

# 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 23, 2020— Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

## The Lord's Prayer – why and how we pray

*[Jesus said to the disciples,] "Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one." Matthew 6:9-13*

From Luther's Small Catechism, Conclusion

[For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen.]

*What is this? OR What does this mean?*

That I should be certain that such petitions are acceptable to and heard by our Father in heaven, for he himself commanded us to pray like this and has promised to hear us. "Amen, amen" means "yes, yes, it is going to come about just like this."

The word Amen means 'let it be so.' Martin Luther suggests that ending the prayer in this way means "Yes! Yes!" As we conclude our prayers, we claim for ourselves the promise that God hears us and responds to us and our needs. Whenever we conclude a prayer in this way, we state our faith in the faithfulness of God. We state our understanding that God hears us, listens to us, understands us, and answers us.

The belief that God hears us and responds to us demands that we pay attention to what we are asking. We must take care to petition God for those things which benefit both us and our neighbors. We must take care to ask God for only that which supports community and engages the world in the way God wishes to engage it. We therefore must also take care to position ourselves with grace and humility anytime that we pray. The Lord's prayer reminds us again and again that our prayers have power and therefore require humility in relationship with God and our neighbors. Each time we pray, may we remember this invitation. May we engage with humility and grace, confidence and hope. May our prayers build relationships and community. May they bring the kin-dom of heaven near. Amen.

*Pastor Erin*

## 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

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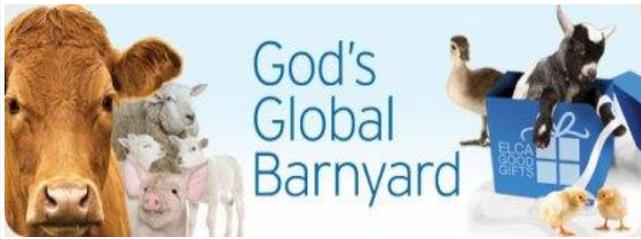
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## Connections



We hope that you have enjoyed reading about favorite bible verses that have meaning for some of our church family each Wednesday in "Connections".

If you have one you would like to share for our Wednesday "Connections" email, please send it to office [@yourchrist.org](mailto:@yourchrist.org) for inclusion in an upcoming Wednesday e-mail.



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. The deadline for donations will be **September 15th**.

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

We will collect them when we are back in worship together.

*The Christian IMPACT Team*



## **The Need Continues...**

As you know, Christ Lutheran Church made a commitment to the under-resourced families of **Hinsdale South High School** over the summer. Students who would normally have access to school breakfasts and lunches no longer had that available to them over the summer months, The Christian IMPACT

Team was able to purchase \$800.00 worth of Target and WalMart gift cards for these families for the months of May, June, July and August, to help make their summers a little more manageable. Some of their comments . . .

*"The gift cards helped my family with groceries. Being a single mother of 3 growing teenagers we welcome assistance whenever it's available. And it was great to receive gift cards because we were able to buy exactly what we really needed. Thank you so much for the donations."*

*First and foremost I want to say thank you to the sponsors of the summer Gift cards . They helped me and my kids so much. With all this craziness and no income it was an incredible help. I am still not getting unemployment so it was great help in getting grocery and toiletries. God bless you all ."*

*"I enjoy the gifts cards for my daughter. She use them for food, clothes, and hair items. It help so much. Thanks"*

*"Good morning, I was so grateful; it helped me a lot with grocery which allowed me to put more towards my light bill; the air is killing that bill but, what can we do . Thank U All so much and may your blessing continue as U Bless others."*

With District 86 going to "remote learning" because of COVID, these families will continue to struggle. If you would like to help out, you may make a donation by either mailing a check to the church with "District 86" in the memo line, or on Tithe-ly at [www.yourchrist.org](http://www.yourchrist.org). Thank you.

*The Christian IMPACT Team*

## Be a part of the Communion Slide Show

# Send Us Your Photos!



One of the ways we keep connected is through our Communion Slide shows. Not only do we get to view it on Sunday morning, but it also gets sent out to our home-bound 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.

## SHARING CONNECTIONS

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5111 Chase Avenue, Downers Grove 630-971-0565  
[www.sharingconnections.org](http://www.sharingconnections.org)

**Furniture** • Clothing/Linens • Baby clothes up to 2T • Dishes and Kitchen Items • Small Appliances • Decorative Items • Baby Items

**Furniture** can be picked up by calling to make an appointment; all other items must be brought during pick up times.

Monday-Friday 9am–3pm  
Saturday 9am-noon

*Remember, if you have textile items that are too worn to be of use to another person, let's keep them out of our landfills by bringing them to the Goin' Green bin in the CLC parking lot and recycling them!*

## 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



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.



Are you wondering, "When will CLC return to in-person worship?"

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.

We are 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 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.

The Worship Team and Staff would like to thank everyone who came out to participate in our very first Outdoor Worship last Sunday. We had over 25 vehicles in our parking lot and we hope everyone enjoyed worshipping together in this exciting, new way. As we look forward to possibly planning future events, your input is vitally important. It would be so helpful if you could please take a moment to email the church office at: [Office@yourchrist.org](mailto:Office@yourchrist.org) with "outdoor worship" in the subject line.. Please let us know what you enjoyed about the service and any suggestions you might have on how we could improve the experience. We would especially like to know what you thought about the sound quality, and whether you used the FM radio transmission or were able to hear the live speaker system well. Thanks in advance for your help!



Thank you on behalf of each person we feed and every family we support. Thank you.

*First Trinity Food Bank*



From the First Trinity Food Bank where CLC was able to donate 100 masks for distribution.

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