



Saint Paul's Parish

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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

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

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Prelude

“Morning Has Broken”

arr. Fred Bock

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“Morning has broken”

[Hymnal 8](#)

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 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. **Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.
And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant--
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Epistle

Romans 8:1-17

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law - indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

Matthew 15:10-28

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

You may stand, sit or kneel for the prayers

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, trusting in the God who gathers, heals, and makes us one.

Silence

Intercessor: God of covenant mercy, you call your people to maintain justice and do what is right. Strengthen your Church to be a house of prayer for all peoples. Empower us by your Spirit of adoption, that we may live as your children with courage and compassion.

All: Make your Church a house of prayer for all peoples.

Intercessor: Let your ways be known upon earth, O Lord, your saving health among all nations. Where peoples are divided, bring reconciliation; where leaders sow discord, inspire righteousness; where violence reigns, establish your peace.

All: Shine your light where there is conflict, oppression, or fear.

Intercessor: Bless this parish with the joy of your presence. Make us generous in welcome, steadfast in prayer, and bold in witness. Let your light shine through us, that others may see your grace and give you glory.

All: Let your blessing be upon us, and your grace be our strength.

Intercessor: You gather the outcasts of Israel and welcome those who seek you with bold faith. Draw near to all who cry out for help today - the poor, the displaced, the persecuted, and those who feel unheard. Grant healing to the sick, relief to the weary, and hope to the discouraged. We pray especially for who have asked for our prayers and those we now lift up to you.....

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor: By your Spirit who raises the dead, bring into your eternal kingdom all who have died, remembering especially George and Frances Hamelman in whose memory the altar flowers are given. Gather them with saints of every race and nation into the fullness of your peace.

All: Gather them in, and gather us with them in your everlasting mercy.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Celebrant: O God who blesses all nations and hears the cries of all who seek you:
Receive the prayers we offer, and grant that we may walk in the freedom of
your Spirit and the mercy of 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 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 you make your Church a house of prayer for all peoples, freeing us by your Spirit to live as your children and revealing in Christ your mercy to all who seek you.

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.

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 Hymn

“You are here”

You are here among us
For we have gathered in Your name
We can feel Your presence in this place.
You are here among us,
You are enthroned upon our praise
You are here, here to heal
And here to save.

You are here in our midst
How we’ve waited for moments like this
Have Your way in this place
Holy Spirit come do as You wish
We are changed as you move in our midst.

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Communion Hymn

“All who are thirsty”

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

Come, Lord Jesus come (x3)
Holy Spirit come (x3)

As deep cries out to deep (2x)

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Postcommunion Prayer

All: **Gracious God, you have fed us with the Body and Blood of your Son and gathered us into the fellowship of your mercy. Send us out in the power of your Spirit of adoption, that we may live as your children, welcome those who seek you, and proclaim your blessing among all nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now as creators and preservers of life, and live together as one. Do not follow blind guides, but always be prepared to hear the Word of God anew, even challenging you from unexpected sources. **Amen.**

And may God bless you with life forever;
May Christ Jesus heal you of all that would harm you;
And may the Holy Spirit cleanse your hearts of all that would defile you.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“I want to walk as a child of the light”

[Hymnal 490](#)

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

“O Lord God, Your Divine Word”

Johann Christoph Bach

The altar flowers today are given by Lyndon & Mary Thomas
in memory of George J. Hamelman and Frances C. Hamelman.

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.

10:30 Service Survey - During the Spring, we experimented with some changes to our 10:30 Sunday service. Now's the time to hear from those of you who have actually experienced them. Please only complete the survey by Monday, August 17, only if you attend the 10:30 service. [Click HERE Take the 10:30 Service Survey.](#)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Drive-Thru Food Collection - Our next Drive-Thru Food Collection will be this Wednesday, August 19th from 11 am to noon. This will be our 166th food drive since we started doing them in April 2020! The [Victory Christian Center](#), Danbury and their Food Pantry, which is the recipient of our food basket collections for the month of August.

UPCOMING:

The Weekly Point - Beginning Thursday, August 20th, our weekly newsletter will be called *The Weekly Point*, replacing Fr. Nate's *The Priest-in-Charge Weekly* and *Sword Points*.

Outdoor End of Summer / Fall Kickoff Service - On Sunday, September 6th join us for an **outdoor combined parish-wide service at 10:00 am.**

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!

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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)

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| Sun., Aug 16 | 8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live) |
| | 9:30 am - Adult Class, Guild Room |
| | 10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live) |
| Mon., Aug 17 | 7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live) |
| | 10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall |
| Tue., Aug 18 | 9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room |
| Wed., Aug 19 | 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist & Healing (YouTube Live) |
| | 11 am - Noon - Drive-Thru Food Collection |
| | 12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer Meeting, Guild Room |
| | 7:00 pm - Ladies Evening Zoom Bible Study (Zoom) |
| Thu., Aug 20 | 9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room |
| Fri., Aug 21 | 9:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Mines Hill Preserve, Roxbury |
| | 10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall |
| Sat., Aug 22 | 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., Aug 23 | 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 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for August 23rd

[Isaiah 51:1-6](#) - [Psalm 138](#) - [Romans 8:18-39](#) - [Matthew 16:13-20](#)

