

June 21, 2026

The Fourth 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 *Joyful, Joyful* - Beethoven/arr. Kimball Bell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Glory be to you, God of all people, you who have made us as siblings in one family.

All: **Thanks be to you, Christ of compassion: when we were lonely and cast out, you claimed us as your own.**

One: Praise be to you, Spirit, for when we were in danger you saved us. Come again and make us your own.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!**

*WE ALL SING *How Majestic Is Your Name* #42

*OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us pray together.

All: **Gracious God, giver of life, lover of all beings, we live within your embrace, and our hearts are filled with wonder at your presence. We set aside this gentle time to listen to you, and to rest in your care. Speak to us, and shape our hearts by the power of your Word. 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

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 21: 8-21

The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So, she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So, Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

*STATEMENT OF FAITH

We love and trust God, Creator of all things, heavenly father and mother, of infinite love, wisdom and power, ruler of all that is and all that is to come.

We follow Christ, God's chosen one, who loved and served humbly, who chose to die rather than kill for the sake of the healing of all Creation, and who was raised by God to new life. We believe that he calls us to humbly follow him and obediently serve him for the sake of proclaiming God's grace. We trust that he accompanies us and will help, guide, heal and defend us through all difficulty and suffering.

We believe the Holy Spirit guides us, empowers us and sustains us as servants of God's grace. We live as the body of Christ, in the power of forgiveness and the reality of resurrection, and the light of eternal life. 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;

From the Prayer Box: for a friend just diagnosed with cancer who needs insurance; for people to be freed from suffering; for someone who is hungry and has debt; healing for Karizza who has breast cancer; for a son for guidance and to come home; for healing for George; for a pastor and his family

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: Christ knows every breath we take: each one is a gift from the Spirit. God watches over, protects, and provides for us. Present your offerings of thanksgiving for the goodness of God.

SCAN TO DONATE



OFFERTORY

Bind Us Together

- Gillman

*WE ALL SING

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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: Holy One, incarnate One, dynamic One, God who is Trinity, we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for the life in Christ Jesus that we receive from you. You have shown that your mercy overcomes sin and evil and brings relief from oppression. We thank you for your steadfast love that keeps covenant with humanity. In Christ we know the depth of your care for all that you create. We invite the Holy Spirit to help us so that we can praise you eternally in the name of our risen and ascended Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*WE ALL SING

This Is My Father's World

#21

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

The Trees of the Field

#710

*POSTLUDE

Children of the Heavenly Father

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Worship Notes

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

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Today

Coffee Hour

Habitat for Humanity Gift Basket Items DUE

Tuesday, June 23

June Movie and Lunch, 11:30am/1pm

NEXT SUNDAY

Book Discussion & Potluck at the Wick's, 11:15am

Greeters: Karen Nack

Counters: Danette & Renolle Volz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June Movie and Lunch | Date: Tuesday, June 23

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

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.

Supporting Tippe Divine Intervention Laundry Ministry |

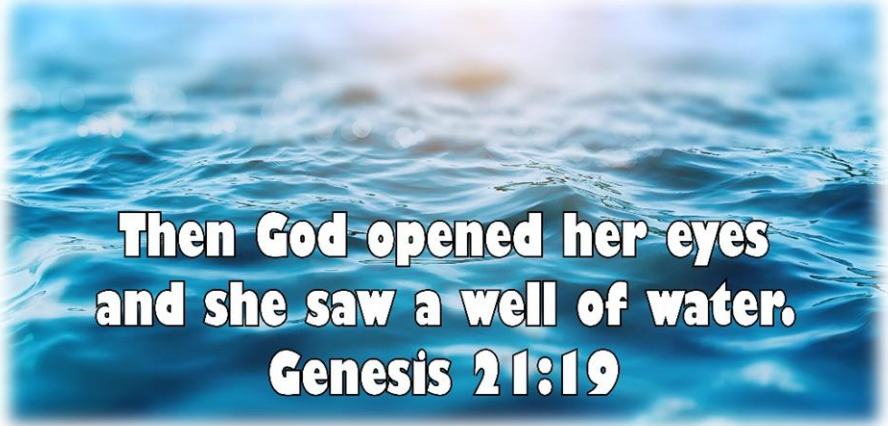
On **July 12**, Christ Church is providing 30 bag lunches for Tippe's laundry ministry. The bag lunches will include sandwiches, granola bars, a piece of fruit, small bag of chips and a bottle of water. We will be assembling these bags after church service on July 12 so they can be distributed at CA Coin Laundries at 3310 S Howell Ave between 1pm and 3pm. There will be a signup sheet on the Lenox Street bulletin board for items needed as well as two volunteers to deliver and distribute the bags. We are also collecting quarters to do laundry, and there will be a jar labeled for that purpose for the next few weeks at church. Please consider volunteering for this much needed ministry. Thank you, *Jan Naefken, Mary Ann Mowery, Randene Wick, Debbie Hansen, Sara Rogers, Vicki Teal, and Peggy Carew*

Hunger Task Force | We'll be working at Hunger Task Force (5000 W Electric Ave) on **Wednesday July 15, from 9am to 11 am** assembling food boxes for seniors. This is a fun and fast-paced opportunity to do some real good for our seniors. Please sign up on the Lenox Street bulletin board. Any questions, see *Andy Oren*.



CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!

Terryl and Janet Dietert's new granddaughter,
Blythe Hawkins Dietert-Munoz,
was born on June 18th.
She is 7lbs 14oz and 20.5".
May God bless this new little one!



**Then God opened her eyes
and she saw a well of water.
Genesis 21:19**

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: \$311</i>		

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