

Christ Church

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



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May 11, 2025

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*

Prelude

Shepherd Me, O God - Haugen

Words of Welcome

*Song of Welcome

People Rise Up

(verse 1, 2, repeat 1)

1. People rise up and praise our God
People rise up and see what God has done
People rise up and bless the name of the Lord, the Risen Christ
2. Let us sing out with praise to God
Let us sing out, the stone has rolled away
Let us sing out and bless the name of the Lord: the Risen Christ

*Call to Worship

ONE: The God of love and grace invites us in.

MANY: Blessed be the God of love!

ONE: The God of power and might welcomes us here.

MANY: Glory to God on high!

ONE: The God of wisdom and truth speaks to us now.

MANY: Praise the One who speaks truth to our hearts!

*Morning Prayer

Shepherding God, guide us in this time of worship. Help us receive your wisdom and respond with lives of faithful discipleship. Walk closely with us and help us feel your constant presence, both now and forevermore. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

Great Is Your Faithfulness

1. Great is your faithfulness, O God Creator
With you no shadow of turning we see
You do not change, your compassions they fail not
All of your goodness forever will be.
CHORUS: Great is your faithfulness, Great is your faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed your hand has provided
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me
2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To your great faithfulness, mercy, and love
3. Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring
Your own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessing all mine with ten thousand beside

Story on the Steps

The Lord's Prayer

Illustrated by Tim Ladwig

Gift of Music

This is the Day: Rejoice - Brown

Sanctuary Singers

First Reading: Psalm 23 (CEB)

The Lord is my shepherd.

I lack nothing.

He lets me rest in grassy
meadows;

he leads me to restful waters;

he keeps me ^[a] alive.

He guides me in proper paths
for the sake of his good name.

Even when I walk through the
darkest valley,

I fear no danger because you
are with me.

Your rod and your staff—
they protect me.

You set a table for me
right in front of my enemies.

You bathe my head in oil;
my cup is so full it spills over!

Yes, goodness and faithful love
will pursue me

all the days of my life,
and I will live ^[b]

in the Lord's house
as long as I live.

Second Reading: Acts 9:36-43 (CEB)

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas). Her life overflowed with good works and compassionate acts on behalf of those in need. About that time, though, she became so ill that she died. After they washed her body, they laid her in an upstairs room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two people to Peter. They urged, "Please come right away!" Peter went with them. Upon his arrival, he was taken to the upstairs room. All the widows stood beside him, crying as they showed the tunics and other clothing Dorcas made when she was alive.

Peter sent everyone out of the room, then knelt and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. He gave her his hand and raised her up. Then he called God's holy people, including the widows, and presented her alive to them. The news spread throughout Joppa, and many put their faith in the Lord. Peter stayed for some time in Joppa with a certain tanner named Simon.

Sermon

"Compassion, Resurrected"

Rev. Tara

Hymn of Response

For All the Faithful Women

1. For all the faithful women who served in days of old
To you shall thanks be given, to all, their story told
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your pow'r to save

2. We praise your name for Miriam who sang triumphantly
While Pharaoh's vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea
As Israel marched to freedom, her chains of bondage gone
So may we reach the kingdom, our mighty arm has won

3. We sing of Mary, mother, fair maiden, full of grace
She bore the Christ, our brother who came to save our race
May we, with her, surrender ourselves to your command
And lay upon your altar our gifts of heart and hand

4. We praise the other Mary who came at Easter dawn
And near the tomb did tarry, but found her Lord was gone
As joyfully she saw him in resurrection light
May we by faith behold him the day who ends all night

Prayers of the People

(see Weekly Newsletter for details)

- For those experiencing trials or ongoing health concerns, including: **Tom, Nichola, Susie K, Dulce, Laurel D, Bill D, Blair, Joe, Kozy, Stacy, Karl**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Having received new life through the generosity of God and the hope Christ brings, let us give thankfully and abundantly that we may be called God's generous people.

SCAN TO DONATE



Offertory

Nothing Can Trouble - Berthier

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, we dedicate these gifts and offerings into your service. May our generosity flow abundantly into a world in need of your transforming love and grace. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

1. O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?
2. From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed; Yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.
3. In conflicts that destroy our health, we recognize the world's disease; Our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
4. Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find The wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach and prosper humankind.

Announcements

*Words for the Journey

ONE: Blessed by God, **MANY: may we bless the world in the week ahead.**
ONE: Loved by Christ, **MANY: may we love others, in all we say and do.**
ONE: Empowered by the Spirit,
MANY: may we follow faithfully where God leads.

***Benediction Song**

Alleluia (verse 1)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Hymn #316

Postlude

Chorale Fughetta on "O Filii et Filiae" - Konkel

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Coffee Hour

Monday, May 12

Unclobber Community Book Study, 6:30pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran

Tuesday, May 13

Quilting, 9:30am

Wednesday, May 14

Finance Committee Meeting, 11am

Bible Study, 1pm

Thursday, May 15

Handbells, 9:30am

NEXT SUNDAY: Learning about Christ Church meeting
Carly Gaeth Ordination

Counters: Nancy Kaye, Janet Key

Dear Share & Care and all the Christ Church members,

Thanks to everyone for the gift bag of many assorted goodies, a program much appreciated by folks who are shut in or can't get out so much. An especially nice part is the visitors who deliver the gift. Terryl Dietert was our visitor and we "sat a spell" and had a nice chat, which brightened a cloudy day. *Gloria Konkel*

I would like to **thank the church** for the lovely assortment of Easter goodies I received. I also enjoyed the visit with Joan and Dick Gaeth. *Gloria Henke*

The Church and Ministry Team of the Southeast Association of the Wisconsin Conference—United Church of Christ and the congregation of Greendale Community Church United Church of Christ invite all members and friends of the Southeast Association Churches to the

Ordination of Carly Lillian Gaeth (Dick & Joan's neice)

Sunday, May 18th, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Hosted by

Greendale Community Church United Church of Christ

6015 Clover Lane, Greendale, WI 53219

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Learning more about Christ Church | If you have found a church home here and are interested in learning more about Christ Church, please see Pastor Tara or any one of us from the Membership Committee. We will have an informational meeting on **Sunday, May 18**, following the church service. There will also be a tour of the building. Thank you, *Membership Committee*

Join the Membership Committee! | The Membership Committee would love to have you join our group. We meet about four to six times a year and have informational meetings for visitors, a new member Sunday about once per year, and distribute door hangers at Easter and Christmas inviting neighbors to church. We also plan a few fun activities during the year such as Bingo, Hat Day, Dartball with a Twist, and Mardi Gras. We make sure newcomers receive a small visitors' gift each Sunday and keep track of the members. We now help obtain Greeters each Sunday, too. We are always looking for new ideas. If you are interested, please see anyone of us on the *Membership Committee: Mary Ann Mowery, Jan Naefken, Andy Oren, Susan Pfeifer, Randene Wick and Joan Gaeth*

Get Ready to PRAY! | Wednesday Bible Study will be returning on May 7 with the book *The Greatest Prayer: Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message of The Lord's Prayer* by John Dominic Crossan. The group will meet at 1pm on May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4. On **May 18 at 9:30am**, we'll be moving our worship service to the Fellowship Hall for a Creating Church service (similar to what we did on the first Sunday of Advent) where we will learn about different types of prayer and explore different ways to pray. Service begins as usual, and will then include a story and interactive stations where worshippers will be able to engage all their senses in prayer through a variety of activities. This promises to be a fun and engaging worship and learning experience for ALL AGES!!

Community Book Study | Our SECA partner churches are holding a community study of the book, *Unclobber*. The remaining studies will be held on Monday evenings at **6:30pm** at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Howell on **May 12 & 19**.

Lunch Outing / No May Movie Day | Tuesday, May 20th at 11:30am at the **Open Flame** on Hwy 100 and Edgerton | There are no movies that anyone wants to see for May. However, there is still an interest in meeting for lunch. All are welcome to come and enjoy a relaxing lunch and fun conversation with your Christ Church family members. There is a sign up sheet at the Lenox entrance. Any questions, please see *Jan Naefken or Joan Gaeth*. Hope to see you there!

Capuchin Walk for the Hungry is Friday, June 13 | Join our team as we walk with more than 1,000 people at Polish Fest. We will raise awareness and funds to help Capuchin Community Services provide food to people struggling with hunger. The registration fee is \$40 for adults and \$25 for children. All participants receive a commemorative T-shirt. You may register online by noon, June 2, or use a form that can be presented at the main gate on June 13 or please see Pastor Tara to register. Donations can also be made online. Register or donate here: <https://p2p.onecause.com/capwalk2025/teams> and click on the Christ Church UCC Team.

MILWAUKEE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Welcome Baskets

Our congregation has the opportunity to collect household items for a new Habitat homeowner. On the day the family takes occupancy of the house, they are presented the items that we collect for them. Christ Church has not been assigned a family yet, but there are several families who will be moving in during the summer. Below is a list of some of the items you could donate. Collection bins will be placed near the church office and in the chapel.

Trash bags, dish cloths and towels, boxes of tissues, hand soap, toilet paper, dryer sheets, Ziploc Sandwich bags, plastic wrap, aluminum foil, dish soap, toilet cleaner, all purpose cleaner

Thanks from the Social Concerns Committee: *Jan N, Sara R, Mallorie L, Mary Ann M, Debbie H, and Randene W*

Volunteer Opportunities

Habitat for Humanity has already started framing 5 new homes on Garfield Street since mid-March, with 5 more in the mid-town neighborhood starting through May. The Family Services team is SO excited for all the new future homeowners starting their journeys with us this spring. Our Interfaith Coalition house is scheduled to start at 2304 W Lloyd Street the week of May 7, with the first Building on Faith volunteer opportunities on these dates:

Saturday, May 10 - Framing

Wednesday, May 28 - Siding

Saturday, May 31 - High Ladder Siding

Additionally, there are other volunteer opportunities (*see weekly newsletter*).

If you are interested in volunteering for one or more of the Interfaith Coalition builds you can sign up at **<https://vhub.at/BuildingonFaithMKE>**

It's official!!! At last Sunday's Special Congregational Meeting, we voted to approve our Open and Affirming covenant. The ONA Committee is working with the National Coalition to certify us. Watch for updates on our celebration, upcoming events, and more soon—such as the Milwaukee Pride Parade on June 8.

MISSION MINUTES | Life Giving Acts | Acts 9:36-43 | In this season of Easter—where we journey 50 days to Pentecost—we continue to see how the power of Jesus, our Risen Lord, is now in the hands of his followers as they teach, preach, and heal in his holy name. Today we have one such healing.

Peter is in the city of Joppa, a prosperous port on the west coast of Israel, where he learns of the death of a faithful widow named Tabitha (Dorcas in Greek). Her great acts of charity and kindness are spoken of by the number of mourners who come to her home. Many are widows themselves wearing dresses made by Tabitha, who was a skilled seamstress.

Following in the footsteps of Jesus, Peter revives the dead woman by calling out to her, extending his hand and commanding her to get up once again. And she does. There is celebration, and news of this incredible life-giving act spreads throughout the populous city, gaining a record number of Jesus believers.

Bringing someone back from the dead is the ultimate life-giving act. But as Jesus followers in 2025, we need to remember that that life-giving act is still possible through each one of us. We might not be reviving the actual dead from their slumber, but we can bring life back to those who are among the walking dead—spiritually or emotionally. An inspiring word of encouragement reaching the ears of someone who has been belittled all their life is a life-giving act. A strong hand extended to lift the one who has been kicked to the gutter is a life-giving act.

There was a recent social media post from a resident of a tiny rural community thanking an anonymous donor for paying her ailing cat’s veterinary bill. Some selfless soul, hearing of the woman’s financial situation, opened wide their wallet to ease the stress and burden. A life-giving act for a worried fur mom and her elderly cat.

Life-giving acts are still possible. And perhaps the great act in our reading today is not Peter’s raising Tabitha from the dead. Perhaps the acts of life that we should applaud are the many ways Tabitha served others, performing life-giving acts daily without ever drawing attention to herself—a new dress, a listening ear, an understanding heart. Tabitha shows us this day that faithfulness is better than greatness. Tabitha showed that serving others is how we serve God. Who are the Tabithas among you this day? *God of new life, we praise you for the Tabithas who selflessly give to make this world better. We ask that you open wide our hearts and hands so that we may also perform life-giving acts to those in need who you place on our paths. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.*

Monthly Activity	April	YTD
Income	\$6,266	\$39,041
Expenses	\$12,272	\$66,177
Budgeted Amount	\$14,867	\$59,466

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Sunday after church until 12:30pm, or by appointment

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