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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 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

“As the Deer / Holy, Holy, Holy!”

arr. Tom Fettke

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

[Hymnal 690](#)

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. **O** God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 119:129-136

Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.

Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.

Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.

Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

The Epistle

Romans 6:1-14

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response

“We plant a grain of mustard seed”

We plant a grain of mustard seed,
And in our faith we find
The proof of God is love, indeed,
Which blossoms from its kind.

Our actions, more than words, define
How love's example feeds
A greater love, for love divine
Bursts forth from smallest seeds.

(hymn continues on next page)

When stooped to lend a helping hand,
We find a touch that heals,
For love invested will expand
To bear the fruit love yields.

Words: Mary Bryan Matney, 1990;
Music: Music: *St. Peter*, Alexander Robert Reinagle (1977-1877)

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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

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

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Response

“We plant a grain of mustard seed”

Make love our purpose, love our aim,
For love endures all things.
And choosing love our lives will claim
The peace forgiveness brings.

Our lives will be fulfilled and blessed
If through the seeds we’ve sown
And by the love that we profess
The love of Christ is known.

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 for the Church and for the world, trusting the God who gives wisdom, light, new life, and the treasure of the kingdom.
- Intercessor: Gracious God, you invited Solomon to ask for what he most needed, and you granted him a wise and discerning heart. Give your Church the same gift: wisdom that listens, discernment that loves truth, and understanding that reflects your kingdom.
- All: Lord, give us hearts that discern your ways.**
- Intercessor: Your statutes are wonderful, O Lord, and your word gives light. Strengthen all who proclaim the Gospel, that your teaching may open minds, guide hearts, and turn us from every injustice. Bless Sean our Presiding Bishop, Jeffrey and Laura our Bishops, Fr. Nate our Priest-in-Charge, and all who minister in your name.
- All: Lord, let your word illumine our path and heal our world.**
- Intercessor: You call us to walk in newness of life, freed from the dominion of sin and death. Empower this parish and all your people to live as those raised with Christ - courageous in goodness, steadfast in hope, and generous in love.
- All: Lord, make us alive to righteousness and alive to you.**
- Intercessor: Your kingdom is like a mustard seed, growing beyond our imagining; like yeast, working unseen until all is transformed; like treasure and pearl, worth everything we have. Guide the nations of the world to seek what is truly precious: justice, mercy, and peace. Bless those who govern, and inspire them with wisdom that serves the common good.
- All: Lord, let your kingdom grow in us and among us.**

Intercessor: We thank you for the hidden graces of daily life, for the small beginnings of your kingdom among us, and for all who reveal your love. Give us eyes to see your treasure, hearts to seek your will, and joy in following Christ.

All: Lord, make us joyful stewards of your kingdom gift.

Intercessor: Look with compassion on this world you love. Where sorrow flows like rivers, bring relief; where injustice grieves your heart, bring righteousness; where people suffer in body, mind, or spirit, bring healing. We remember now for our own needs and those of others.

(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the silence of your heart.)

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Lord, let your healing and justice take root.

Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died, trusting that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Celebrant: O God of our salvation, who has brought us from death to life in your Son Jesus Christ: Grant that, being buried with him in baptism and raised with him by your mighty power, we may no longer be servants of sin, but free to serve you in holiness and truth, living as those alive to God. Through the same 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

“Praise, my soul, the King of heaven”

[Hymnal 410](#)

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 your Son Jesus Christ taught us of the kingdom of heaven, where by your grace the last become first, the small become great, and lost treasures are found by those who search for them.

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 Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with St. Paul and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

“Children of the heavenly Father”

Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in his bosom gather,
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e’er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish;
In his holy courts they flourish;
From all evil things he spares them;
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Words by Caroline V. Sandell-Berg (1832-1903),
Music: Traditional Swedish melody

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Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

Communion Hymn

“Be lifted up”

Be lifted up, be lifted up.
As we bow down, be lifted up. (repeat)

Let the heavens rejoice, let the nations be glad.
Let the whole earth tremble, for you are God.
Come and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

As we bow down, be lifted up, as we bow down, be lifted up.

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Postcommunion Prayer

All: **Eternal God, you have fed us with the Body and Blood of your Son, and united us with him in his death and resurrection. Grant that, having been buried with Christ in baptism and nourished at his table, we may walk in newness of life, no longer slaves to sin, but alive to you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now secure in the love of God from which nothing can separate you.
Delight in seeking the Lord - look always for the power and the presence of God, and let love, like yeast in dough, permeate all you do. **Amen.**

And may God work for good in all things for you;
May Christ Jesus conform you in the image of his love;
And may the Holy Spirit help you in your weakness, interceding for you, and in you, according to the will of God. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“Spread, O spread, thou mighty word”

[Hymnal 530](#)

Dismissal

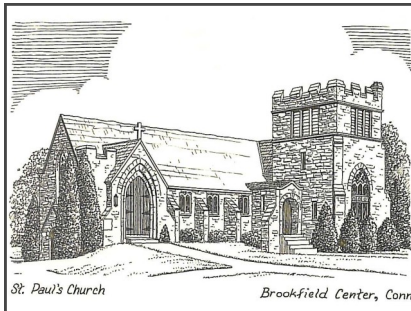
Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Charles Callahan



"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:

Drive-Thru Food Collection - Our next Drive-Thru Food Collection will be Wednesday, August 5th from 11 am to noon. This will be our 165th food drive since we started doing them in April 2020! The Victory Christian Center, Danbury and their Food Pantry, is the recipient of our food basket collections for the month of August.

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.

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 Priest-in-Charge Weekly - Fr. Nate has a weekly e-mail, "*The Priest-in-Charge Weekly*," to communicate things directly from his desk to yours. If you did not receive his e-mail this week and would like to, write Fr. Nate at priest@saintpaulsbrookfield.com and let him 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., Jul 26	8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am - Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
Mon., Jul 27	7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
	10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
Tue., Jul 28	9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Jul 29	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., Jul 30	9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
Fri., Jul 31	9:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Fairfield Hills, Newtown
	10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
Sat., Aug 1	7:30 am - John 21:12 Group, Bridgewater Village Store, Bridgewater
	8:00 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Crocker Hall
	10:00 am - PraiseMoves, Crocker Hall (Zoom)
Sun., Aug 2	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 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for August 2nd

[Isaiah 55:1-5](#) - [Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22](#) - [Romans 6:15-23](#)

[Matthew 14:13-21](#)

