



Saint Paul's Parish

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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 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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Warden Emeritus

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*All stand as able***Opening Hymn**

“Be thou my vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 nought be all else to me save that thou art.
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
 Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
 Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
 High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 Thou my great Father and I thy true son;
 Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody

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

“The Way”

Through every battle
 Through every heartbreak
 Through every circumstance
 I believe that You are my fortress
 Oh You are my portion
 You are my hiding place
 Oh I believe You are

The Way the Truth the Life
 I believe You are
 The Way the Truth the Life
 I believe (You are)

Through every blessing
 Through every promise
 Through every breath I take

I believe that You are provider
You are protector
You are the One I love
I believe You are
It's a new horizon
And I'm set on You
And You meet me here today
With mercies that are new

All my fears and doubts
They can all come too
Because they can't stay long
(When I'm here with You)
(When I believe You are)

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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. **Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The First Lesson

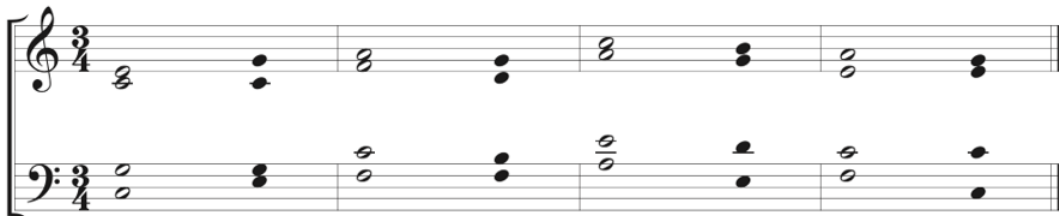
Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you, whose care is for all people,
to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;
for your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.
For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power,
and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.
Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness,
and with great forbearance you govern us;
for you have power to act whenever you choose.

Through such works you have taught your people
that the righteous must be kind,
and you have filled your children with good hope,
because you give repentance for sins.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 86:11-17



- 11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your *truth*; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your *Name*.
- 12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my *heart*, *
and glorify your Name for ever-*more*.
- 13 For great is your love toward *me*; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost *Pit*.
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my *life*; *
they have not set you before their *eyes*.
- 15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of com-*passion*, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and *truth*.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy up-*on me*; *
give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your *handmaid*.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be a-*shamed*; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted *me*.

The Epistle

Romans 5:1-21

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character,

and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned - sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response

“Blessed Jesus, at thy word”
(Verses 1 & 2)

[Hymnal 440](#)

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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

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

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Response

“Blessed Jesus, at thy word”
(Verse 3)

[Hymnal 440](#)

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

Celebrant: Let us pray to God, whose power is gentle and whose mercy is great, saying,
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Teach your church your way, O Lord, that we may walk in truth, bear
witness to your grace, and shine as children of the kingdom. Strengthen all
bishops, priests, and deacons, and bless your people with steadfast hearts.
Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: You judge with mildness and govern with great forbearance. Grant wisdom
to the leaders of the nations, and give them patience, justice, and
compassion. Where the world is tangled with conflict, sow the seeds of
peace. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Your mercy is wider than our sin, and your grace abounds beyond our
imagining. Heal divisions in our communities, soften anger, and draw us
into the reconciling love made known in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: You are slow to anger and full of compassion. Bless the work of those who
labor for justice, mercy, and relief. Inspire us to tend the good seed you
have planted in us, and to resist all that chokes out your life. Lord, in your
mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Lord of the harvest, keep us faithful until the day when your righteous
judgment is revealed, and your people shine like the sun in your kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Look with kindness on all who cry out to you, especially those who suffer in
body, mind, or spirit. Strengthen the weary, protect the vulnerable, and
surround the fearful with your steadfast love.

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

Intercessor: Gather into your eternal care those who have died, especially Frederick Bellesheim in whose memory the altar flowers are given, trusting that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Celebrant: Gracious God, whose mercy teaches us patience and whose love makes us whole, hear the prayers we offer and grant us grace to grow as your wheat in the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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

“Glorified”

Praise belongs to You
Let every kingdom bow
Let every ocean roar
Let every heart adore You now

Praise belongs to You
What can I do but sing
The greatest joy I've found
Is to lay a crown before my King
Before my King

*I've come to worship
I've come to lift up Your Name
For You deserve this life laid down
Like the one that You gave
I have but one voice*

*One heart and one sacrifice
So would You take this life laid down
And be glorified be glorified
(Be glorified be glorified)*

Praise belongs to You
Let songs from children rise
You silence all Your foes
You set Your glory in the skies
Praise belongs to You
Creation's calling now
For the King to be revealed
O King of Heaven come down
King of Heaven come down

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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 Jesus Christ you have sown in us the good seed of your Gospel and, in him, you have made us children of the kingdom, righteous by your grace.

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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1
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - - ly Ho - ly,

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 **H**oly 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.**

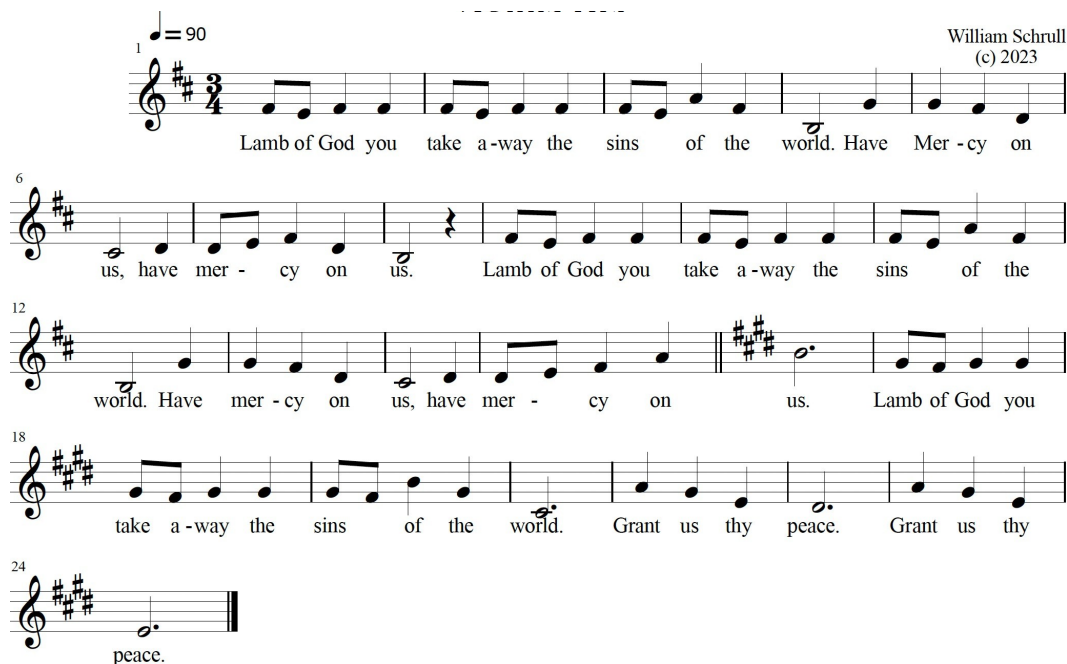
The Lord's Prayer

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

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

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

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

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

“Be lifted up”

Chorus 1
Be lifted up be lifted up
As we bow down be lifted up (Repeat)

Let the heavens rejoice
Let the nations be glad
Let the whole earth tremble
For You are God

Come and worship the Lord
In the beauty of holiness
As we bow down be lifted up
As we bow down be lifted up

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Communion Praise

“Center”

Chorus
Oh Christ be the center of our lives
Be the place we fix our eyes
Be the center of our lives
(Center of our lives)
And You're the center of the universe
Ev'rything was made in You Jesus
Breath of ev'ry living thing
Ev'ryone was made for You
You hold ev'rything together
You hold ev'rything together

Chorus
We lift our eyes to heaven
And we wrap our lives around Your life
We lift our eyes to heaven to You (yeah)

And turn your eyes upon Jesus
And look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely
dim
In the light of His glory and grace

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Postcommunion Prayer

All: Gracious God, you have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us in the grace that abounds through Christ. Teach us your way and lead us in truth, that we may bear the good seed you have sown and live as signs of your steadfast love in the world. Strengthen us with patient hearts, and keep us faithful until we shine with all your saints in the kingdom you have prepared. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now with your hope set on Christ. As children of God, let the Spirit of God lead you and let your righteousness shine like the sun until darkness and light are one. **Amen.**

And wherever you go, whether you scale the heavens or plunge to the depths, may God's presence be inescapably with you;
May Christ Jesus welcome you into his inheritance;
And may the Holy Spirit assure you that you are God's children. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

"Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

[Hymnal 423](#)

Dismissal

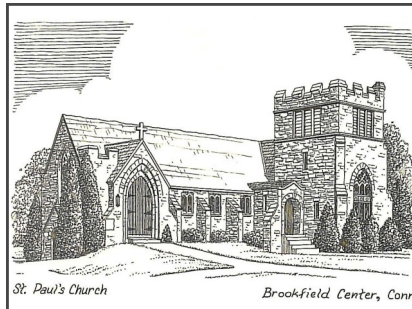
Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

"Postlude in G minor"

Domenico Zipoli



"Celebrating 241 years in the Spirit"

The altar flowers today are given by Heather Melody
in memory of Frederick Bellesheim.

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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Drive-Thru Food Collection - Our next Drive-Thru Food Collection will be this Wednesday, July 22nd from 11 am to noon. This will be our 164th food drive since we started doing them in April 2020!

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 19	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 20	7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
	10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
Tue., Jul 21	9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Jul 22	10:00 am - Holy Eucharist & Healing (YouTube Live)
	11 - Noon - Drive Through Food Collection
	12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer Meeting, Guild Room
	7:00 pm - Ladies Evening Zoom Bible Study (Zoom)
Thu., Jul 23	9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
Fri., Jul 24	9:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Steep Rock, Washington Depot
	10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
Sat., Jul 25	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)
Sun., Jul 26	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 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for July 26th

[1 Kings 3:5-12](#) - [Psalm 119:129-136](#) - [Romans 6:1-14](#)

[Matthew 13:31-33,44-52](#)

