



Saint Paul's Parish

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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

Preacher & Celebrant

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

Question of the Day: *"It's sometimes said, 'Nobody ever saw a hearse with a trailer behind it!' What do you think that says about what really matters in life?"*

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

“His Presence Brings Peace”

Eric Lewis

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“As those of old their first fruits brought”

[Hymnal 705](#)

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. **Gracious Lord, restore us as your vineyard, turning our hearts to bear good fruit, that we may seek the things above and gladly answer your call to the heavenly feast, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:7-14

Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *

you cast out the nations and planted it.

You prepared the ground for it; *

it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow *

and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *

and its branches to the River.

Why have you broken down its wall, *

so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

The Epistle

Philippians 3:17-21

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Response

“Come, sinners, to the gospel feast”

Come, sinners, to the gospel feast,
Let every soul be Jesus’ guest.
Ye need not one be left behind,
For God hath bid all humankind.

Do not begin to make excuse;
Ah! do not you his grace refuse;
Your worldly cares and pleasures leave,
And take what Jesus hath to give.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788); Music: Pentecost, William Boyd (1847-1928)

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

Luke 14:15-24

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

One of the dinner guests, said to him, “Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” Then Jesus said to him, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is ready now.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my

regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’ Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’ ”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Response “Come, sinners, to the gospel feast”

Ye who believe his record true	Come to the feast, be saved from sin,
Shall sup with him and he with you;	For Jesus waits to take you in.

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 Lord, who calls his people to bear good fruit, to seek the things above, and to enter the feast of his kingdom.

Intercessor: Faithful God, you planted your Church as a vineyard meant for justice and righteousness. Cleanse us from all that yields wild grapes, and strengthen us to bear the fruit of your kingdom.

All: Lord, tend and transform your vineyard.

Intercessor: Restore, O God of hosts, the nations that have been ravaged by conflict, oppression, or fear. Shine your face upon the world, that peace and mercy may take root.

All: Lord, let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

Intercessor: Guide this community to seek what is above and not be ruled by earthly distractions. Shape our common life to reflect the humility, compassion, and hope of Christ.

All: Lord, make us citizens of your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor: Turn our hearts from excuses and distractions, that we may gladly answer your call and walk in the way of Christ with steadfastness and joy.

All: Lord, set our minds on what is above.

Intercessor: Gather the poor, the lonely, the sick, the homeless and the forgotten to your table of grace. Strengthen all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and bring all who suffer to your banquet of healing and hope. Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor: Receive into your eternal feast all who have died, especially Susan Morrison in whose memory the altar flowers are given, and comfort those who mourn.

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

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Celebrant: Gracious God, restore your people, renew your vineyard, and gather us into the feast of your kingdom. Hear our prayers and grant us grace to bear the fruit that pleases you; 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.**

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Gratitude Reflection - *Cathy & Bill Schrull*

All stand as able for hymns

Offertory Hymn

“I come with joy to meet my Lord”

[Hymnal 304](#)

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 you are the God who restores your vineyard, turning our hearts to the things above and gathering all people to the feast of your kingdom.

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 “Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face”

[Hymnal 318](#)

Communion Hymn “My God, thy table now is spread”

[Hymnal 321](#)

Postcommunion Prayer

All: Gracious Lord, you have fed us at the banquet of your grace and restored us with the gifts of Christ’s body and blood. Tend the vineyard of our lives, turning our hearts to the things that are above, that we may bear the fruit of your kingdom and shine with the light of your saving love; through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: **G**o now into the world as guests who have heard the Master's call. Let your hearts be open to the feast of grace he sets before you. Do not refuse his invitation or delay your coming, but turn toward the joy he longs to share with you. **Amen.**

And may God draw you to the banquet of mercy;
May Christ Jesus make you ready to receive his gifts;
And may the Holy Spirit stir in you a willing mind and a generous,
welcoming love. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn "The Church's one foundation"

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation, by water and the Word
From heav'n He came and sought her, to be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation, one Lord one faith one birth
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious, shall be the Church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900); Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Dismissal

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

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Postlude

“Postlude in D”

Johann Caspar Friedrich Fischer



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The altar flowers today are given by the Rev. John E. Morrison III
in memory of Susan Morrison.

Altar Flowers - If you would like to request Altar flowers for a particular Sunday please see the 2026 Flower Chart in the back of the church, fill out an envelope located in the back of the church, send an email request to dszen@yahoo.com or contact the parish office.

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.

Blessing of the Animals - Join us this afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Meadow for a short liturgy followed by the Blessing of the Animals. Bring your furry, feathered, or otherwise beloved companions as we praise God, maker and keeper of all creation, and rejoice with St. Francis in "all creatures of our God and King."

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.

UPCOMING:

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

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

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 4 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)
1:00 pm - Blessing of the Animals
- Mon., Oct 5 7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
- Tue., Oct 6 9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
- Wed., Oct 7 10:00 am - **Holy Eucharist & Healing** (YouTube Live)
12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer Meeting, Guild Room
7:00 pm - Women's Evening Zoom Bible Study (Zoom)
- Thu., Oct 8 9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Crocker Hall
7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- Fri., Oct 9 9:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Putnam Park, Redding
10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
- Sat., Oct 10 7:30 am - John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford
10:00 am - PraiseMoves, Crocker Hall (Zoom)
- Sun., Oct 11 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 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Dan Bacon

Readings for October 11th

[Isaiah 25:1-9](#) - [Psalm 23](#) - [2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10](#) - [Luke 12:13-21](#)

