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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

Preacher ~ Dan Bacon

Celebrant ~ The Rev. John E. Morrison, III

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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Question of the Day: *“If your life were “required of you” tonight, what unfinished work would you wish you had tended to so that your relationship with God might be rich?”*

Gathering Music

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

[Hymnal 7](#)

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 - might - y 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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask,**

except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever. Amen.

The Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

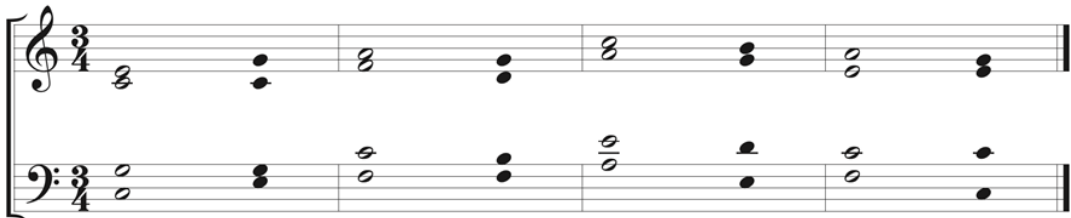
For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be further clothed with our heavenly dwelling, for surely when we have been clothed in it we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan under our burden because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. The one who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a down payment.

So we are always confident, even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive due recompense for actions done in the body, whether good or evil.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *(in unison)*



- 1 The LORD is my *shepherd*; *
I shall not be in *want*.

- 2 He makes me lie down in green *pastures* *
and leads me beside still *waters*.
- 3 He revives my *soul* *
and guides me along right pathways for his *Name's sake*.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no *evil*; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they *comfort me*.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who *trouble me*; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running *over*.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my *life*, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for *ever*.

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

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

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Dan Bacon

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

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Celebrant: O Lord, you are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness. Hear our prayers and make us signs of your kingdom's treasure, 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: **M**ost 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.**

Gratitude Reflection - Connie & David Williams

All stand as able for hymns

Offertory Praise

“He is exalted”

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

*He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high*

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Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below,	Praise him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
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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 the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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

“Only a Holy God”

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven	What other beauty demands such praises
Who else could make every king bow down	What other splendor outshines the sun
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles	What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God	Only a Holy God

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Chorus

Come and behold Him

The One and the Only

Cry out sing holy

Forever a Holy God

Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God *Chorus*

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only a Holy God *Chorus*

Chorus a cappella

Come and behold Him

The One and the Only

Cry out sing holy

Forever a Holy God

Come and worship the Holy God

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Postcommunion Prayer

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

“God, whose giving knows no ending”

God, whose giving knows no ending,
From Your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door,
Gifted by You, we turn to You,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure, too, You have entrusted,
Gain through pow'rs Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,

As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving You by loving all.

Words: Robert Lansing Edwards (1915-2006)
Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

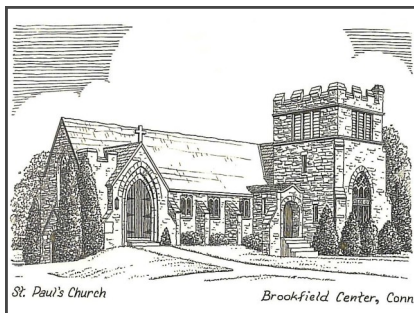
Postlude

“What My God Ordains Is Right”

Johann Pachelbel



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS:

Sermon Talkbacks - Join us in Crocker Hall at 9:45 am, each Sunday thru Oct. 25th. Sermon Talkbacks are a chance to keep the conversation going. At St. Paul's, we believe preaching happens not just for the church, but with the church as we reflect on our current sermon series on The Giving Parables of Jesus.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Drive-Thru Food Collection - Our next Drive-Thru Food Collection will be this Wednesday, October 14th from 11 am to noon. This will be our 170th food drive since we started doing them in April 2020!

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

UPCOMING:

Trunk or Treat 2026 - Boo! - Our 16th annual Trunk or Treat event this year will be held in our lower parking lot on Sunday, October 25th, 2-4 pm.. A signup sheet will be in Crocker hall during coffee hour. Candy donations are always welcome and may be dropped off in the orange bins in the back of the church. Contact Emily Perry for more info.

Sun, Oct 18, 9:45 am - Visit from our Cambodian Missionaries

Sun, Oct 25, 2:00 pm - Trunk-or-Treat

Sat, Oct 31, 8 am to 1 pm - Red Cross Blood Drive, Crocker Hall

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.

Sunday School - Sunday School classes and the confirmation class meet at 9:45 am. Children will return to their parents or guardians during the service.

Coffee Gathering - Following this service, join us downstairs in Crocker Hall for coffee.

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., Oct 11	8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:45 am - Sunday School, Classrooms
	9:45 am - Sermon Talkback, Crocker Hall
Mon., Oct 12	10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
	10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
Tue., Oct 13	9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Oct 14	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 - Women's Evening Zoom Bible Study (Zoom)
Thu., Oct 15	9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Crocker Hall
	7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Fri., Oct 16	9:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Greenway, Brookfield
	10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
Sat., Oct 17	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., Oct 18	8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:45 am - Sunday School, Classrooms
	9:45 am - Cambodia Mission Presentation, Crocker Hall
	10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)



Next Sunday - 21st Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Will McLaughlin

Readings for October 18th

[Isaiah 45:1-7](#) - [Psalm 96:1-13](#) - [1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#) - [Luke 10:25-37](#)

