Saint Paul's Parish

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The Last Sunday after Pentecost

November 22, 2026

Preacher ~ The Rev. John E. Morrison, III

Celebrant ~ The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung Chul Lee

10:30 am - Healing & 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

Priest-in-Charge	The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee
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Question of the Day: *"Which God-given talent or gift are you most grateful for?"*

Gathering Music

All stand as able

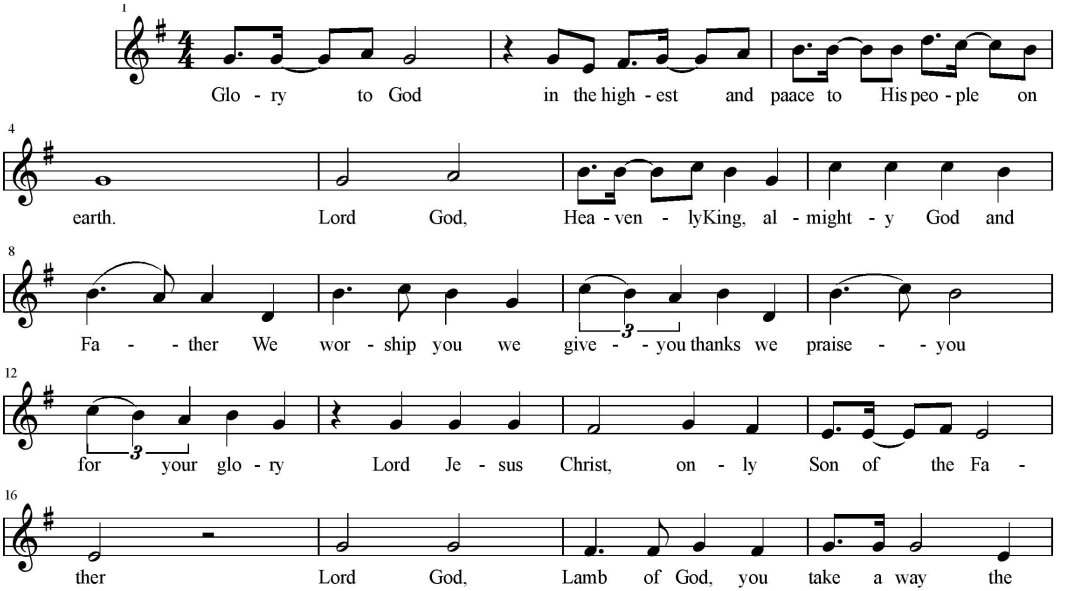
Opening Hymn "At the Name of Jesus" Hymnal 435
(Verses 1 4)
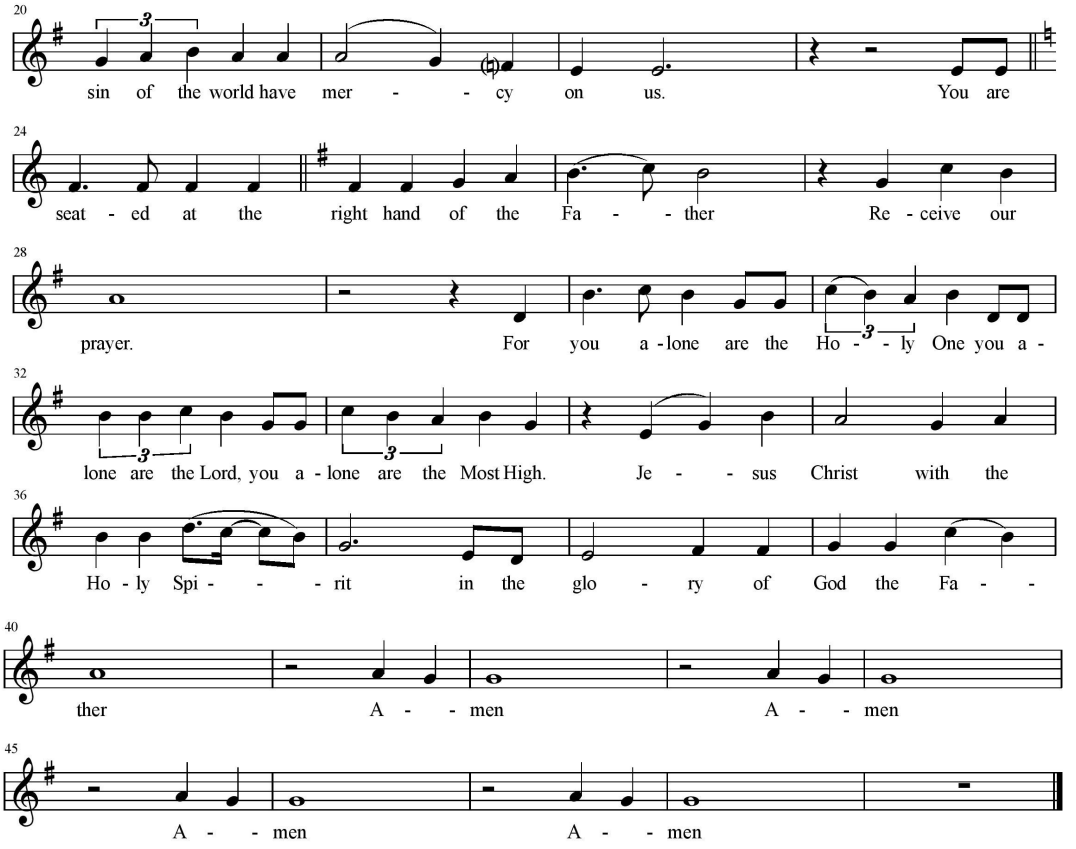
The Word of the Lord

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" by Bill Schrull, © 1994, 2026





The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

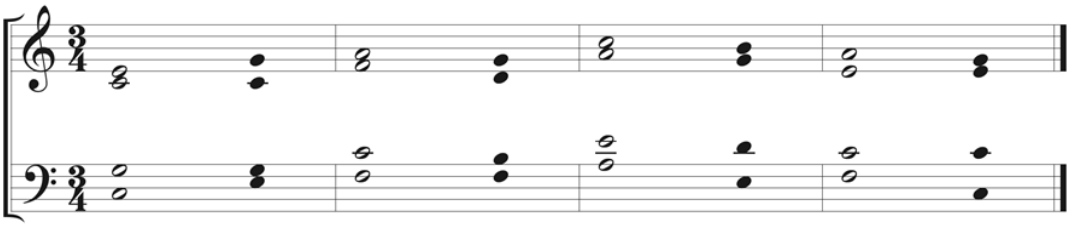
Celebrant: Let us pray together. **O God of searing truth and surpassing beauty, we give you thanks for Clive Staples Lewis, whose sanctified imagination lit fires of faith in young and old alike. Surprise us also with your joy and draw us into that new and abundant life which is ours in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Epistle **Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Psalm 95:1-7



1 Come, let us sing to the ***LORD; ****
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal***-vation.***

2 Let us come before his presence with thanks***-giving ****
and raise a loud shout to him with ***psalms.***

3 For the LORD is a great ***God, ****
and a great King above all ***gods.***

4 In his hand are the caverns of the ***earth, ****
and the heights of the hills are his ***also.***

5 The sea is his, for he ***made it, ****
and his hands have molded the dry ***land.***

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the ***knee, ****
and kneel before the LORD our ***Maker.***

7 For he is our ***God, ****
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his ***hand.***

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel **Matthew 25:31-46**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon **The Rev. John E. Morrison, III**

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.**

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: **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 Praise "Hallelujah"

Chorus
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah
Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah
Your love makes me sing

Your love is amazing
Steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain
Firm beneath my feet
Your love is a mystery
How You gently lift me
When I am surrounded
Your love carries me. *Chorus*

Your love is surprising
I can feel it rising
All the joy that's growing
Deep inside of me
Ev'ry time I see You
All Your goodness shines through
I can feel this God song
Rising up in me. *Chorus*

Your love is amazing
Dteady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain
Firm beneath my feet
Your love is a mystery
How You gently lift me
When I am discouraged
Your love carries me. *Chorus 2X*

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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)

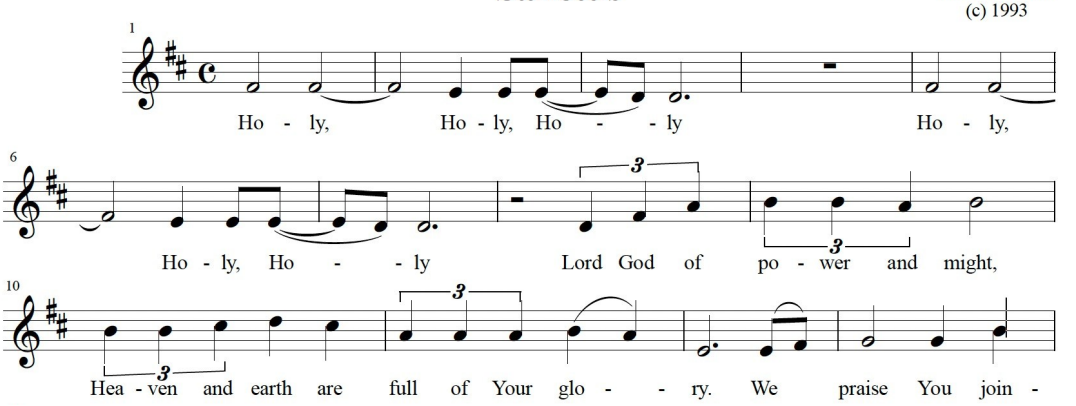
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.
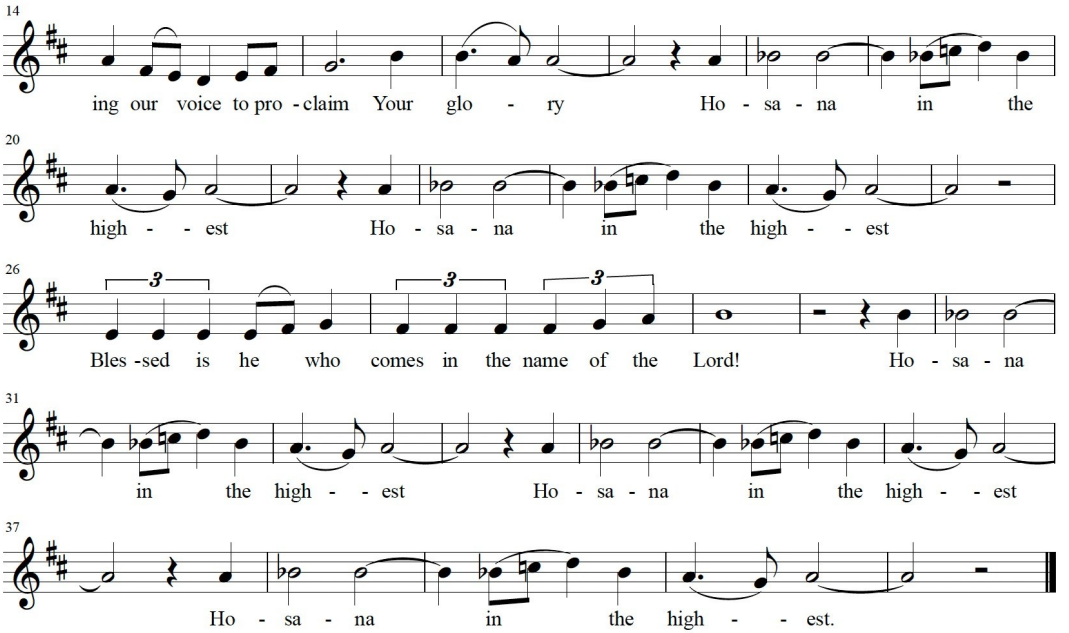
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

William Schrull
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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 "Let our praise to you be as incense"

Let our praise to you be as incense
Let our praise to you be as pillars of your throne
Let our praise to you be as incense
As we come before you and worship you alone.
Repeat

As we see You in Your splendor
As we gaze upon Your majesty
As we join the host of angels
And proclaim together Your holiness

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord.
Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord.

As we see You in Your splendor
As we gaze upon Your majesty
As we join the host of angels
And proclaim together Your holiness
Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord.
Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord.
Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord.
Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord.

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Communion Praise "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. *(repeat)*

Hosanna, Ho-sanna in the highest. *(repeat)*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

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Postcommunion Prayer

All: **Gracious Lord, you have fed us with the Body and Blood of your Son and strengthened us for faithful service. Turn our hearts from all idols, make us steadfast in faith, and send us out as merciful neighbors, proclaiming your glory among the nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: May the peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn "Crown him with many crowns" Hymnal 494

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" Healey Willan





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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS:

Coffee Gathering - Following this service, join us downstairs in Crocker Hall for special coffee hour hosted by our Scout Troop #5, in gratitude for St. Paul's sponsoring of their troop.

Brookfield Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service - This afternoon at 3 pm, St. Paul's is hosting the town-wide Thanksgiving service. This worship service will be led by the local clergy of St. Paul's, the Congregational Church, St. Joseph's, Prince of Peace Lutheran, and Valley Presbyterian.

St. Paul's Thanksgiving Service - Will be held Wednesday, November 25th during our weekly 10 am healing service. One of the highlights of the service is that instead of a sermon everyone who wants to has a chance to share their thanksgivings. Join us for this special service followed immediately after by a potluck luncheon in Crocker Hall.

Advent Adult Class - Join us during the weeks leading up to Christmas for a special Advent Christian formation series featuring Adam Hamilton's inspiring video series, *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*. The Adult Class meets each Sunday at 9:45 am in Crocker Hall.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Lessons and Carols: - Our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, December 13 at 5:00 pm. Please plan to attend this beautiful Advent service which consists of Scripture readings about the birth of Jesus interspersed with the singing of traditional carols led by our choir. **If you like to sing, you are welcome to join our special choir for this service.** Rehearsals are on the following three Mondays from 7-9 pm: Nov 23 & 30, Dec 7 and Thursday, Dec 10. No previous participation in the music ministry required! Please contact Kirsten Peterson for more details and to sign up: kirpeterson@comcast.net.

St. Paul's Walking Group - Join us this Friday at 10 am for a special *"Walk it Off"* walk on the Brookfield Greenway. Meet at the parking lot on Silvermine Road, just below the Brookfield Police Station. It's basically flat and easy, go as far as you want.

Coats & Socks Drive - During the winter months we collect used coats and new socks (preferably white) to benefit the various agencies in Danbury supported by the Jericho Partnership. Leave the coats on the rack and socks in the basket in the back of the church.

UPCOMING:

Wed, Nov 25, 10:00 am - Thanksgiving Service & Luncheon
Sun, Dec 13, 10:30 am - Youth Christmas Pageant
Sun, Dec 13, 5:00 pm - Service of Lessons & Carols

Christmas Flowers - Anyone wishing to remember loved ones and friends with a poinsettia plant that will be decorating the church for the Christmas services may do so by filling out one of the envelopes on the table at the back of the church; send an email request to dszen@yahoo.com or contact David Szen. All Christmas memorials are due by Dec. 22nd to be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

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.

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.

Our Daily Bread - The *Our Daily Bread* devotional pamphlet for December, January & February is now available at the back of the church. E-mail dszen@yahoo.com to have a copy mailed to you. *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., Nov 22	8:00 am	- **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
	9:45 am	- Sunday School, Classrooms
	9:45 am	- Adult Ed series, *"The Walk"*, Crocker Hall
	10:30 am	- **Contemporary Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
	3:00 pm	- **Brookfield Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** (YouTube Live)
Mon., Nov 23	7:00 pm	- Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
	10:00 am	- Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
	7:00 pm	- Lessons & Carols Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Tue., Nov 24	9:30 am	- Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Nov 25	10:00 am	- **Holy Eucharist & Healing** (YouTube Live)
	11 - Noon	- Drive Through Food Collection
	11:00 am	- Thanksgiving Lunch, Crocker Hall
	7:00 pm	- Women's Evening Bible Study (Zoom)
Fri., Nov 27	10:00 am	- St. Paul's Walking Group, Brookfield Greenway
	10:00 am	- Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
Sat., Nov 28	7:30 am	- John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford
	10:00 am	- PraiseMoves, Crocker Hall (Zoom)
Sun., Nov 29	8:00 am	- **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
	9:45 am	- Sunday School, Classrooms
	9:45 am	- Adult Ed series, *"The Walk"*, Crocker Hall
	10:30 am	- **Contemporary Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)

Next Sunday - First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for November 29th

Isaiah 64:1-9 - Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37