

# Christ Connection

Empowered by God's love and following in the ways of Jesus Christ, we LIVE, GROW and SHARE AS Disciples of Christ.

For the Week Beginning August 16, 2020— Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost



Outdoor Worship Sunday at 9 am

We are delighted to be offering "Drive-In" worship this coming Sunday morning, August 16th. Because we have limited space in our parking lot, this service will require a "ticket" for each vehicle. The tickets can be obtained by clicking on the following link to register. You must bring your ticket with you on Sunday morning or display it in the window of your vehicle. Details for the morning's events can be found following

the link below or on your printed ticket. For instructions to log on to Facebook Live, follow the link at the end of this article. As always, if you have any questions, please contact the church office. Hope to see you on Sunday morning!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/clc-outdoor-sunday-service-tickets-116256102131>

**TICKETS:** Printed tickets should be displayed on the driver side windshield. Online tickets must be displayed on the driver side at check-in.

**ARRIVAL:** Please plan to arrive at least 10 minutes early. The only entrance is on Frontage Road.

**PARKING INSTRUCTIONS:** All vehicles must enter through the Frontage Road off Holmes Avenue and exit through the back of the parking lot. You will be directed to a parking spot when you arrive.

**\*\*\*You may sit outside your car on the driver side only. Note that audio will only be available on FM radio.\*\*\***

**MASKS:** All parking lot attendants and worship participants will wear masks for your protection. Wearing masks outdoors is highly recommended.

**AUDIO:** Signs will display the FM Radio Station to tune into for the Outdoor Worship Service. No other audio option will be available.

**"BYOE" COMMUNION :** Bring Your Own Elements for Communion. Juice is recommended to substitute for wine, as no alcohol of any kind is permitted for this event.

**RESTROOMS:** Only available for emergency use at the south entrance.

**ROBOCALL:** Pastor Erin will call on Saturday evening, RAIN OR SHINE, to share additional information for Sunday's worship or announce that the Sunday service is postponed.

**SERVICE CANCELLATION:** The regular noon Sunday Zoom virtual service will be available regardless of whether the Outdoor Service proceeds.

**RAIN DATE:** Your ticket will be valid automatically for the Rain Date of August 23, 2020. If you cannot attend on the Rain Date, please cancel your ticket so another family may enjoy the service.

Here is the Facebook Event Link to view the live streaming

<https://facebook.com/events/s/clc-outdoor-worship-live-strea/303628004286968/?ti=icl>



## Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. & noon  
Instructions at  
[www.yourchrist.org](http://www.yourchrist.org)

## Faith Formation

2nd and 4th Mondays  
6:00PM

## Christ Lutheran Staff

Rev. Erin Clausen, Pastor  
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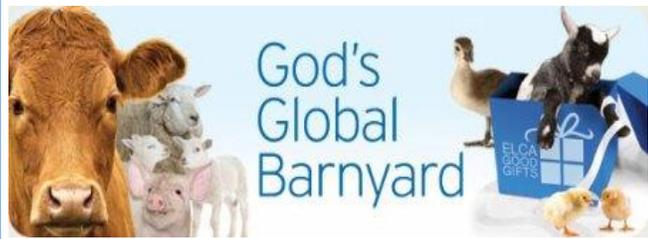
# The Virtual Bible Study

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There are a number of people who would like to gage in the Dialogues on Race Bible Study but are unable to participate on Wednesday mornings. Therefore, the decision was made to hold this study on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 6:00 p.m. It will be a ZOOM meeting. The information below will help you to log on to the bible study.

<https://zoom.us/j/277247648?pwd=K0t4N3VqRzlsdTNYajlxMHNPM08yQT09>



The Christian IMPACT Team would like to finish up the God's Global Barnyard (piggy bank) fundraiser that we began at the beginning of Lent. Unfortunately, we are not able to collect everyone's banks filled with change at this time. If you would like to participate, we are asking you to write a check to Christ Lutheran Church and put "God's Global Barnyard" or "Piggy Bank" in the memo line, and we will make sure the money goes to our Lenten Mission. Hang on to the bank until such time as we are able to gather in person again. The deadline for donations will be **September 15th**.

We have also had a button (*ELCA World Hunger*) added to our Tithely (online giving) platform for this purpose for those who do their giving electronically on our website at [yourchrist.org](http://yourchrist.org)

## DIALOGUES

— ON —  
RACE

Dialogues on Race is one in a series of "Dialogues on" studies intended to help Lutheran Christians respond faithfully to real-life questions. It's not news to anyone that we are living in a time of conflict, division, and disagreement. In politics, in religion, in education, in relationships and communities and churches, we are becoming people who can't seem to find our way out of the "us vs. them" pit of divisiveness. It doesn't matter who you think is "us" and who is "them." We all feel stuck.

And yet we know it doesn't have to be like this. In the face of cracking communities and strained family dynamics, the church is uniquely equipped to bring healing, hope, and wholeness to a hurting world. Ours is a faith built on hope, on the belief that we are all created in the image of God, on the assurance that no person or situation is beyond redemption. We believe faith is not only believing in God, but also doing the work of God in the world. We are the shining city on a hill, and the world needs our light now more than ever. One small group resource isn't going to change everything, but it can be a catalyst for new models of relational repair and social action. It can give participants a set of tools they can use to have bridge-building conversations rather than explosive arguments. It can serve as a model of peacemaking for a community struggling with strife. In other words, it can help the church be the church. Learner Guides are available through Augsburg Fortress for \$9.99 each and can be purchased through the following link: [Dialogues on Race Bible Study](#) *They are not necessary in order to participate in the Study.*



**Do you want to be a "virtual" Assisting Minister in Zoom Worship?** Contact the Church Office if you would like to record a reading for use on Sunday mornings. All it takes is a Smart phone with a camera. We will provide instructions.

## Be a part of the Communion Slide Show



One of the ways we keep connected is through our Communion Slide shows. If you are planning to join us this Sunday in Outdoor Worship, please take a photo of yourselves at the service so that we can use it in an upcoming Slide Show.

Not only do we get to view it on Sunday morning, but it also gets sent out to our homebound in printed form and they absolutely love seeing the pictures.

Send photos to [Office@yourchrist.org](mailto:Office@yourchrist.org)

## Annual Rummage Sale



Because of the uncertainty in the current climate as it relates to gathering in large groups, we regret that we will have to cancel the Rummage Sale this year.

For those of you who have faithfully gathered items to donate and have been storing them, thank you.



Household items, books, clothing (even in unwearable condition) are always accepted at the bin on the property at Christ Lutheran Church. The mission of "Goin' Green", the organization that has a bin

on our property is that any item that can be repurposed will be brought to their resale shop. Textiles that are unwearable will be recycled to keep unwanted items out of our landfills.

Our bin is emptied each month and Christ Lutheran Church receives \$50.00 per month for the use of our parking lot. Why not take advantage of it? Check out their website at [GoinGreenPickUp.com](http://GoinGreenPickUp.com) or call for a pick-up: 1-800-511-9290.

## Weekly Social Media Posts for August



Motivational Monday

Thoughtful Tuesday

Wednesday Wisdom

Traditional Music Thursday

Praise Band Friday

Sermon Sneak Peak Saturday

**Sunday Shine**

[YourChrist.org](http://YourChrist.org)

### Connections



Do you have a special bible verse that resonates with you? A verse that has special meaning or is your "go to" when things are rough? We'd like to feature it in our Wednesday "Connections" email. Simply send us the verse and a short narrative of why it holds special meaning for you, and let us share it with the rest of our church family. For those without email, call the church office.



While the recent survey of CLC members showed that the majority of the congregation doesn't yet feel ready to return to worship in the sanctuary, you may still be wondering what plans are in the works for this.

Please know that Pastor Erin, the council, and the COVID Resiliency Team all consider both your spiritual nourishment and your physical health & safety our top priorities. We continue to closely monitor the situation and the best practices for churches. We hope to stay connected and care for the whole congregation in spirit and body, to the best of our ability.

This week's outdoor service will help us connect in a different way. We'll be looking for your feedback about this service, and whether you would want CLC to schedule more outdoor services.

As for indoor services, we are committed to a safe environment for all involved. Thus, we hold as our first priority the comfortability of necessary worship personnel/staff with in-person worship. We also prioritize the comfort level of the congregation. Since at this point 75% of the congregation do not want to return to in-person indoor worship at this time, the worship team is focusing their efforts on serving the majority of the congregation to the best of our ability.

If you have specific questions or concerns, please contact me - 773-440-1182 (cell) or [pastor@yourchrist.org](mailto:pastor@yourchrist.org). And as always, if you would like a virtual-, phone-, or socially-distanced visit, I am available to you. May God bless us as we navigate these challenging times.

Pastor Erin