



Saint Paul's Parish

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

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

10:30 am - Healing & 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

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The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

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Julie Astbury

All stand as able

Opening Hymn “Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!”

[Hymnal 437](#)**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**“Here I Am to Worship”**

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

Chorus 1

*So here I am to worship
 Here I am to bow down
 Here I am to say that You're my God
 And You're altogether lovely
 Altogether worthy
 Altogether wonderful to me*

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

(Bridge)

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

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together. **O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16



- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most *High*, *
abides under the shadow of the Al-*mighty*.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my *stronghold*, *
my God in whom I put my *trust*."
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the *hunter* *
and from the deadly *pestilence*.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his *wings*; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and *buckler*.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by *night*, *
nor of the arrow that flies by *day*;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the *darkness*, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at *mid-day*.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I de-*live* him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my *Name*.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will *answer him*; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to *honor*.
- 16 With long life will I satis-*fy him*, *
and show him my sal-*vation*.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the *Son*, *
and to the Holy *Spirit*:
- As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall be*, *
world without end. A-*men*.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response “Fight the good fight with all thy might”

[Hymnal 552](#)

(Verses 1 & 2)

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

16:19-31

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

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered

with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Response "Fight the good fight with all thy might"

(Verses 3 & 4)

[Hymnal 552](#)

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.

Healing Litany

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

Leader: O God of mercy and healing, hear our cries to lift us each day and restore us to your favor and spiritual health, that through your help we may be clothed with the joy of your immortal righteousness. O Lord our God,

All: **We will give You thanks forever.**

Leader: O God of mercy and healing, endow great wisdom, clarity of purpose, and stamina upon all who lead us in your Church and in the fields of Christ's mission and ministry, as we walk together with eagerness and faith. O Lord our God,

All: **We will give You thanks forever.**

Leader: O God of mercy and healing, awaken the gifts of compassion, virtue, and morality within us and all who govern in our world, in our country, and in our community, that in fellowship with you we may understand and help one another, and that, serving you, we may find our perfect freedom. O Lord our God,

All: We will give You thanks forever.

Leader: O God of mercy and healing, relieve the suffering of those with serious illness, addiction, or desperate life circumstance, and give wisdom and respite to those who tend their needs. O Lord our God,

All: We will give You thanks forever.

Leader: O God of mercy and healing, fill us with the peace of knowing that those who have crossed to the other side, now live again forever, in the glorious bliss of your eternal kingdom. O Lord our God,

All: We will give You thanks forever.

Leader: O God of mercy and healing, we pause in this moment to offer you our other heartfelt thanksgivings, intercessions, petitions, and memorials...

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

Leader: O Lord our God,

All: We will give You thanks forever.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers: O Lord of peace and wholeness, as the woman reached to Jesus, and the child awakened at his call, grant us the determination to reach toward you with fearless faith, genuine love, and purity of intent to act for justice and mercy to prevail among all your people. We ask through Jesus, the healer of our souls; and the Holy Spirit, the sanctifier of our hearts; who together with you reign as 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*

- *Healing Testimonies*

Please stand as able for all hymns

Offertory Hymn

“Let the river flow”

Let the poor man say
I am rich in Him
Let the lost man say
I am found in Him
Let the river flow
Let the blind man say
I can see again
Let the dead man say
I am born again
Let the river flow
Let the river flow

Chorus 1
Let the river flow
Let the river flow
Holy Spirit come
Move in power
(Let the river flow)

Let the river flow (let the river flow)
Let the river flow (let the river flow)
Let the river flow (let the river flow)
Let the river flow

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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, the King of kings and Lord of lords, you have called us as subjects of your kingdom, caused us to set our hopes on you, and invited us to take hold of the life that is true life: live in love and service to you and to one another.

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

Communion Praise

“All who are thirsty”

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep (repeat)

Come, Lord Jesus come (x3)

Holy Spirit come (x3)

As deep cries out to deep (2x)

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Communion Praise

“Cannot Say Enough”

What can we say to describe
Just a glimpse of Your glory
How can our words portray
But a thread of Your majesty
But still we praise our Savior
In spirit and in truth
For we cannot say enough about You

Hallelujah hallelujah

Hallelujah hallelujah

Misc 1

But still we praise our Savior

In spirit and in truth

For we cannot say enough about You

Chorus

Hallelujah hallelujah

Hallelujah hallelujah

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Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now and take hold of the life that really is life.
Shun the eagerness for money
but be rich in good works.
Pursue righteousness, godliness,
faith, love, endurance and gentleness. **Amen.**

And may God be your refuge and fortress;
May Christ Jesus free you from all that ensnares you;
And may the Holy Spirit provide you with everything for godliness and
contentment. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“Crown him with many crowns”

[Hymnal 494](#)

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

“Postlude on *Darwall*”

Healey Willan



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.

Announcements

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 - Sunday School classes start at 10:30 am. Please bring your children directly to their classrooms. Children will return to their parent or guardian before the start of Communion.

Adult Class - 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.

Blessing of the Animals - Next Sunday at the 10:30 service we'll meet outside (weather permitting) in our meadow chapel and celebrate St. Francis of Assisi. Pets of all kinds, along with their caretakers, are invited to receive a special blessing.

Save the Date - October 18: - We have a lot to celebrate in October. Fr. Nate began his ministry at St. Paul's in October., and Mina & Fr. Nate will be married in October. So on Saturday, October 18 from 4-7 pm, we're holding a Parish **"Oktoberfest"** Celebration in Crocker Hall. All are welcome, more info in coming weeks. Please sign up at the rear table in the back of the church or in Crocker Hall.

Women's Evening Bible Study - is starting a study on Courage: people in the Bible who showed courage in difficult situations, starting on Wednesday, October 1. Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 on Zoom. For more information contact Kathy Whipple at kthyw49@gmail.com.

PraiseMoves - Classes will be held on every Saturday in the month of October at 10 a.m. in Crocker Hall. PraiseMoves is the Christian alternative to Yoga and designed to help with balance, toning and core strengthening – all while scripture is being spoken with every posture! All ages and athletic ability are welcome and all postures can be modified for any reason. Mary Perry, Certified PraiseMoves Instructor, will be leading the class - email her at maryperry2@me.com with any questions. Please sign up at the rear table in the back of the church or in Crocker Hall.

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., Sept 28	8:00 am	- Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am	- Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am	- Sunday School, Classrooms
Mon., Sept 29	10:30 am	- Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	7:00 pm	- Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
Tue., Sept 30	9:30 am	- Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Oct 1	10:00 am	- Holy Eucharist & Healing (YouTube Live)
	11 am - Noon	- Drive-Thru Food Collection
	7:00 pm	- Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
Thu., Oct 2	9:30 am	- Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
	11:30 am	- Chronic Pain Support Group, Guild Room
	7:00 pm	- Mission Committee, Guild Room
	7:30 pm	- Property Committee, Classroom
	7:30 pm	- Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Fri., Oct 3	10:00 am	- St. Paul's Walking Group, Fairfield Hills
Sat., Oct 4	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	- PraiseMoves, Crocker Hall
Sun., Oct 5	8:00 am	- Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am	- Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am	- Sunday School, Classrooms
	10:30 am	- Blessing of the Animals & Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)



Next Sunday - St. Francis of Assisi

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate Lee

Readings for October 5th

[Genesis 6:5-8](#) - [Psalm 121](#) - [Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11](#) - [Luke 12:13-21](#)

