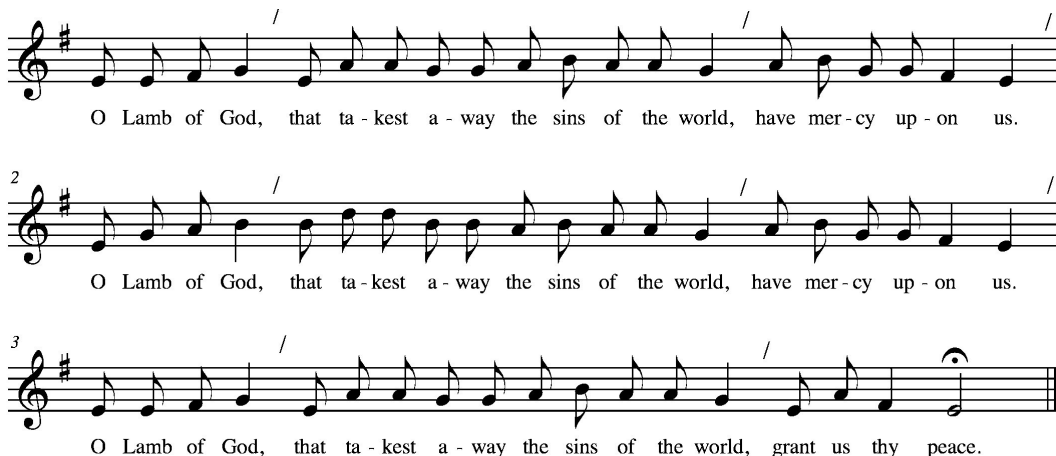
All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine 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.

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

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 Hymn

“Sing, my soul, his wondrous love”

[Hymnal 467](#)

Communion Hymn

“O Master, let me walk with thee”

[Hymnal 660](#)

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Grant, almighty and everlasting God, that your faithful people, whom you have restored to life through the proclamation of your holy word and nourished with the bread of heaven, may grow into the likeness of him whose Body and Blood we have received, and may be made worthy to dwell with him in heaven, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now to live and share your faith with all. Love Christ more than even family or friends, and, in Christ, love all God's people. Do not cling to possessions, but take up your cross and follow Jesus. **Amen.**

And may God shape you in the ways of love and justice;

May Christ Jesus refresh your heart;

And may the Holy Spirit surround you with grace and peace. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

"Take up your cross, the Savior said"

[Hymnal 675](#)

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

"Prelude in D"

Johann Kasper Ferdinand Fischer

The altar flowers today are given
in memory of John & Jean Stauffer.

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

Priest-in-Charge Listening Session - The second of this year's quarterly Priest-in-Charge Listening Sessions will be held this morning 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.

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.

Sunday School - Nursery Service is provided during the 10:30 service each Sunday for children through age 4. **Sunday School resumes next Sunday**, September 14th at 10:30 am for ages 4 thru grade 8.

Adult Class - An exciting new adult Christian Formation series starting Sunday, September 14. 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.

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!

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., Sep 7

“Bring a Friend to Church Sunday”

8:00 am - **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)

9:30 am - Priest-in-Charge Listening Session, Crocker Hall

10:30 am - **Blessing of Backpacks & Contemporary Holy Eucharist**

(YouTube Live)

Mon., Sept 8

7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)

Tue., Sept 9

9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room

Wed., Sept 10

10:00 am - **Holy Eucharist & Healing** (YouTube Live)

7:30 pm - Vestry Meeting, Guild Room

Thu., Sept 11

9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room

7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Sat., Sept 13

7:30 am - John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford

8:00 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Crocker Hall

Sun., Sept 14

“Volunteer Appreciation Sunday”

8:00 am - **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)

9:30 am - Adult Class, Guild Room

10:30 am - Sunday School, Classrooms

10:30 am - **Contemporary Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)



Next Sunday - The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate Lee

Readings for September 14th

[Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28](#) - [Psalm 14](#) - [1 Timothy 1:12-17](#) - [Luke 15:1-10](#)

