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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 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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Welcome & Question of the Day

“What difficult experience did you go through that only made sense much later - and how might Christ have been shaping you through it?”

Gathering Music

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

[Hymnal 390](#)

The Word of the Lord

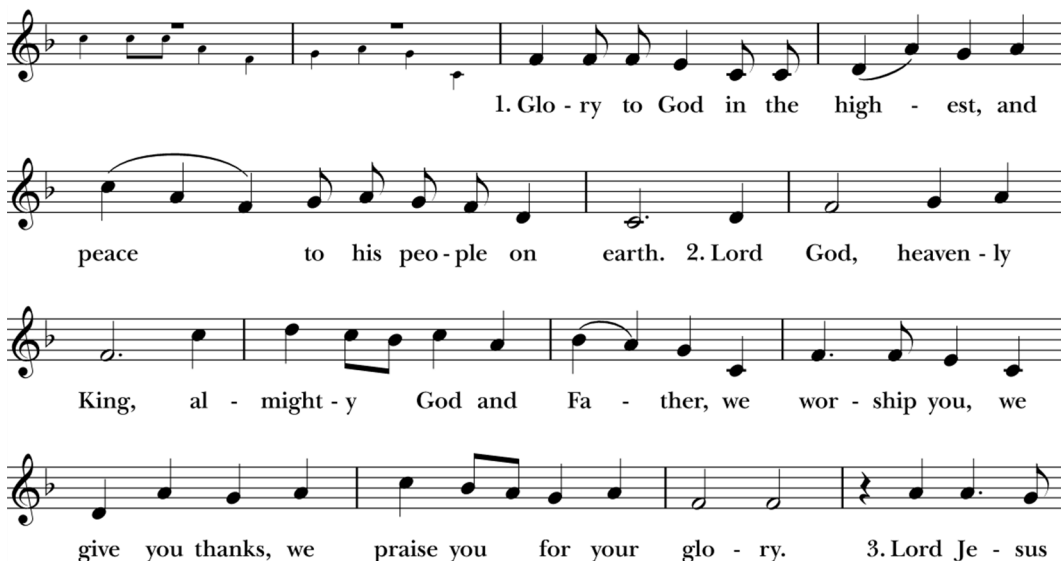
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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. **Merciful God, teach us to forgive, to bless your name, and to follow Christ in the way of the cross, that losing our lives for his sake we may find them in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Epistle

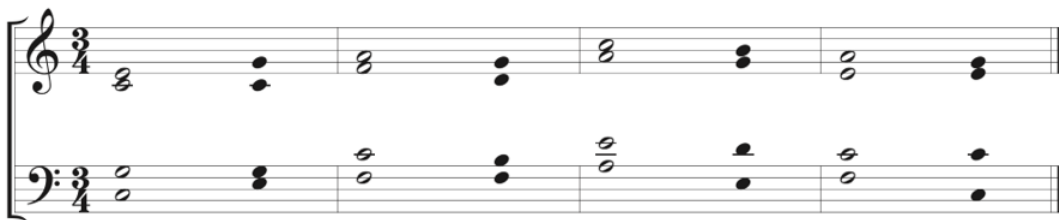
Romans 14:14-23

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who considers it unclean. If your brother or sister is distressed by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be slandered. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who serves Christ in this way is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong to make someone stumble by what you eat; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. Hold the conviction that you have as your own before God. Blessed are those who do not condemn themselves because of what they approve. But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat because they do not act from faith, for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:1-13



- 1 Bless the LORD, O my *soul*, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy *Name*.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my *soul*, *
and forget not all his *benefits*.
- 3 He forgives all your *sins* *
and heals all your in-*firmities*;
- 4 He redeems your life from the *grave* *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-*kindness*;
- 5 He satisfies you with good *things*, *
and your youth is renewed like an *eagle's*.

- 6 The LORD executes *righteousness* *
and judgment for all who are op-pressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to *Moses* *
and his works to the children of *Israel*.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and *mercy*, *
slow to anger and of great *kindness*.
- 9 He will not always ac-cuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for *ever*.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our *sins*, *
nor rewarded us according to our *wickedness*.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the *earth*, *
so is his mercy great upon those who *fear him*.
- 12 As far as the east is from the *west*, *
so far has he removed our sins from *us*.
- 13 As a father cares for his *children*, *
so does the LORD care for those who *fear him*.

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

Please stand, sit, or kneel as able for the prayers.

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
For the Church throughout the world, and for all who minister in Christ's
name. *[Silence]* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the nations of the earth, and for those in authority, that they may serve
justice and peace. *[Silence]* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For this community, our common life, and all our daily needs. *[Silence]*
Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For those who are sick, suffering, impoverished, or in any trouble. *[Silence]*
Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the departed, that they may rest in peace, and rise in glory. *[Silence]*
Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Prayer Requests

Celebrant: Gracious Lord, who calls us to take up the cross and follow you, grant that
we may set aside all that keeps us from your way. Strengthen us to lose our
lives for your sake, and in so doing find the life that is truly life; 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.

Mission Testimony

All stand as able for hymns

Offertory Hymn

“Your love O Lord”

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

Chorus 1

I will lift my voice

To worship You my King

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Doxology *a cappella*

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.

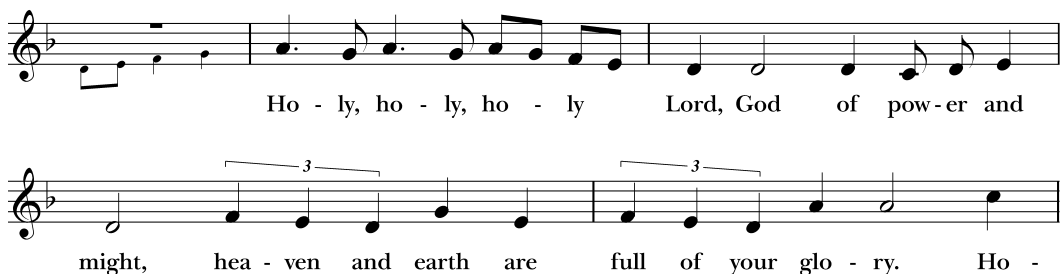
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 call us to set our minds on heavenly things, and you challenge us to sacrifice for the sake of your kingdom. By the power of the Holy Spirit you give us grace and strength to accomplish this work, and you promise to the faithful the reward of everlasting life.

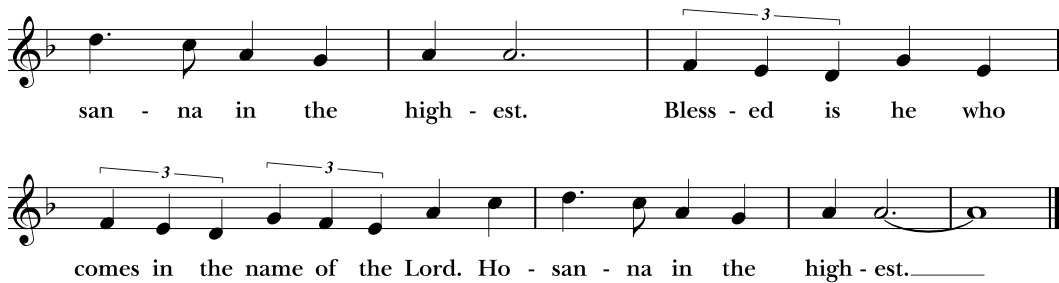
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-129



(Sanctus continues on next page)



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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.

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

"Empty Me"

Holy fire burn away	<i>Chorus</i>
My desire for anything	Empty me
That is not of You and is of me	Empty me yeah
I want more of You and less of me	Fill won't You fill me
	With You with You

Communion Praise

“Lifted High”

Majesty and glory that words fail to describe,
Expanses of the heavens
that never met an eye,
Wonder fills this worshiper
with unreserved delight,
May your name be lifted high.

Who is there like you,
oh Lord, worthy of all praise
Who was there before you Lord,
ancient of all days
Wonder fills this worshiper,
and all that I can say,
May your name be lifted high.

Chorus

*May the matchless name of Jesus
be the anthem of our lives.*

*May the power of His presence
mark our hearts with holy fire.
May we imitate His holiness
that all might see the light
May your name be lifted high,
may your name be lifted high.*

Radiance and splendor
that fills the morning sky,
Intricate creations that baffle fragile minds,
Wonder fills this worshiper
my joyful spirit cries,
May your name be lifted high.

Chorus 2x

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Postcommunion Prayer

All: **Merciful Lord, you have fed us with the mercy that turns evil into good, forgives our sins, and calls us to seek what makes for peace. Strengthen us to take up the cross and follow Christ in self-giving love; through Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now and follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Rejoice in hope, hold fast to what is good, persevere in prayer. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. As far as is possible, live peaceably with all.
Amen.

And may God who turns evil into good and remembers us with a father's compassion guide you in the way of peace;
May Christ Jesus strengthen you to take up the cross and follow him;
And may the Holy Spirit be with you always nourishing you in love and hope. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“Take up your cross, the Savior said”

[Hymnal 675](#)

Dismissal

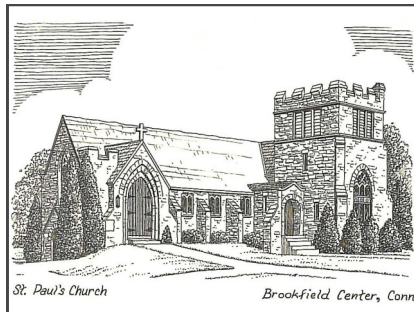
Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Johann Gottfried Walther



"Celebrating 241 years in the Spirit"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Choir Rehearsal - Choir rehearsals have resumed. They gather each Thursday evening at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New members are always welcome.

Drive-Thru Food Collection - Our next Drive-Thru Food Collection will be this Wednesday, September 16th from 11 am to noon. This will be our 168th food drive since we started doing them in April 2020!

Young Adults Fall Kickoff - This Friday, at 5:30 pm, join fellow parishioners in their 30's and 40's for a special evening out at Candlewood East Marina, set against the beautiful backdrop of Candlewood Lake. Enjoy good food, great conversation, plenty of laughter, and the chance to relax and connect with one another in a truly beautiful outdoor setting.

UPCOMING:

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday - Next Sunday, September 20th, at both services, we'll celebrate a special Volunteer Appreciation Sunday. From Coffee Hour hosts, to choir members, to altar guild, to liturgical servants - and countless others - so much of our parish life happens because people show up and serve week after week. We'll celebrate these ministries and offer a special blessing for all our volunteers. Come help us honor and give thanks for the people who make our community what it is!

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

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

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

Sun, Oct 4, 1:00 pm - Blessing of the Animals

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.

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., Sept 13	8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:45 am - P.I.C. Listening Session, Crocker Hall
	10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
Mon., Sept 14	7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
	10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
Tue., Sept 15	9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Sept 16	10:00 am - Holy Eucharist & Healing (YouTube Live)
	11 - Noon - Drive Through Food Collection
	12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer Meeting, Guild Room
Thu., Sept 17	9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
	7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Fri., Sept 18	10:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Bulls Bridge Loop, Kent
	10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
	6:00 pm - 30's & 40's Celebration, Candlewood East
Sat., Sept 19	7:30 am - John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford
	10:00 am - PraiseMoves, Crocker Hall (Zoom)
	11:00 am - St. Paul's Quilters, Crocker Hall
Sun., Sept 20	8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:45 am - Sunday School, Classrooms
	9:45 am - Sermon Talkback, Crocker Hall
	10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)



Next Sunday - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for September 20th

[Jonah 3:10-4:11](#) - [Psalm 145:1-8](#) - [Philippians 1:21-30](#)
[Matthew 13:44-52](#)

