



Saint Paul's Parish

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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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!

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Prelude

“Deck Thyself, My Soul”

Charles Callahan

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“Christ is made the sure foundation”

[Hymnal 518](#)

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. **Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.

Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
**you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
**O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

The Epistle

Romans 8:18-39

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope

that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response

“Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths”
(Verses 1 & 2)

[Hymnal 628](#)

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

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

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Response

“Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths”
(Verse 3)

[Hymnal 628](#)

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: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the Church, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Jeff and Laura, our bishops, for Fr. Nate, our Priest-in-Charge, that all may remember the rock from which we were hewn and trust in Jesus Christ, the cornerstone of our faith; that, like Peter, we may confess him as Messiah and Son of the living God, and faithfully proclaim the good news of God's kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the peoples of the earth, that God may establish justice among the nations, strengthen those who work for peace, and guide all leaders with wisdom, courage, and compassion. May the hope of God's salvation shine forth in every place where violence, oppression, or fear prevail. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For this nation and for all communities, that we may seek the common good and honor the dignity of every person. Give us grace to listen to one another, to resist division, and to build societies where all may flourish. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for those who are grieving, lonely, afraid, or uncertain; and for all who endure hardship while waiting in hope. May they know that nothing can separate them from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For those whose needs are known only to you and those who have asked for our prayers, especially those we name now, out loud or in the silence of our hearts.....

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor: Surround them with your presence, grant them strength for today, and bring them healing and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For all who have died, that they may rest in the everlasting light of God's love. Comfort those who mourn, and keep us steadfast in the hope of resurrection and the glory that is to be revealed...Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Celebrant: We give you thanks, O God, for your unfailing love and faithfulness. You have called us from many places and made us one people in Christ. Receive these prayers and make us instruments of your mercy, through 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.

Healing Testimonies

All stand as able for hymns

Offertory Hymn

“My hope is built on nothing less”

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

Refrain
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

Words: Edward Mote (1797-1874);
Music: *THE SOLID ROCK*, William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

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.

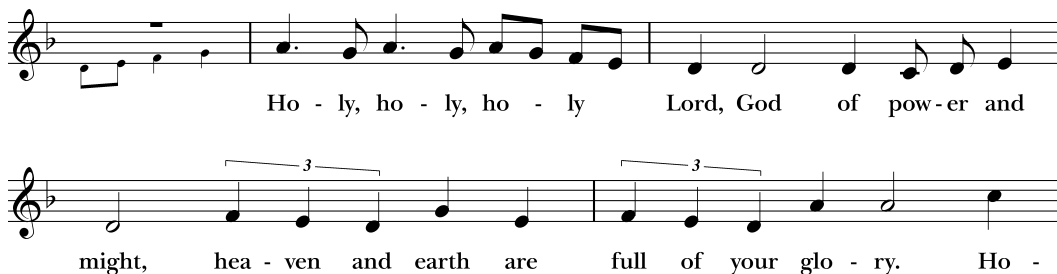
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

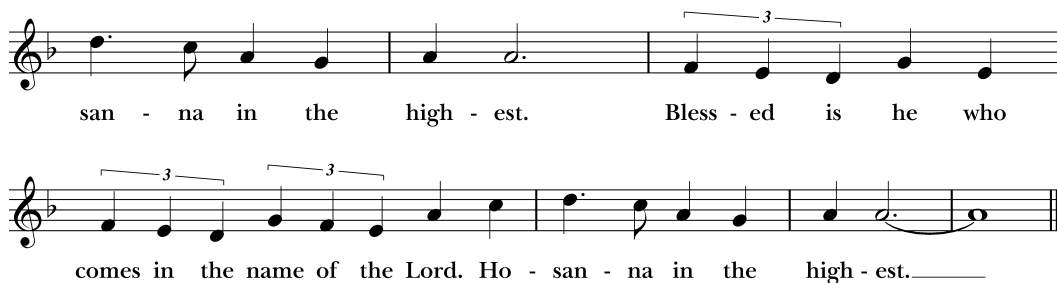
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are our help and our salvation. You have called us to remember the rock from which we were hewn and have shown us your steadfast love and faithfulness. In Jesus Christ, your Son, you have revealed the Messiah, built your Church upon the confession of faith, and given us hope amid the sufferings of this present age. Through your Spirit, creation itself awaits redemption, and nothing can separate us from your love.

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





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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

“My faith looks up to thee”

[Hymnal 691](#)

Communion Hymn

“Just as I am, without one plea”

[Hymnal 693](#)

Postcommunion Prayer

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have nourished us with the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, and united us in his love. Strengthen us to stand firmly upon the rock of faith, to proclaim Christ as Lord, and to serve your creation with hope and compassion. Keep us steadfast in your love, until all things are renewed in your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now strong in the mercies of God. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that knowing the will of God your whole lives may become a sacrifice of praise, holy and acceptable to God. **Amen.**

And may God, the Creator of earth and sky, be your help;
May the Son of the Living God ground you on solid rock;
And may the Holy Spirit equip you with all the gifts and graces of Christ.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“Glorious things of thee are spoken”

[Hymnal 523](#)

Dismissal

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

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

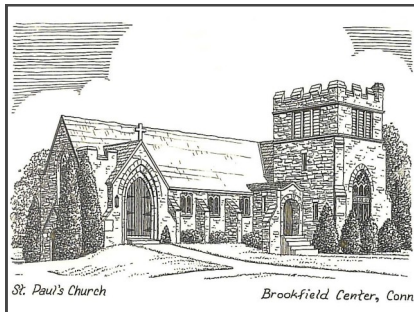
Postlude

“Father We Thank Thee”

Charles Callahan

The altar flowers today are given by the Sarver children & grandchildren
in celebration of John & Joyce Sarver's 60th Wedding Anniversary.

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.



"Celebrating 241 years in the Spirit"

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.

UPCOMING:

Sun, Aug 30, 10:30 am - Blessing of the Backpacks

Wed, Sep 2, 6:00 pm - 50's & 60's Celebration

Thu, Sep 3, 6:00 pm - 70's+ Celebration

Sun, Sep 6, 10:00 am - **Outdoor End of Summer / Fall Kickoff Service** - Join us for an **outdoor combined parish-wide service at 10:00 am and picnic.**

Sun, Sep 13, 8 & 10:30 am - "Bring-a-Friend to Church Sunday"

Sun, Sep 13, 9:45 am - "P.I.C. Listening Session"

Fri, Sep 18, 6:00 pm - 30's & 40's Celebration

Sun, Sep 20, 8 & 10:30 am - "Volunteer Appreciation Sunday"

Sun, Sep 20, 9:45 am - Church School Begins

Sun, Sep 20, 9:45 am - Sermon Talkbacks Begins

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.

Our Daily Bread - The *Our Daily Bread* devotional pamphlet for September, October & November is now available at the back of the church. *Our Daily Bread* contains a scripture verse and meditation for each day.

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 Weekly Point - is our weekly newsletter. If you did not receive this e-mail this week and would like to, contact Mary Perry at communication@saintpaulsbrookfield.com and let her 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., 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)
Mon., Aug 24	7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
	10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
Tue., Aug 25	9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Aug 26	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., Aug 27	9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
Fri., Aug 28	9:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Bennetts Pond State Park, Danbury
	10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
Sat., Aug 29	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 30	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 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for August 30th

[Jeremiah 15:15-21](#) - [Psalm 26:1-8](#)

[Romans 9:30-10:13, 11:1-2, 11-12, 15-32](#) - [Matthew 18:21-35](#)

