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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024

Preacher & Celebrant ~ The Rev. Jim Wheeler

8:00 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

Wardens Vestry Members:

Lois Hunt and George Stowell Chuck Allen-Treasurer, David Williams-Clerk, Beth Beck, Bill Bennett, Darin Crocker, Gordy Hiltz, JoAnn Hornak, Mike Kirner, Pam Koniecki, Ned Marcalus, Bob Picheco, Bill Schrull Organist and Choirmaster Kirsten Peterson Sunday School Administrator Julie Astbury "Break the Bread"

David Paxton

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

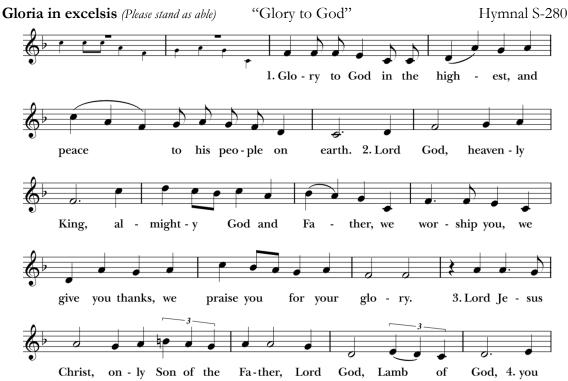
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

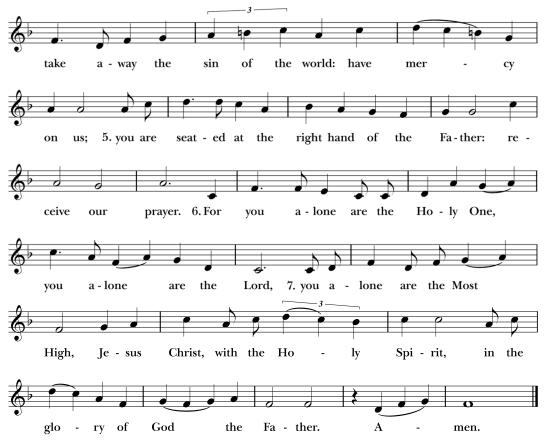
Hymnal 390

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.**





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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.

The Old Testament

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

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

Psalm 14

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
 All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
 there is none who does any good.

 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, *
 to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *

who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?

See how they tremble with fear, * **because God is in the company of the righteous.**

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, * **but the LORD is their refuge.**

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! * when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

The Epistle

Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Response

"Break thou the bread of life"

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea; Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord; My spirit pants for thee, O living word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, As thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;

Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall, And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

> Words: Mary A. Lathbury (1841-1913) vs. 1-2; Alexander Groves vs. 3-4; Music: Bread of Life, William F. Sherwin (1826-1888)

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

John 6:1-21

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

esus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or

four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

Gospel Response "Break thou the bread of life"

Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me, Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me; Give me to eat and live with Thee above; Teach me to love Thy truth, for Thou art love.

O send thy spirit, Lord, now unto me, That he may touch my eyes and make me see; Show me the truth concealed within thy word, For in thy book revealed, I see thee, Lord.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. James Wheeler

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.

Litany of Healing

Please stand, sit, or kneel as able for the prayers.

Celebrant: Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The people offer names either silently or aloud.

Intercessor:	Let us offer our prayers for God's healing, saying, "Have mercy."
Intercessor: All:	Holy God, source of health and salvation, Have mercy.
Intercessor: All:	Holy and Mighty, wellspring of abundant life, Have mercy.
Intercessor: All:	Holy Immortal One, protector of the faithful, Have mercy.
Intercessor: All:	Holy Trinity, the source of all wholeness, Have mercy.
Intercessor: All:	Grant your grace to heal those who are sick, we pray to you, O God, Have mercy.

Intercessor: All:	Give courage and faith to all who are disabled through injury or illness, we pray to you, O God, Have mercy.
Intercessor: All:	Comfort, relieve, and heal all sick children, we pray to you, O God, Have mercy.
Intercessor: All:	Give courage to all who await surgery, we pray to you, O God, Have mercy .
Intercessor: All:	Support and encourage those who live with chronic illness, we pray to you, O God, Have mercy.
Intercessor: All:	Strengthen those who endure continual pain, and give them hope, we pray to you, O God, Have mercy.
Intercessor: All:	Grant the refreshment of peaceful sleep to all who suffer, we pray to you, O God, Have mercy.
Intercessor: All:	Befriend all who are anxious, lonely, despondent, or afraid, we pray to you, O God, Have mercy.
Intercessor: All:	Restore those with mental illness to clarity of mind and hopefulness of heart, we pray to you, O God, Have mercy.
Intercessor: All:	Give rest to the weary, and hold the dying in your loving arms, we pray to you, O God, Have mercy.
Intercessor: All:	Help us to prepare for death with confident expectation and hope of Easter joy, we pray to you, O God, Have mercy.
Intercessor: All:	Give your wisdom and compassion to health care workers, that they may minister to the sick and dying with knowledge, skill, and kindness, we pray to you, O God, Have mercy.
Intercessor: All:	Uphold those who keep watch with the sick, we pray to you, O God, Have mercy.

Intercessor: All:	Guide those who search for the causes and cures of sickness and disease, we pray to you, O God, Have mercy.
Intercessor:	Jesus, Lamb of God,
All:	Have mercy.
Intercessor:	Jesus, bearer of our sins,
All:	Have mercy.
Intercessor:	Jesus, redeemer of the world,
All:	Have mercy.
Intercessor:	We pray for those around us who need your care, and ask that you would make of us your instruments of healing, peace and redemption. We pray especially for those we have named to you this day, and others we lift to you in the silence of our hearts.

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

Celebrant: Compassionate God: You so loved the world that you sent us Jesus to bear our infirmities and afflictions. Through acts of healing, he revealed you as the true source of health and salvation. For the sake of your Christ who suffered and died for us, conquered death, and now reigns with you in glory, hear the cry of your people. Have mercy on us, make us whole, and bring us at last into the fullness of your eternal life. 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.

Announcements Please be seated for the announcements

Healing Testimonies

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: May the Christ who dwells in your heart ground you in love and fill you with the fullness of God, that you may have abundance and give abundantly.

All stand as able for hymns

Offertory Hymn	"My God, thy table now is spread"	<u>Hymnal 321</u>
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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.

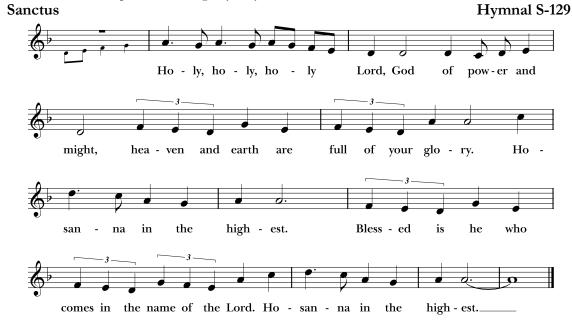
The Holy Communion

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:	${ m It}$ is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give
	thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for in all our
	times of need you provide for us. And through your Son Jesus Christ, you
	have taught us that when we offer what we have for your blessing and use,
	you make of it far more than we can ask or imagine - an abundant return
	from the riches of your grace.

Therefore, Father, 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:



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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, Celebrant 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.

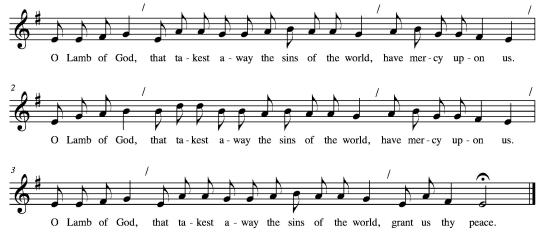
The Lord's Prayer

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



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

Before you now In the beauty of your presence, And as I bow You surround me with your radiance.

I worship, I worship you. I worship, I worship you.

Before you now As your loving arms enfold me

"Before you now"

I am in awe At the wonder of your glory I worship, I worship you. I worship, I worship you.

I've surrendered to your call upon my heart. I am captured by your passion and desire.

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Communion Hymn

More love, more power, More of You in my life; More love, more power, More of You in my life.

And I will worship You With all of my heart, And I will worship You With all of my mind;

"More love, more power"

And I will worship You With all of my strength, You are my Lord, You are my Lord, You are my Lord, You are my Lord.

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Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Go out into the world. Seek God, and the wisdom of God. Hide yourself from the corruptions of power and adulation. Entrust whatever you have to Christ for with him, there will always be more than enough.
And may God strengthen you in your inner beings.
May Christ Jesus dwell in your hearts through faith.
And may the Holy Spirit plant your roots deeply in the abundant richness of
God's love. Amen.

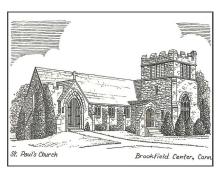
Recessional Hymn	"O love, how deep, how broad, how high"	<u>Hymnal 448</u>
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Dismissal

Celebrant:	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
All:	Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

Johann Sebastian Bach



"Celebrating 239 years in the Spirit"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Name Tags - Please be courteous to fellow parishioners, newcomers, visiting clergy, 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 as well.

Adult Class - The Adult Class meets on Sundays between services starting at 9:30 in Guild Room. Contact Dot Crocker or Dan Bacon for more info.

Coffee Gathering - Following this service, join us downstairs in Crocker Hall for coffee hour. Coffee, refreshments, and fellowship will be provided.

Sunday School - Nursery Care for children age 4 and under is available throughout the summer. The caregiver will bring children to their parent or guardian before the start of Communion. Sunday School classes will resume in mid-September.

Post-Service Prayer Teams - We now have prayer ministers available after each service to meet with people in the first pew. This is in addition to the Wednesday prayer offered at the altar and Healing Sunday prayers at the altar. Please feel free to come forward to ask for prayer for yourself or others.

Drive-Thru Food Collection - Our next Drive-Thru Food Collection will be Wednesday, August 7th from 11 am to noon. This will be our 113th food drive since we started in April 2020!

Women's Summer Book Club! Please join us Tuesday July 9-August 13, from 6:30-8pm, for a 6 week book discussion of Michelle Cushatt's *A Faith That Will Not Fail,* facilitated by Amy Bondeson-Boyce. In *A Faith That Will Not Fail,* we will explore the personal, historical and biblical stories of people with extraordinary faith and share ten practices to help you deepen your confidence in the God who can be trusted no matter your circumstances. Contact Amy at <u>albondeson@gmail.com</u> for more info.

Blood Drive - On Wednesday August 7th, St Paul's will provide the venue (Crocker Hall) for the Brookfield Lions to hold a blood drive. Time is 1:30 to 6:30 and there are still appointments available. Please visit <u>RedCrossBlood.org</u> and enter BrookfieldCT to schedule an appointment.

Prayer Needs? - You can let us know by submitting your need on our website or emailing <u>prayingnow2@gmail.com</u> 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!

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

Weekly Bible Studies -

- . The Men's Bible Study meets every Monday at 7 pm in Crocker Hall
- **Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** Meets weekly on Tuesday at 9:30 am in the Guild Room and on Zoom. Zoom is available and all women are invited. Contact Mary Beth Durkin <u>durkin.mb@gmail.com</u> for the Zoom link and further information.
- Ladies Evening Zoom Bible Study They are taking the summer off, but check out the Women's Summer Book Club on Tuesday. For start-up info in the fall, contact Carol Wheeler, as well as to get on the weekly email with the zoom link: cmeadwheeler@hotmail.com or 203-525-0011.

Check Sword Points for more information and links for all upcoming events.

Website Links - Usher, acolyte, lector, intercessor, and lay reader schedules are published monthly on our website at <u>www.saintpaulsbrookfield.com/ministries/acolytes-lay-readers-lectors-intercessors</u>.

Our parish member directory is posted on our website at <u>saintpaulsbrookfield.com/</u> <u>about member-directory</u>.

Sword Points - During this time of transition it is important that we stay in touch with you. Are you receiving our weekly electronic newsletter, *Sword Points*, and other communications from us online? If not, send your name and e-mail address to <u>StPaulsSwordPoints@gmail.com</u>.

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 in the far left corner of the parish hall, 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. In addition, coloring book packages are available for youngsters to use in the pews. 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 - <u>www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com</u>

Sun., Jul 28	8:00 am -	Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am -	Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am -	Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	7:30 pm -	Recovery & Self-Reflection, Guild Room
Mon., Jul 29	7:00 pm -	Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
Tue., Jul 30	9:30 am -	Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
	6:30 pm -	Ladies Summer Book Club, Guild Room
Wed., Jul 31	10:00 am -	Holy Eucharist & Healing (YouTube Live)
Thu., Aug 1	9:30 am -	Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
	7:30 pm -	Property Committee, Guild Room
Sat., Aug 3	7:30 am -	John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford
	8:00 am -	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Crocker Hall
Sun., Aug 4	8:00 am -	Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am -	Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am -	Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	7:30 pm -	Recovery & Self-Reflection, Guild Room



Next Sunday - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am & 10:30 am Preacher: Rev. Dan Bacon

Readings for August 4th

<u>2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a;</u> <u>Psalm 51:1-13;</u> <u>Ephesians 4:1-16;</u> John 6:24-35