



# Saint Paul's Parish

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**Francis of Assisi**

October 5, 2025

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

**10:30 am - Blessing of the Animals & Holy Eucharist**

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us this morning.  
We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ  
as we worship together!

## **Saint Paul's Staff**

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## 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

### “All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing:  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along:  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening find a voice:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O alleluia, alleluia!  
O alleluia, alleluia!  
O alleluia, alleluia!  
O alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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. **Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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**

**Genesis 6:5-8**

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as able for the Gospel)*

## **The Gospel**

**Luke 12:13-21**

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

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat,

drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Homily**

**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.*

Celebrant: God created us and placed us on this earth to be the stewards of all living things and so to proclaim the glory of their Creator. Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us and for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: That each pet here may be treasured with care;

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: That we may love and honor all your works, O God;

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For all who have died, especially Arlene Coleman, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom,

**All: We thank you, Lord.**

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.)*

Intercessor: That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation;

**All: To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever, we pray to you, Lord.**

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Let us conclude our prayers today with the Prayer of St. Francis.

**All: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light; and  
where there is sadness, joy.  
O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to  
console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

## **Blessing of the Animals**

Celebrant: May you be blessed in the Name God, the Creator, Redeemer and of the Sustainer. May you and your animals enjoy life together and find joy with the God who created you.

*Priest circulates through the congregation, blessing the animals individually.*

## **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **Announcements**    *Please be seated for the announcements*

- *October Birthdays & Anniversaries*

*Please stand as able for all hymns*

### **Offertory Praise**

### **“Prayer of St. Francis”**

Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace

Where there is hatred let me sow love

Where there is injury pardon

Where there is doubt faith

Where there is despair hope

And where there is sadness joy

O divine Master grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console

To be understood as to understand

To be loved as to love

For it is in giving that we receive

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life

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*An Alms Basin for your offerings or offering envelopes is on a table in the middle of the meadow.*

### **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, because in the obedience of your saints you exalted your servant Francis through sublime poverty and humility to the heights of evangelical perfection. You inflamed him with seraphic love to exult with unspeakable joy over all the works of your creation. Francis and all your saints have given us an example of righteousness, and in their eternal joy a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling.

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

## “I love Your presence”

In the glory of Your presence  
I find rest for my soul  
In the depths of Your love  
I find peace makes me whole

*And I love I love I love You Jesus  
I love I love I love Your presence*

*Chorus 1*

*I love I love I love Your presence*

*And I love I love I love Your presence*

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## Communion Praise “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

*Chorus*

*My chains are gone I've been set free*

*My God my Savior has ransomed me*

*And like a flood His mercy rains*

*Unending love amazing grace*

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## Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Grant us, we pray, O Lord, through these holy gifts which we have received, that, imitating the charity and apostolic zeal of Saint Francis, we may experience the effects of your love and spread them everywhere for the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Closing Prayer

**All:** Almighty Lord, our Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honor and all blessings! To you alone do all things belong. Be praised for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets. Be praised for making us so happy to have our pets and to have them to play with. We ask you, Lord, that we may be good to our pets always, so that they may be happy also. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love for ever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

**Celebrant:** Go now as those raised with Christ, wondering at God's creation and great love and telling the story of your salvation. Be on your guard against all kinds of greed and set your minds on the ways of heaven. **Amen.**

And may God reach out to you and nourish you;

May Christ Jesus renew you in the image of your creator;

And may the Holy Spirit lead you with cords of kindness and love. **Amen.**

## Closing Praise

### “Build My Life”

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing

Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring

Worthy of ev'ry breath

we could ever breathe

We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name

Jesus the only one who could ever save

Worthy of ev'ry breath

we could ever breathe

We live for You

We live for You

*Holy there is no one like You*

*There is none beside You*

*Open up my eyes in wonder*

*And show me who You are*

*And fill me with Your heart*

*And lead me in Your love*

*to those around me*

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*Bridge:*

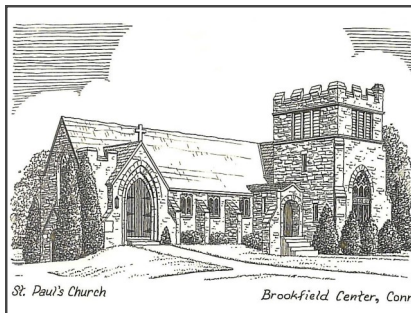
I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken

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## **Dismissal**

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

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



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*"Celebrating 240 years in the Spirit"*

## 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.

**Save the Date - October 18:** - On Saturday, October 18 from 4-7 pm, we're holding a Parish **"Oktoberfest"** Celebration in Crocker Hall. All are welcome, activities for children. Please sign up at the rear table in the back of the church or in Crocker Hall.

**Trunk or Treat 2025 - Boo!** - Our 15th annual Trunk or Treat event this year will be held in our lower parking lot on Sunday, October 26th, 2-4 pm.. A sign-up sheet will be in Crocker hall during coffee hour. Candy donations are always welcome and may be dropped off in the orange bins in the back of the church. Contact Emily Perry for more info.

**PraiseMoves** - Classes will be held on every Saturday in the month of October at 10 a.m. in Crocker Hall. A Christian alternative to Yoga, it is 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](mailto:maryperry2@me.com) with any questions.

**Prayer Needs?** - You can let us know by submitting your need on our website or emailing [prayerchain@saintpaulsbrookfield.com](mailto: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!

**St. Paul's Walking Group!** - Our St. Paul's walking group is making a great strides! The next walk will be at Fairfield Hills, Friday, October 10th at 10:00 am. We should plan to meet at 2 Primrose Street in Newtown. Contact Ron Switzer to be included in the e-mail weather update, etc. or for more info: [rjswit@msn.com](mailto:rjswit@msn.com). The group is also planning a **Walk Across the Hudson** event for Saturday afternoon, October 25. The walkway provides access to the Hudson River's breathtaking landscape. The former railway bridge deck stands 212 feet above the river's surface and is 6,768 feet (1.28 miles) long, making it the longest, elevated pedestrian bridge in the world. After the walk we'll get together for and optional dinner at a local Poughkeepsie restaurant. Contact Ron for more details and carpooling info.

**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](http://www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com))

Sun., Oct 5	8:00 am - <b>Traditional Holy Eucharist</b> (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am - Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am - Sunday School, Classrooms
	10:30 am - <b>Blessing of the Animals &amp; Contemporary Holy Eucharist</b> (YouTube Live)
Mon., Oct 6	7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
Tue., Oct 7	9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Oct 8	10:00 am - <b>Holy Eucharist &amp; Healing</b> (YouTube Live)
	7:00 pm - Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
	7:30 pm - Vestry Meeting, Guild Room
Thu., Oct 9	9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
	7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Fri., Oct 10	10:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Fairfield Hills
Sat., Oct 11	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 12	8:00 am - <b>Traditional Holy Eucharist</b> (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am - Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am - Sunday School, Classrooms
	10:30 am - <b>Contemporary Holy Eucharist</b> (YouTube Live)



**Next Sunday - The 18th Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Rev. Todd Brewer

**Readings for October 12th**

[Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7](#) - [Psalm 66:1-11](#) - [2 Timothy 2:8-15](#) - [Luke 17:11-19](#)

