



Saint Paul's Parish

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The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

Preacher & Celebrant

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

10:30 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!

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All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“O day of radiant gladness”

[Hymnal 48](#)

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

“Stand in Your Love”

When darkness tries to roll over my bones,
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own,
When brokenness and pain is all I know,
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken.

Chorus 1
My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love.
(Repeat 2x)

Shame no longer has a place to hide.
I am not a captive to the lies.
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind.
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken.

Chorus 1
There's power that can break off every chain.
There's power that can empty out a grave.
There's resurrection power that can save.
There's power in Your name,
power in Your Name.

(Repeat)
Chorus 1

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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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The First Lesson

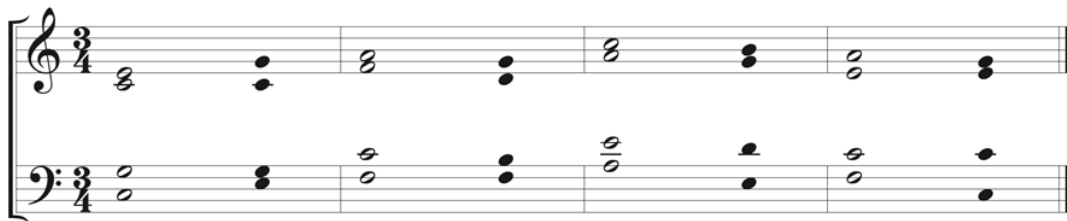
Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 65



- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in *Zion*; *
to you shall vows be performed in Je-*rusalem*.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh *come*, *
because of their trans-*gressions*.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we *are*, *
but you will blot them *out*.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to *dwell there!* *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your *temple*.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our sal-*vation*, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far a-*way*.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your *power*; *
they are girded about with *might*.
- 7 You still the roaring of the *seas*, *
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the *peoples*.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous *signs*; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for *joy*.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very *plenteous*; *
the river of God is full of *water*.
- 10 You prepare the *grain*, *
for so you provide for the *earth*.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the *ridges*; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its *increase*.
- 12 You crown the year with your *goodness*, *
and your paths overflow with *plenty*.

- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for *grazing*, *
and the hills be clothed with *joy*.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with *grain*; *
let them shout for joy and *sing*.

The Epistle

Romans 4:1-25

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. So also David pronounces a blessing on those to whom God reckons righteousness apart from works:

“Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven
and whose sins are covered;
blessed is the one against whom the Lord will not reckon sin.”

Is this blessing, then, pronounced only on the circumcised or also on the uncircumcised? We say, “Faith was reckoned to Abraham as righteousness.” How then was it reckoned to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after but before he was circumcised. He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the ancestor of all who believe without being circumcised and who thus have righteousness reckoned to them, and likewise the ancestor of the circumcised who are not only circumcised but follow the example of the faith that our ancestor Abraham had before he was circumcised.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to

what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Response

“Almighty God, your Word is cast”

Almighty God, your Word is cast
like seed into the ground;
now let the dew of heav'n descend
and righteous fruits abound.

but give it root in ev'ry heart
to bring forth fruits of love.

Words: John Cawood (1775-1852), alt.;
Music: ST. PETER, Alexander Robert Reinagle (1799-1877)

Let not our selfishness and hate
this holy seed remove,

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Response

“Almighty God, your Word is cast”

Let not the world's deceitful cares
the rising plant destroy,
but let it yield a hundredfold
the fruits of peace and joy.

Whene'er the precious seed is sown,
life-giving grace bestow
that all whose souls the truth receive
its saving pow'r may know.

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

You may stand, sit or kneel 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: 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, especially Brenda Miller, and Frances & Joseph McRoberts, in whose memory the altar flowers are given, 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:

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose word brings forth life and whose Spirit makes all things new, hear the prayers of your people and grant that we may faithfully follow your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

All stand as able for hymns

Offertory Praise

“Your love O Lord”

Your love O Lord	<i>I will find my strength</i>
Reaches to the heavens	<i>In the shadow of Your wings</i>
Your faithfulness	<i>Ending 1</i>
Stretches to the sky	Your love O Lord
Your righteousness	Reaches to the heavens
Is like the mighty mountains	Your faithfulness
Your justice flows	Stretches to the sky
Like the ocean's tide	

Chorus 1

*I will lift my voice
To worship You my King*

by Brad Avery, David Carr, Mac Powell, Mark Lee, and Tai Anderson
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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.

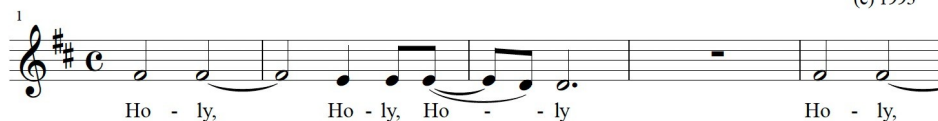
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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, through your Son Jesus Christ you give us the seed of your holy word, and through your Holy Spirit, the good soil of power and wisdom that we may receive it, have it take root in our hearts and bear good fruit for the harvest of your kingdom.

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

William Schrull
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(Sanctus continues on next page)

6 Ho - ly, Ho - - ly Lord God of po - wer and might,

10 Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - - ry. We praise You join -

14 ing our voice to pro - claim Your glo - - ry Ho - sa - na in the

20 high - - est Ho - sa - na in the high - - est

26 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - sa - na

31 in the high - - est Ho - sa - na in the high - - est

37 Ho - sa - na in the high - - est.

You may stand or kneel.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with St. Paul and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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*

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William Schrull
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Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world. Have Mer-cy on

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us, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the

12
world. Have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God you

18
take a-way the sins of the world. Grant us thy peace. Grant us thy

24
peace.

The Invitation

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 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

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

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*

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

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

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Communion Praise

“I Love You, Lord”

I love You, Lord
And I lift my voice
I worship You
O my soul rejoice!

Take joy My King, in what You hear,
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear.

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Postcommunion Prayer

All: Gracious God, you have fed us with the bread of life and sown your word within us. As your rain gives growth to the earth and your faithfulness crowns the year with goodness, strengthen us to trust your promises as Abraham did, and make our lives good soil for the gospel, that we may bear the fruit of your Kingdom in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now into the world in the light of Christ. Do not let the fear of troubles or the lures of comfort and honor prevent God's word taking root deep in your heart and mind. Walk according to the ways of the Spirit for the ways of the Spirit are life and peace. **Amen.**

And may God sow in you the seeds of an abundant harvest;
May Christ the Word be a lamp for your steps;
And may the Holy Spirit give life to you - body and soul. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“O God, our help in ages past”

[Hymnal 680](#)

Dismissal

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

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Georg Friedrich Kauffmann

The altar flowers today are given by Jim Miller
in memory of Brenda L. Miller;
and by JoAnn Hornak
in memory of Frances & Joseph McRoberts.

Altar Flowers - If you would like to request Altar flowers for a particular Sunday please see the 2026 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

HIGHLIGHTS:

Adult Class - The Adult Class meets on Sundays between services starting at 9:30 in Guild Room. Contact Dot Crocker for more info.

Nursery Service - The nursery is available for families to use on their own, but there won't be formal nursery coverage over the summer.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

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.

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

Prayer Needs? - You can let us know by submitting your need on our website or emailing prayerchain@saintpaulsbrookfield.com and our team of intercessors will pray for your request or you can ask for a prayer servant to call you and we can pray together!

The Priest-in-Charge Weekly - Fr. Nate has a weekly e-mail, "*The Priest-in-Charge Weekly*," to communicate things directly from his desk to yours. If you did not receive his e-mail this week and would like to, write Fr. Nate at priest@saintpaulsbrookfield.com and let him know.

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 on the far left, 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. 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., Jul 12	8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am - Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
Mon., Jul 13	7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
	10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
Tue., Jul 14	9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Jul 15	10:00 am - Holy Eucharist & Healing (YouTube Live)
	12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer Meeting, Guild Room
	7:00 pm - Ladies Evening Zoom Bible Study (Zoom)
Thu., Jul 16	9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
Fri., Jul 17	9:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Bent of River, Southbury
	10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
Sat., Jul 18	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 (Zoom)
	11:00 am - St. Paul's Quilters, Crocker Hall
Sun., Jul 19	8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am - Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)



Next Sunday - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for July 19th

[Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19](#) - [Psalm 86:11-17](#) - [Romans 5:1-21](#)

[Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43](#)

