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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 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

“Arioso”

Johann Sebastian Bach

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“At the Name of Jesus”

[Hymnal 435](#)

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. **L**ord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
Therefore, thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Psalm 26:1-8

Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; *

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O LORD, and try me; *

examine my heart and my mind.

For your love is before my eyes; *

I have walked faithfully with you.

I have not sat with the worthless, *

nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I have hated the company of evildoers; *

I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *

that I may go in procession round your altar,

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *

and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *

and the place where your glory abides.

The Epistle

Romans 9:30-10:13, 11:1-2,11-12,15-32

What then are we to say? Gentiles, who did not strive for righteousness, have attained it, that is, righteousness through faith; but Israel, who did strive for the righteousness that is based on the law, did not succeed in fulfilling that law. Why not? Because they did not strive for it on the basis of faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling-stone, as it is written,

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone that will make people stumble,
a rock that will make them fall,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God’s righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart’

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Response

“Forgive our sins, as we forgive”

“Forgive our sins, as we forgive”

You taught us, Lord, to pray;

But you alone can grant us grace

To live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless

The unforgiving heart

That broods on wrongs and will not let

Old bitterness depart?

Words: Rosamond E. Herklots (1905-1987); Music: *St. Peter*, Alexander Robert Reinagle (1799-1877)

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand

talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Response

"Forgive our sins, as we forgive"

In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew,
How small the debts men owe to us,
How great our debt to you.

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
And bid resentment cease;
Then, reconciled to God and man,
Our lives will spread your peace.

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 the God who is our strength, our refuge, and our redeemer.

Intercessor: Faithful God, you know us and you see us. As you strengthened Jeremiah in his weariness, strengthen your Church in every place. Make us steadfast in truth, courageous in witness, and confident in your saving power.

All: Lord, be our strength and our salvation.

Intercessor: God of all nations, guide the leaders of the world in the ways of justice and peace. Where there is conflict, sow reconciliation; where there is fear, sow courage; where there is want, sow generosity.

All: Lord, guide us in the ways of peace.

Intercessor: Holy One, you call us to walk in integrity and to dwell in your house. Purify our hearts, guide our steps, and make our lives places where your glory is seen. Bless all who seek justice, truth, and compassion.

All: Lord, lead us in your truth.

Intercessor: God of mercy and mystery, you do not reject your people but work through all things to draw the world to yourself. Remove pride and prejudice from our hearts. Teach us humility, patience, and trust in your purposes, that we may rejoice in the wideness of your mercy.

All: Lord, make us instruments of your mercy.

Intercessor: Compassionate God, you are our refuge in distress and our deliverer in trouble. Look with kindness on all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those who have asked for our prayers and those we now lift up to you.....

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor: Uphold them with your saving power and surround them with your peace.

All: Lord, let your healing mercy sustain them.

Intercessor: Lord of life, you gather your children from every nation and welcome them into your mercy. Receive into your eternal joy those who have died, and comfort all who mourn.

All: Lord, welcome them into the joy of your presence.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Celebrant: Gracious God, whose mercy is wider than our imagining and whose compassion never fails, hear the prayers we offer and shape our lives according to your will, 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.

All stand as able for hymns

Offertory Hymn

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

[Hymnal 376](#)

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

(Remain standing as able)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you are the God who knows us and strengthens us, who teaches us to walk in integrity and to trust in your steadfast love; who in mercy does not reject your people but gathers all into the wideness of your grace; and who in Christ calls us to forgive as we have been forgiven.

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 “In your mercy, Lord, you called me” [Hymnal 706](#)

Communion Hymn “Amazing grace! how sweet the sound” [Hymnal 671](#)

Postcommunion Prayer

All: **Gracious God, you have fed us with the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood and strengthened us with your steadfast love. As you uphold your servants in every trial, lead us in the paths of integrity, teach us to trust the wideness of your mercy, and make us ready to forgive as we have been forgiven. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to bear witness to your compassion and to dwell in the light of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now into the world and live for Christ. Whatever you do, do it in honor of the Lord giving thanks to God. Show forgiveness to one another as in Christ you have received forgiveness. **Amen.**

And may God provide an escape from all that threatens you;
May Christ Jesus shower mercy on you and through you;
And may the Holy Spirit uphold you as you stand in Christ. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn “There's a wideness in God's mercy” [Hymnal 470](#)

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude “Allegro” Joseph Roff

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS:

Worship Survey Results Review - Join us after the 10:30 service today in Crocker Hall as we review the results of our worship survey. Together, we'll reflect on what we heard, consider what has helped or hindered, and begin discerning what we might carry forward into the future.

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:

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.

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 30	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 31	12:00 pm - 10:30 Worship Service Survey Results Review, Crocker Hall
	7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
	10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
Tue., Sep 1	9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Sep 2	10:00 am - Holy Eucharist & Healing (YouTube Live)
	11 - Noon - Drive Through Food Collection
	12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer Meeting, Guild Room
Thu., Sep 3	6:00 pm - 50's & 60's Celebration, Andrea/Brian White Home
	9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
	11:30 am - Chronic Pain Group, Guild Room
Fri., Sep 4	6:00 pm - 70+ Celebration, Geoff Dent Home
	9:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Hidden Valley Preserve, Washington Depot
	10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
Sat., Sep 5	7:30 am - John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford
	10:00 am - PraiseMoves, Crocker Hall (Zoom)
Sun., Sep 6	10:00 am - Combined Holy Eucharist & Picnic, Meadow (YouTube Live)



Next Sunday - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for September 6th

[Ezekiel 33:7-11](#) - [Psalm 119:33-40](#)

[Romans 12:1-2, 9-21; 13:8-10; 14:1-4, 10-13](#) - [Matthew 18:15-20](#)

