



Saint Paul's Parish

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 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

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Vestry Members:

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The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

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Prelude

“Moderato”

Joseph Roff

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“Come, thou fount of every blessing”

[Hymnal 686](#)

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. **O** God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish,
they do not know me;
they are stupid children,
they have no understanding.
They are skilled in doing evil,
but do not know how to do good."

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn,
and the heavens above grow black;
for I have spoken, I have purposed;
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 14 *Responsively by half verse*

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *

All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, *

to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?

See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the LORD is their refuge.

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
**when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.**

The Epistle

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response

“In your mercy, Lord, you called me”
(Verses 1 - 2)

[Hymnal 706](#)

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Response

"In your mercy, Lord, you called me"
(Verse 3)

[Hymnal 706](#)

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as able)*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,**

eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in
your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For zealous preachers of the word, that by the Holy Spirit, they open the ears of their hearers to the good news of salvation and their eyes to the loveliness of God's wisdom. *Silence*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the one third of humanity that does not have access to the gospel, for our missionaries in Cambodia, and for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him; inspire our witness that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ. *Silence*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, grant that we may be your faithful witnesses, and that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We remember before God all who are in any need and who cry out for the presence of God.....

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

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Lord God, you promise to shepherd your sheep for the sake of Jesus. According to your word, seek the lost, bring back the stray, bind up the injured and strengthen the weak. We entrust all these petitions to your care, loving Father, confident in your great mercy for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is worshiped together with You and the Holy Spirit, 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*

- *Volunteer Appreciation*

Please stand as able for all hymns

Offertory Hymn

“There's a wideness in God's mercy”

[Hymnal 470](#)

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 your grace and love overflow to us. Through him, we who were lost have been found and welcomed into the presence of your heavenly feast.

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

“Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing”

[Hymnal 334](#)

Communion Hymn

“Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless”

[Hymnal 343](#)

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now, overflowing with faith and love and seek out those who are lost.
Side with the poor and sit with the just; mourn for the earth and rejoice
with heaven over any who turn to God. **Amen.**

And may God judge you faithful;

May Christ Jesus strengthen you;

And may the Holy Spirit fill you with wisdom and grace. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“Immortal, invisible, God only wise”

[Hymnal 423](#)

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

“Christ, Who Art the Light and Day”

Johann Christoph Bach

Announcements

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

Name Tags - Please be courteous to fellow parishioners, newcomers, and guests by extending a warm welcome to them and by wearing your name tag. You can leave them in the baskets at the doors as you leave for refiling. And remember to wear them to coffee hour as well.

Coffee Gathering - Following this service, join us downstairs in Crocker Hall for coffee.

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.

Blessing of the Backpacks - On 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!

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.

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., Sept 14	<i>“Volunteer Appreciation Sunday”</i>
	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)
Mon., Sept 15	7:00 pm - Men’s Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
Tue., Sept 16	9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Sept 17	10:00 am - Holy Eucharist & Healing (YouTube Live)
	11 am - Noon - Drive-Thru Food Collection
Thu., Sept 18	9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
	7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sat., Sept 20	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., Sept 21	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 15th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate Lee

Readings for September 21st

[Jeremiah 8:18-9:1](#) - [Psalm 79:1-9](#) - [1 Timothy 2:1-7](#) - [Luke 16:1-13](#)

