



August 9, 2026 The Eleventh 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

Foundation

arr. Held

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God lifts us from death to life and preserves us for God's purposes through the compassion of Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. With thanksgiving, let us praise God!

*WE ALL SING

This Is the Day

#652

*OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us pray together.

All: Loving God, in danger you are our salvation. In loneliness you are our companion. In fear or uncertainty you are our courage. We thank you. We love you. We trust you. We reach for you. Hold us, and lead us to life. 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

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. These are the descendants of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So, he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So, he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.' " So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So, when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

SERMON

"A Technicolor Nightmare"

Pastor Bob

*WE ALL SING

Help Us Accept Each Other

#596

*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 **Olson/Ramirez family** for health issues*
- *Prayers for **Anthony Gralewicz***
- *Pray for the family and friends of **Leone Krueger** as they mourn her loss*
- *Continued prayers for **Joan Amich's grandson, Blair***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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
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

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Berthier

*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

How Great Thou Art

#51

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

The Trees of the Field

#710

*POSTLUDE

In Christ there Is No East or West

arr. Wood

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday

Coffee Hour

Greeters: Nancy Kaye

Counters: Janet Key, Joyce Zieman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You for Your Generous Support of Our Christmas in July Campaign | Our hearts are filled with gratitude as we reflect on your generosity shown during our Christmas in July Financial Campaign. As of August 2, we have received a total of \$7,820! Thank you to every individual and family who gave so faithfully. Your gifts are more than financial contributions toward our capital expenditures—they are expressions of faith, love, and commitment to God's work through our church. Our campaign continues through the end of July, so there still is time to offer your gift, if you so desire. Any gift, of any size, makes a real difference.

On behalf of our entire congregation, thank you for your generosity. We look forward to all that God will continue to do through our church as we move forward together in faith.

With sincere appreciation, *Pam Kothrade, Stewardship*

Christ Church T-Shirts | If you'd like to order a church t-shirt, please pick an order form from the media racks or from Randene. Turn in your order form and payment to Randene. Orders are due by **August 9**. Thanks, *The Membership Committee*

DI's Laundry Ministry | There will be more opportunities to help with this project in September. In the meantime, we will still be **collecting quarters** in the jar at the back of the sanctuary. *Social Concerns Committee*

Summer Baseball Outing 2026 | BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND |

The membership committee invites you to join in the fun and excitement of a **Milwaukee Milkmen** baseball game on **Sunday, August 23** at **1pm** at **Franklin Field**, featuring the Milkmen of the American Association of Professional Baseball as they take on the Cleburne Railroaders. In addition to Fan Appreciation Day, the game features a helicopter candy drop and free donut for the kids. Tickets are **\$23** per person and include a reserved seat in the dugout section plus sandwich, chips, a drink, and a gift. Please sign up at the Lenox St bulletin board and contact Chuck Terlinden for payment arrangement and any questions

School Supplies | We will once again be collecting school supplies beginning in August to donate to local grade schools. There will be a bin in the chapel to place your donations. Please have your donations in **by August 30**. Needed items include *loose leaf paper, Kleenex, rulers, pink erasers, scissors, black or blue pens, glue sticks or 8oz bottles of glue, backpacks, #2 pencils, pocket folders in assorted colors, colored pencils, highlighters, pencil sharpeners, plastic pencil box, 70-page spiral notebooks, 8 count washable markers, and 24 count crayons*. We appreciate you considering donating to assist children in our community. If you have any questions, contact a member of the Social Concerns Committee, *Peggy Carew, Debbie Hansen, Mary Ann Mowery, Jan Nafken, Sara Rogers, Vicki Teal, Randene Wick*

SAVE THE DATE | Homecoming Sunday | September 20



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: \$3,038</i>		

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