



August 2, 2026 The Tenth 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God meets us in our greatest need.

All: **God satisfies us with divine presence.**

One: In gratitude, let us worship God.

*WE ALL SING

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

#59

*OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us pray together.

All: Generous God, the whole creation looks to you, and you give them their food in due season. Open your hand to us and satisfy us with what we most deeply need. 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

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14: 1–21

At that time Herod the ruler heard reports about Jesus, and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in

him." For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because John had been telling him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." Though Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet. But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and she pleased Herod so much that he promised on oath to grant her whatever she might ask. Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given; he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. His head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother. His disciples came and took the body and buried him; then they went and told Jesus.

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON

"Face to Face"

Pastor Bob

*WE ALL SING *The Church of Christ in Every Age* (vs. 1-3)

#623

*STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God, who is love.

We believe in Jesus, God in human flesh.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God's abiding presence.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

- *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: God is generous in providing for our needs. Therefore, give back a portion of what has already been given to you so that God's work might continue in this place.

SCAN TO DONATE



OFFERTORY

*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

All: Loving and generous God, you provide for us and even bless us in more ways than we can remember. We give these tithes and offerings to tell of your wondrous and steadfast love so that those who do not know you may also come to your love. Amen.

*HOLY COMMUNION

*Invitation to the Table

One: Come to the table of grace ...

*Great Thanksgiving

One: The Holy Living God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them to God!

One: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

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

One: God of love, we sing your praise.

You create us, claim us, and continually set us free.

All: In all our difficulties you have been with us, and our only struggle is the struggle to receive your grace.

One: When we are hungry you feed us, and when much was demanded of us you empower us.

All: As Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, multiply your grace among us, that we may feast on your love.

In gratitude we sing your praise with all Creation.

*We All Sing

#737

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 corazone te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

The congregation may be seated.

Words of Institution

One: On the night...

there is a place at this table for all people.

All: For the love of God transcends every power that tries to contain it.

Prayer of Consecration

Breaking and Pouring

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.

Prayer of Resolution

Life-changing God, you have touched us and transformed us to reach out for all who hunger for what only you can give. Keep our feet in your paths and bless us to multiply blessings to others, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

*WE ALL SING *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* **#698**

*BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday

Coffee Hour

Property Committee Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

BVCC Food Donations

Greeters: Dick & Joan Gaeth

Counters: Janet Dietert, Mark Pfeifer

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 July 26, we have received a total of \$7,370! 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*

Join Us August 1st at South Shore Farmers Market! | We'll have a tent up from 8am to noon. We'll have information about our church to hand out as well as bottled water. Julie Oren will be doing facepainting beginning at 10am and could use a helper or two. Please come out to the market and spend some time in our booth talking about all that Christ Church does in the community! Any questions see *Jim Wick* or call *Andy Oren*.

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*

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*

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

SAVE THE DATE | Homecoming Sunday | September 20

Monthly Activity	June	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	\$7,035	\$97,658
Expenses	\$17,570	\$119,182
Budgeted Amount	\$18,051	\$108,310
<i>Last week's offering: \$863</i>		

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