



August 30, 2026 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Christ Church! We are so glad you are here this morning! Whether you are a "first-timer," a regular, or somewhere in between, it is a joy to have you here with us this day. May you be blessed by God's Word in worship today! If you are a **first-time visitor**, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the offering plate, and then make your way to the Chapel (in the back) after worship where we have a small gift for you.

**Please stand as you are able*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The God of Abraham Praise

Hopson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise God!

All: Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

*WE ALL SING

All Creatures of Our God and King

#23

*OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us pray together.

All: Loving God, long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences, and gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we, too, might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: I invite you to pass the peace of Christ to those near you, in whatever way you are most comfortable.

*Response

God Welcomes All

John Bell

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this, all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*WE ALL SING

Dream God's Dream

Chorus: Dream God's Dream

Holy Spirit, help us dream

Of a world where there is justice

And where everyone is free

To build and grow and love

And to simply have enough

The world will change

When we dream God's dream

I'm dreaming of a world, where the color of one's skin

Will mean less than what's within the person's heart

A world where water's clean,

and where air is safe to breathe

And every child born has enough to eat

Chorus

I'm dreaming of the call God is offering to me

How to use my energy and my best gifts

To do the work of Christ—to say God,

please use my life

To spread your healing Love and to live your Truth

Chorus

I'm dreaming of the way that I want my life to go

I've got hopes and I've got goals I'd like to meet

I'm reaching for the stars, but I won't forget the scars

Of Christ who died to show that the Dream's for all

Chorus

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*STATEMENT OF FAITH

Progressive Christian Alliance

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives; whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth; whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all; and, whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, we trust that love. And in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves in the service of others: to seek justice and to live in peace; to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness; to live in the freedom of forgiveness and in the power of the Spirit of Love; and in the company of all the faithful— past, present, and yet to come—so to be the Church, for the glory of God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

- Prayers for the family of **Fred Passow** as they grieve his passing
- Prayers for the **Olson/Ramirez family** for health issues
- Prayers for **Anthony Gralewicz**
- Continued prayers for **Joan Amich's grandson, Blair**

BLESSINGS FOR THE GENEROUS GIFT OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The Social Concerns Committee led a very successful school supplies drive for area schools.

*I will read a stanza of the prayer, ending in "God, in Your mercy", and the congregation will respond "**Hear our prayer.**"*

...O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, we now pray together as Jesus taught us:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALLING FOR OUR BEST

One: Christ has freely given us the gift of grace and salvation. Let us, therefore, freely bring our generous gifts of gratitude to God.

SCAN TO DONATE



OFFERTORY

More Like You

Brown

*WE ALL SING

Doxology

tune: Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God, above you heavenly hosts,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray. **All: We give thanks to you, O God, for your sustaining presence and abundant grace. Receive now these gifts we bring to you out of your generous provision in our lives. May they be used to satisfy the hungry in famine, relieve the oppressed in times of trouble, and proclaim everywhere the good news of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*WE ALL SING	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	#358
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*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE	<i>The Trees of the Field</i>	#710
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*POSTLUDE	<i>They'll Know We Are Christians</i>	arr. Held
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THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday

Coffee Hour in the Chapel

Wednesday, Sept 2

Social Concerns Meeting, 5:30pm

Choir, 7pm

Greeters: Joyce Zieman

Counters: Debbie Hansen, Doris Mayeshiba

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS, CHUCK!! | The Milkmen game outing on Sunday was a HUGE success!! Not only did the team win, but those of our congregation who attended had a BLAST!! This was all due to Chuck Terlinden and his outstanding organizational skills!! From purchasing the tickets and making seating charts to being the Uber driver for some of the ladies at church. He was a rock star! The consensus is we should do this every year. Thank you, Chuck. We really appreciate all that you do! *Membership Committee*

Communion Servers Needed | We are seeking a rotating team of volunteers to assist Pastor Bob in serving Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Because we would use a rotating schedule, your commitment would be just once every few months. Serving Communion is a meaningful way to share in the ministry of our church and help create a meaningful worship experience for our congregation. We value your dedication to Christ Church and invite you to prayerfully consider serving in this important role. If you are interested or would like more information, please see *Pam Kothrade*.

Worship in the Park & Potluck | Sunday, Sept 13 | Worship at 10am Humboldt Park, Picnic Area #5 | On Sept 13, there will be no church service at Christ Church. The worship service will be at Humboldt Park at 10am. Potluck to follow. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service

Sunday School | Sunday School classes will start on **Sunday, Sept 13 at 9:30am** and will be held every Sunday. On choir Sundays, the classes will begin after the choir sings. Sunday School will meet in the game room in the southeast corner of the basement this year. For more information, contact *Michael Key*.

Hope House Tour & Lunch | Tuesday, Sept 15 at 11am

Hope House is a non-profit homeless shelter, rapid re-housing facility, and permanent supportive housing provider.

Hope House was originally created in 1987 by five local churches to address homelessness on Milwaukee's south side. Over the years, Hope House has evolved into a respected shelter known for providing support, services and a chance at a brighter future for families. Acting as a true community center, Hope House offers numerous programs and activities to assist men, women and children struggling with homelessness.

We will have a tour of the facilities and learn about the services they provide. Following the tour, we will enjoy lunch at a Bay View restaurant. There is a sign-up sheet posted at the Lenox Street entrance.

Membership Committee: *Peggy Carew, Mary Ann Mowery, Jan, Naefken, Andy Oren, Sue Pfiefer, Randene Wick*

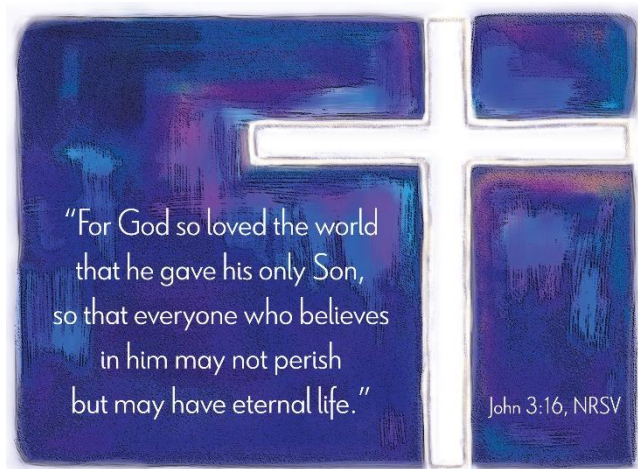
Homecoming Sunday | Join us for a festive tailgate celebration following worship on **Sunday, Sept 20!** We'll gather for a block-party style tailgate on Lenox Street right after the service. Lunch will begin around 11:30am.

FOOD: BRATS AND HOT DOGS WILL BE PROVIDED. A sign-up sheet for items to share is posted at the Lenox Street bulletin board. We're requesting contributions of salads, fruit, vegetables, and desserts.

FUN & FELLOWSHIP: Interactive games and activities are planned for all ages.

SHOW YOUR SPIRIT: Everyone is encouraged to wear apparel representing their favorite high school, college, or professional team.

Please pick up your mid-year contribution letter from the table in the hallway behind the sanctuary. Thanks!



Monthly Activity	July	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	\$12,230	\$119,889
Expenses	\$16,339	\$138,244
Budgeted Amount	\$18,051	\$126,361
<i>Last week's offering: \$1,571</i>		

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