



August 16, 2026 The Twelfth 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.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *God Made from One Blood* Welsh Folk Melody

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Holy God, earth beneath our feet—

All: Holy Word, hope in our darkness—

One: Holy Spirit, breath within our breath—

**All: You shine light in all our darkness. We praise you.
We thank you. We worship you.**

*WE ALL SING *Revive Us Again* **#463**

*OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us pray together.

All: Spirit of Love, you come to us in many ways. Open our hearts to see you before us. Open our ears to hear your voice. Open our hearts to receive your love and to bear your love to all, in the name and the grace of Christ. 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

GIFT OF MUSIC *Welcome* – Miller Terryl Dietert

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So, no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So, it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

*STATEMENT OF FAITH

One: God of love, you create us and claim us; you love us and guide us.

All: We praise you and we worship you.

One: Beloved Christ, you heal us and forgive us; you teach us and lead us.

All: We thank you and we follow you.

One: Holy Spirit, you unite us and transform us; you empower us and shine in us.

**All: We open our hearts to you and we live by your grace.
Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

- *Prayers for the **Olson/Ramirez family** for health issues*
- *Prayers for the **Fred Passow***
- *Prayers for **Anthony Gralewicz***
- *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 provided for us from his own table of blessings. Anointing and abundance overflows! Let us offer our gifts together from the bounty he has given.

SCAN TO DONATE



*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: Gracious Lord, you have given us more mercy than we
could imagine and more blessings than we deserve.
Receive now these gifts as tokens of our gratitude to
you, that your mercy may be amplified and your
blessings abound to embrace those in need. Amen.**

*WE ALL SING

Pass It On

#557

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

The Trees of the Field

#710

*POSTLUDE

Voluntary in D

Scarlatti

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday
Coffee Hour

NEXT SUNDAY: Milkmen Baseball Game, 1pm

Greeters: Chuck Terlinden

Counters: Danette Volz, Renolle Volz

Coffee Hour: Dick and Joan Gaeth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEVATOR is OUT OF SERVICE

Please note that the elevator is currently out of service. Steps are being taken to repair it as soon possible. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

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 use a rotation 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*.

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



"I am your brother, Joseph..."

GOD SENT ME

before you to preserve life."

Genesis 45:4-5

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: \$878</i>		

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