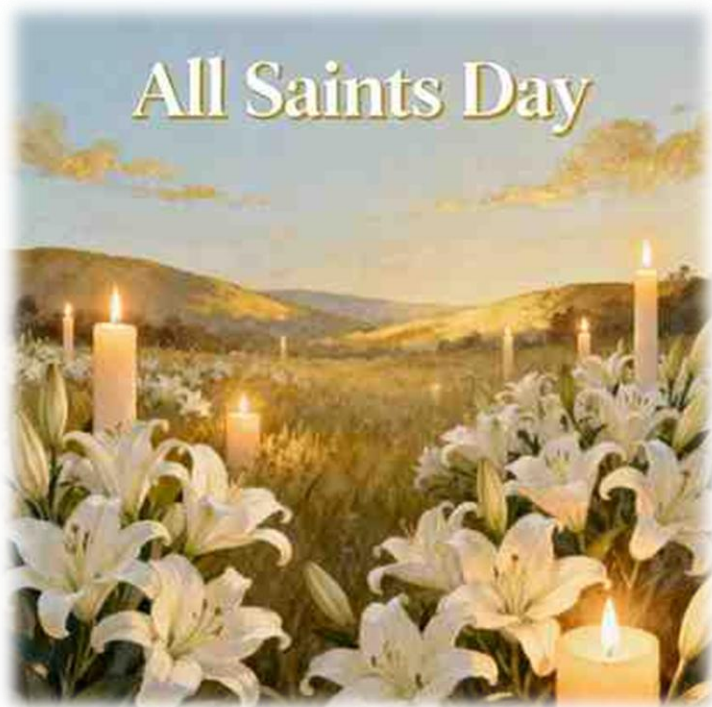




November 1, 2026

All Saints Day

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bob Gross

Choir Director: Gary Aubry

Musicians: Sue Cribb, Pam Kothrade

Tech Team: Paul Mayeshiba, Richard Tremarello

Liturgist: Chuck Terlinden

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

PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River?

Lowry/arr. Logan

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bless God at all times.

All: Salvation belongs to our God.

One: God heard our cry and delivered us from our fear.

All: Salvation belongs to our God.

One: All who take refuge God will be comforted.

All: Salvation belongs to our God.

*WE ALL SING

For All the Saints

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OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us pray together.

All: God of Creation, all that we have comes from you.

We gather in your presence, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, people from every tribe and nation, every kindred and tongue, to lift our voices in praise, to be transformed into your saints, to be sent out to gather others to share the eternal banquet.

Hear the praise we offer, work in us and through us.

You alone are holy, you alone are the Most High, you alone are worthy of our praise.

Glory to you, O God, and to the Lamb, and to the Spirit that unites us all, today and ever more. Amen.

*THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Will you greet your neighbors with a sign of Christ's peace, and we send our love and peace to those worshiping with us online.

*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

Revelation 7: 9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

**“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”**

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

SERMON

“Closer Than You Think”

Pastor Bob

*WE ALL SING

Give Thanks

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*STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe in God, Creator of all, who is creating even now,
bringing all things into existence, whose Word is made flesh in all
Creation, whose presence is embodied in all living beings.**

**We follow Christ, who perfectly embodied God’s love. He
taught and healed; he fed the hungry and embraced the outcast.**

He was at one with all Creation: even the seas upheld him, and the wind and the waves listened to his voice. He was crucified, but even in death life blessed him: God raised him from the dead, the Ruler of Life.

We live by the Holy Spirit, the breath of life in us and all creatures: the power to love, to forgive, to create, to give life. We trust in this grace that makes us one with all Creation. And by the power of that Spirit, we devote ourselves in covenant faithfulness to humble reverence and grateful service to all Creation, in the name of Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

- *Pray for **Dean K, Judy B, Nancy K, Jan N, and Jacob O** for health & healing*
- *Continued prayers for **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.

CALLING FOR OUR BEST

One: Our mission is to engage in God's mission to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and wipe the tears from every eye. This is accomplished through our gifts of time, talent and treasure. Give generously so that God's will might be done on earth as it is in heaven.

SCAN TO DONATE



OFFERTORY

Here I Am, Lord

Schutte/arr. Carter

*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: Living God, we are your people, we carry your presence. Use us and our gifts to accomplish your mission in the world. Multiply our effort to meet every need. This we pray in the name of Christ, whom with you and the Holy Spirit, reign in our hearts and lives, one God now and forever. Amen.

*HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

One: Come to the table of grace...

One: Creator God is with us!

All: God is with us now!

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to God!

One: Let us give thanks to the Holy One!

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

One: It is right and good...we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving!

*We All Sing

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Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy Lord!

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora.

Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

The congregation may be seated.

Distribution

We serve both bread and gluten-free wafers, wine and white grape juice. Come forward via the center aisle, take a piece of bread or wafer and eat, then move to the right or left to take a cup of wine or grape juice and drink. Return to your seats via the outside aisles.

Post Communion Prayer

All: Thank you most Holy God, for meeting us in this simple meal. May your presence within us ripple beyond us, ever expanding, until the day when you gather all your saints from the four winds to share in your eternal banquet. In all our words and actions may your name be praised now and forever more. Amen.

*WE ALL SING

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Darwell/arr. Larson

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THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Today

Coffee Hour – Mark Getgin

Monday, Nov 2

Book Study, 1pm

Tuesday, Nov 3

Membership Meeting, 9:30am

Thursday, Nov 5

Choir, 7pm

Greeters: Peggy Carew

Counters: Peggy Carew, Mark Pfeifer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU! | We'd like to **thank the congregation** for the warm welcome Karen and I have received since attending Christ Church. Everyone has made us feel very welcome. Thank you! *Gary Aubry and Karen*

To the Christ Church UCC Family,

Thank you for the great send off Oct. 4 after church! I appreciate all your cards and well-wishes for a simpler life and travel to visit our grandchildren. I have such warm memories of rehearsals, worship services, and lifetime friendships we have made. We'll still be around and will visit. The Athabaskan tribe in Alaska have a word "Tlaa," that translates as "See You." Mary TallMountain in her poem "There Is No Word for Goodbye" writes about this word they use instead of the word Goodbye. So Tlaa everyone – See You! *Terryl and Janet*

DONATIONS DUE NEXT SUNDAY - Thanksgiving Bags | We will be delivering Thanksgiving bags to the 9 members on our Share and Care list. Donations would be appreciated and can be placed in the Pine Room **by November 8**. Suggestions include *Thanksgiving decorations, kitchen towels, candy, notepads, crackers, cookies, seasonal napkins or anything that might brighten someone's day*. We are also looking for volunteers to deliver the bags. Please contact a Social Concerns member if you can assist. The bags will be available **November 15** for you to deliver prior to the holiday. Thanks, *Social Concerns Committee: Peggy C, Debbie H, Mary Ann M, Jan N, Sara R, Vicki T, Randene W*

Christmas Gift Donations | We will be collecting gifts to donate to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. These gifts will help make it a merry Christmas for individuals and families in need, providing new and unwrapped gifts. Please consider donating to this worthwhile project. Suggested items include new toys, especially for older children, and teens, squishes or other sensory toys, watches, jewelry, earbuds, perfume or cologne, lotions, soaps and loofahs, women's robes and slippers, women's and children's pajamas, wallets, authentic sports team apparel including hats, sweatshirts or warm outerwear, 2027 planners or calendars, \$25 Amazon gift cards, and gift bags or tissue paper to wrap gifts. The Rescue Mission is requesting gifts be donated by the beginning of December. Please drop off any gifts in the chapel **by November 29** so we can deliver them on time. Thanks in advance for your donations to make the holidays special for men, women and children in our community who are struggling. If you have any questions, please contact a Social Concerns member. With Grateful Hearts, *Peggy Carew, Debbie Hansen, Mary Ann Mowery, Jan Naefken, Sara Rogers, Vicki Teal, Randene Wick*

Christ Church Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner Gathering | Friday, Dec 4 at 6pm
Joe's K-Ranch, 4840 S Whitnall Ave, Cudahy, WI | *Everyone is welcome!*

Let's gather as a church family to enjoy an evening of good food, fellowship, and friendship as we celebrate the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons together. We have scheduled this gathering before the busiest days leading up to Christmas, giving everyone an opportunity to relax, reconnect, and enjoy time with those of us that are part of the Christ Church faith community.

The gathering will take place in the lower level of Joe's K-Ranch, which is accessible by stairs only.

Because the restaurant is expecting several large groups that evening, we may have a limited menu of five or six selected dinner entrées. More information about the menu will be shared as it becomes available.

We hope you'll join us for this special opportunity to celebrate the season and strengthen the friendships that make Christ Church such a welcoming community. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Lenox St bulletin board.

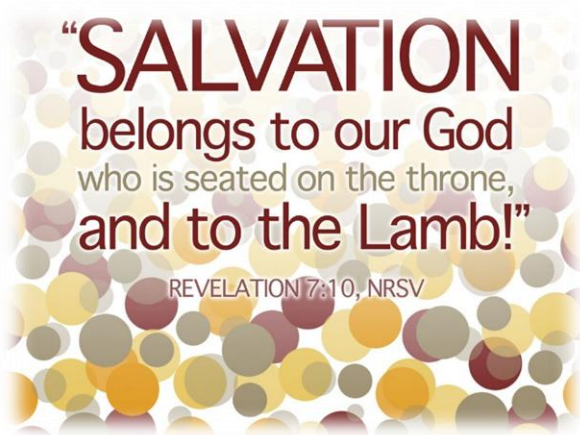
Jim Wick

Endowment Grants | Applications are due **by December 6**. Please ask any member of the Endowment committee if you have questions: *Tom D, Joan G, Sarah R, Jackie B, Randene W*

Formal Search for a Settled Pastor | The formal search for a settled pastor has begun. The work and events of the past several months have helped lay the foundation for beginning this important process. The search process will be different from our recent searches. **Two teams will be established**, possibly with some overlap in participants.

- **The first team** (Andy Oren, Paul Mayeshiba, Sue Pfeiffer, Randene Wick and Vicky Teal) will work with Pastor Bob to develop and write the church profile. This profile will introduce Christ Church to prospective candidates. Please pray for the Profile Writing Team and for the person God is preparing to be our next Pastor.
- **The second team**, consisting of **5–7 individuals**, will review applicants and participate in the interview and discernment process, ultimately making a recommendation to the congregation for a vote to become our next pastor.

If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Pastor Bob, or any member of the Church Council.



Monthly Activity	September	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	\$16,056	\$143,070
Expenses	\$16,545	\$165,341
Budgeted Amount	\$18,051	\$162,465
<i>Last week's offering: \$5,125</i>		

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