



June 14, 2026

The Third 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

VIDEO

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Alleluia

- Harris

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Eternal God, Spirit of Love, we worship you.

All: Creating God, Renewing God, we worship you.

One: Transforming God, Bewildering God, we worship you.

All: Disorienting, Re-orienting God, we worship you.

Come, upset our ways and reshape us according to your Spirit. Amen.

*WE ALL SING

He Has Made Me Glad

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*OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us pray together.

All: God of grace and mystery, you hold us faithfully your Covenant. Your love upholds us, your grace moves ahead of us, your mercy comes to us in surprising ways. Open our hearts to welcome the message of your promise, and to trust your blessing. We pray in the name and the Spirit of Jesus. 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

**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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Sunday School Chimes Choir

*FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18: 1-15

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures^[c] of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 21: 1-7

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

SERMON

"Sarah Laughed"

Pastor Bob

*WE ALL SING

Glory, Glory Hallelujah (vs. 1-3)

(see insert)

*STATEMENT OF FAITH

We love and trust God, Eternal Creator, the Source of all Being and the giver of the laws of life, whose word of love is unchanging, though our understanding is imperfect and incomplete.

We follow Jesus, God's Christ, who embodied God's love, who taught and healed, who enacted God's law of love in new and radical ways. He gave himself completely in love; he was crucified; yet God raised him from death, transforming the law, and even life and death. He sets us free and leads us in lives of radical self-giving.

We live by the Holy Spirit, the living breath of God in us, who empowers us to live lives of grace and compassion, trusting in the power of forgiveness, the blessing of community, the reality of resurrection and the coming of God's Reign of mercy and justice. In all, we give God thanks, and we give God our lives. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

*For the family and friends of Jerry Goebel as they grieve his passing
From John H: for Jane K, Rebecca, Bill, Rachel and Maria;
Prayer Box: Joan A'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.

MISSION MOMENT

ONA Team

CALLING FOR OUR BEST

One: God loves a cheerful giver. God loves the grumpy ones too! Please give generously of your time, talent, and treasure to support the ministry of this community of faith, and our work beyond our walls.

SCAN TO DONATE



OFFERTORY

As the Deer

- arr. Hayes

*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: Receive, O God, these our gifts, tithes, love offerings, and our lives for your work in this place, to build beloved community. We pray in the name of Jesus, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*WE ALL SING *We Are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light*

#76

(Chorus only, replacing "singing" with "marching and "praying" in subsequent verses.)

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *The Trees of the Field* **#710**

*POSTLUDE *O God, Beyond All Praising* - arr. Cherwien

Worship Notes

The Call to Worship and Statement of Faith by Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes are used with permission.

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THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Today
Coffee Hour

Thursday, June 18
Handbells, 9:30am

NEXT SUNDAY
Book Discussion & Potluck at the Wick's

Greeters: Nancy Kaye
Counters: Janet Key, Joyce Zieman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Habitat for Humanity Welcome Home Gift Basket | We will be collecting household items for a welcome home gift basket. When a family closes on their new Habitat for Humanity Home, a basket with indoor and outdoor supplies is provided as a welcome home gift. If you are interested in assisting, please stop in the chapel after church, **June 14** to sign up for an item. You can select from the list of items we will have available. Please return them to church by **June 21**. We will have a basket in the chapel to place your donation. Thanks in advance for your donation. If you have any questions, please speak to a Social Concerns member. *Social Concerns Committee, Peggy C, Debbie H, Mary Ann M, Jan N, Sara R, Vicki T, Randene W*

June Movie and Lunch | Date: **Tuesday, June 23**

Movie: Toy Story 5 at **1pm**

South Shore Cinema Oak Creek, 7261 S 13th Street

Lunch: Golden Honey Pancakes and Cafe at **11:30am**

7135 S 13th Street, Oak Creek, WI (former Applebee's Restaurant)

Toy Story 5 deals with children increasingly eschewing traditional toys in favor of touchscreen devices like tablets. Jessie admits that she is "losing Bonnie to this device". Director Andrew Stanton explained that the film is a "realization of an existential problem: that nobody's really playing with toys anymore" and asks what increasing screen time means for children. The toys must confront what it means to stay relevant when technology reshapes playtime. Everyone is welcome to join us. Sign up sheet is on the Lenox Street bulletin board. *Membership Committee*

Book Discussion & Potluck: *I Refuse To Lead a Dying Church*

Chapter 6 - Choosing Now Rather than Later

The final session will be held **Sunday, June 28** at Jim and Randene's house. There is a sign-up sheet for a potluck lunch starting at 11:15am. Further details are listed on the sign-up sheet at the Lenox Street entrance. Contact *Pastor Bob* if you have questions.



Monthly Activity	May	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	\$34,528	\$90,623
Expenses	\$18,697	\$99,920
Budgeted Amount	\$18,051	\$90,258
<i>Last week's offering: \$3,593</i>		

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