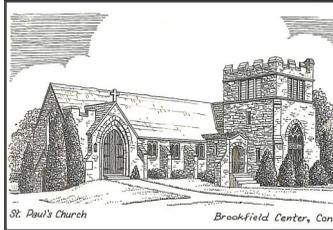


# Saint Paul's Church

(Episcopal/Anglican)

Brookfield, Connecticut

*Fourteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
September 10, 2017*



"Celebrating 232 years in the Spirit"

*Preacher & Celebrant  
The Reverend Joseph Shepley  
Rector*

**8:00 A.M. Worship Service**

*When you enter church, talk to God. When you worship, let God talk to you. After church, talk to each other.  
Please be mindful of others' need for silence before the service.*

**[www.saintpaulsbrookfield.com](http://www.saintpaulsbrookfield.com)**

**203-775-9587 (Office)**

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us for worship this morning. We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ as we worship together! We invite you to join us after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall, followed by The Rector's Forum in the Guild Room at 9:30 A.M. Please join us!

**Prelude**

**"Blessed Assurance"**

**S. Douglas**

**Opening Hymn**

**"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"**

**Hymnal, 518**

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

Hymnal, S280

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.

## **Collect of the Day (Celebrant and People)**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **First Reading:**

Reader: A reading from Exodus. (12:1-14)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 149**

- 1 Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; \*sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

- 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people \*and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat \*and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations \*and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains \*and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

### **Second Reading:**

Reader: A reading from Romans. (13:8-14)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### **“Where Charity and Love Prevail”**

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ’s love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;

let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.

Forgive we now each other’s faults as we our faults confess;  
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20**

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

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,

and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;  
be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God’s begotten Son;

as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God’s name;  
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

Words: 9<sup>th</sup> cent. Latin, trans. by Omer Westendorf; Music: Alexander R. Reinagle;  
Tune: St. Peter

## Sermon

**The Reverend Joseph Shepley**

### Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: *I will, with God’s help.*

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: *I will, with God’s help.*

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: *I will, with God’s help.*

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: *I will, with God’s help.*

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: *I will, with God’s help.*

## Confession of Sin (Please Kneel)

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Priest and People.*

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.*

## Peace (Please Stand As Able)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People: And also with you.*

## Offertory "Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Refrain:*

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with His goodness, lost in His love. *Refrain*

Words by Fanny J. Crosby, Music by Mrs. J. F. Knapp

## Presentation

### 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!

## Great Thanksgiving (Please Stand 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.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

### Sanctus

Hymnal, S129

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. \_\_\_\_\_

*The Celebrant continues (You may stand, sit or kneel)*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

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 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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*People and Celebrant*

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.

**Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

**Agnus Dei**

**John Merbecke, 1549**



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.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive in one kind is considered full communion. If you choose to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. For those who wish to intinct the Bread, by dipping it in the Wine rather than drinking directly from the Chalice, you may signify this choice by holding the consecrated Bread between your fingers. Please intinct the Bread in the small Chalice which will come before the larger Chalice. After you leave the altar rail, please know that we have healing teams in the hallway available to pray with you.*

## **Communion Songs**

**“Sing My Soul, His Wondrous Love”**

**Hymnal, 467**

**“I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord”**

**Hymnal, 304**

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

**“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

**Hymnal, 376**

## **Dismissal**

Lay Reader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude**

**“Hymn to Joy”**

**L. v. Beethoven/  
arr. E. Broughton**

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Tim and Amy Tilford on the baptism of their daughter Vivian Marie Tilford, at the 10:30 service today.

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## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Jennifer and Anthony Renella on the baptism of their daughter Lillian Brault Renella, at the 10:30 service today.

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## **Altar Flowers**

We remember the faithful departed this day in whose memory the altar flowers are given: Matthew James Williams, and Alfred and Anne Wyant.

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## **Today is Sunday School Registration and the Youth Group Kick Off!**

We are so excited to kick off the new school year for Sunday School and Youth Group today. Registration forms are being handed out at the back of the church during today's service. Forms can be sent to class with your child or turned in at the back. This afternoon, Youth Group will be celebrating the new year with a major **kick off event from 2 - 5pm at the church**. Invite your friends to enjoy some big games and some even bigger raffle prizes!! If you are newly eligible for youth group (7th grade!) or considering joining for the first time, this is a great event to attend, just you or with a friend. God, may you guide, protect and bless this new church school year!

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## **Pray It Up!**

Notice the Red and White prayer request cards in the pew? Each Sunday, fill out your request, put it in the red bowl on the table on the way to communion. Then take a card from the bowl either right then or after service. Pray for that request for one week. How comforting to know that your request is being prayed for and that you are praying for someone else's! You might just be praying for the person sitting next to you! Or, if you'd prefer - please send your request to St. Paul's at [prayingnow2@gmail.com](mailto:prayingnow2@gmail.com)!

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## **Synthesis CE Study Guide**

You may pick up a copy of the week's Synthesis CE Study Guide, as well as the following week's, for your personal use. They are located at the back of the church. Thank You!

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**Upon entering the church, please turn off your cell phone or switch it to a worship respectful setting. Please be sure to dispose of all food and drinks before entering the church. Thank You!**

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## **Prayer Servant Teams**

Prayer for any need or request is available at each service. After you have received communion, please see one of our trained Prayer Servant Teams (with the Blue Name Badges) who are available at the open side door at the entrance to the Vesting Room. Prayer is available in the

Vesting Room, Hallway or Back Room as space is available. Our Prayer Servants are ready to confidentially take your request and pray for you and with you. Should you wish to schedule a private prayer time, please let Fr. Joe or Mary Perry, Prayer Ministry Leader ([maryperry2@me.com](mailto:maryperry2@me.com)) know and we will work with you to schedule a convenient time. Your Prayer Servants today for Healing Sunday are: 8:00 Pat Brought and Donna Cennamo, 10:30 Jim Castronova and Barbara Hock and Walter VonEgidy and Dave Williams.

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### **Food Pantry**

As part of our outreach, St. Paul's donates gift cards and non-perishable items to six area food pantries. Donations for the food pantry can be left in the basket at the back of the church or the collection bins in Crocker Hall. St. James' Episcopal Church, Danbury and their Daily Bread Food Pantry, is the recipient of our food basket collections for the month of September.



## Calendar for the Week

(We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.)

Sun., Sept. 10	-	8:00 AM	-	<b>Traditional Eucharist</b>
		9:30 AM	-	Rector's Forum
		10:30 AM	-	Sunday School
		10:30 AM	-	<b>Contemporary Eucharist</b>
		2:00 PM	-	Youth Group
Mon., Sept. 11	-	7:00 PM	-	Men's Bible Study
Tue., Sept. 12	-	9:15 AM	-	Ladies Bible Study
		5:45 PM	-	Boot Camp
Wed., Sept. 13	-	10:00 AM	-	<b>Holy Eucharist and Healing</b>
		7:00 PM	-	Staff Meeting
		7:30 PM	-	Vestry Meeting
Thu., Sept. 14	-	7:30 PM	-	Music Night
Sat., Sept. 16	-	7:30 AM	-	Men's Prayer Breakfast
		10:00 AM	-	PraiseMoves

**Next Sunday — Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Eucharist at 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.**

The Reverend Joseph Shepley, Rector

### Readings

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

### **Saint Paul's Staff**

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