

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 September 20, 2020— Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on September 21. Established in 1981 by a unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

The 2020 Peace Day Theme is **Shaping Peace Together**. In this unusual time, this theme invites people from around the

world to celebrate the International Day of Peace by spreading compassion, kindness and hope in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. In so doing, we might stand together against attempts to use the virus to promote discrimination or hatred.

As Christian people, we cannot be apathetic about the hope of world peace. We know God's hope and intention for all people (and all of creation!) is to be at peace with God and each other - which we imagine back through time in the Garden of Eden. Even when peace seems impossible, as followers of Christ, we seek to extend the kingdom of heaven into this world. We seek to find that which unifies instead of divides us. We seek understanding despite our fear. We search for the promise and reconciliation of God, even when things feel hopeless.

This week, I invite you to join me in looking for moments of peace. Maybe you'll find it in a morning cup of tea (not likely in my household!). Maybe you will find it when you and your children reach a workable compromise. Maybe you will find it in your devotional reading or daily exercise.

And then, I also invite you to join me in shaping that peace. Even though there's unlikely to be a peaceful cup of morning tea, I may find peace amidst the chaos of beginning the school day. I may invite peace through a smile or a kind word instead of a harsh response. I may shape peace by inviting others to share what peace means to them. Look for ways you can offer compassion, kindness and hope this week - especially to those who can't seem to muster them toward you. And in so doing, may we join others across the world and followers of Jesus across all generations, that God's kin-dom might come here and now, among us. May it be so.

Pastor Erin

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. and
Noon on Zoom
www.yourchrist.org

Faith Formation

2nd and 4th Mondays
6:00PM

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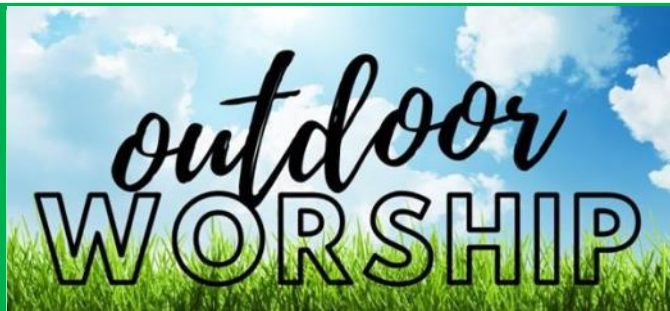
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Sunday, September 27th at 9:00 a.m.

Based on feedback from the congregation regarding sound quality from September 13th, we are taking measures to improve your worship experience. Thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate this process.

To Register:

- ✝ **Call the Church Office**
- ✝ **Visit the link below**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/clc-drive-in-outdoor-worship-tickets-121550198917>

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.

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

"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.

RAIN DATE: You will receive a robocall in the evening on SATURDAY, September 26, 2020, in the event of a rain cancellation. Your ticket will be valid automatically for the Rain Date of October 4, 2020. If you cannot attend on the Rain Date, please cancel your ticket so another family may enjoy the service.



Welcome back Youth & Family Ministry! Registration is open for the 2020-2021 Youth Ministry Year! All children are welcome to register for Youth & Family Ministry. Please go to www.yourchrist.org, check your email for the link, or check out our Facebook page to register your children now for Sunday School, Confirmation Class, and/or Youth Group! **Deadline is Saturday, September 26th, 2020.**

All families must register each child ages 0 - 18 whether or not the child will be attending the Nursery, Sunday School, Confirmation Class, or Youth Group. This is to ensure correct ordering of materials, staffing of volunteers, and for emergency plans.

Youth Ministry families, please check your email on Fridays for Sunday School and Confirmation Class details for Sunday's class meeting times and zoom information. Stay tuned for details on this coming Youth Ministry Year!



Financial Snapshot

CLC contribution income is 14% lower than what we had budgeted year to date, however other income is higher due to funds received from the

Paycheck Protection Program and Congregational Support Grant. CLC's expenses are also lower as St. James also received Paycheck Protection Program funds and has applied those funds to Pastor's salary & benefits since June.

In summary our contribution income has been lower compared to what we had budgeted for, however funds from both the government and the Synod that CLC (and St. James) received have "propped up" our finances... unfortunately, we cannot expect such aid in the future.

*Matt Ramirez
Church Treasurer*

Racism 101

We have been invited by our neighbors at Community Presbyterian in Clarendon Hills to participate in a study from September 27th through October 18th on the subject of racism. The study will take place on Four consecutive Sunday mornings at 10:45 on Zoom and will be facilitated by different individuals from week to week:

September 27th: Why Is It So Difficult to Talk About Racism?

October 4th: A History of Racism in the United States: 1492 - 1954

October 11th: A History of Racism 1954 - present

October 18th: White Privilege

Interested in participating? Watch for more details including the Zoom invitation information as September 27th approaches. There will also be a link available to find printed materials to help guide you through this study.



Quilt to be a prize at October Event

Last Sunday as the outdoor worship service was wrapping up and the quilts that had been blessed for Lutheran World Relief were being boxed, this lovely quilt was chosen by Carl Maeder, Everyone Thankful

Coordinator, to be given as a prize at the October Fundraiser. This year, due to COVID, the event, which will bring food to hungry families for Thanksgiving, will have to be virtual. **Please check out page 4 of the Christ Connection for all the details!**



Do you have a favorite pumpkin recipe? Share it with us! Through September we'll be collecting pumpkin recipes to share on Facebook in October. Email your recipes to christlutheranmarketing@gmail.com. Send pictures too!

**ELMHURST ELKS LODGE,
SOJOURNERS PUB CHURCH,
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH,
CLARENDON HILLS & DOWNERS
GROVE FISH FOOD PANTRY
INVITE YOU TO SUPPORT**

EVERYONE THANKFUL

WHEN

Saturday, October 10th

WHERE

This year we're bringing the party to you! Virtual event online—participate at a small-group gathering or in your own home. Form your own trivia team and join in the fun.

**FEATURING • Trivia hosted by Baig of Tricks
Entertainment**

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**PROVIDING
Thanksgiving
Baskets for
Families in Need**

SUGGESTED DONATION

\$30 per device-trivia

**\$50 minimum per house
party**

**For more information or to
register:**

**text 630.439.5748 or email
every1thankful@gmail.com**

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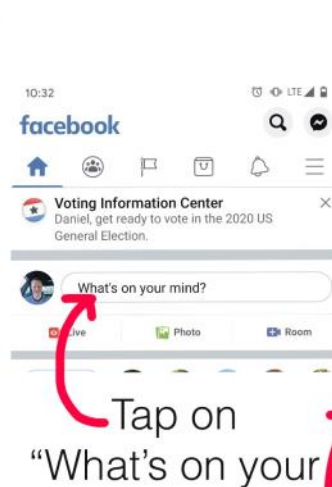


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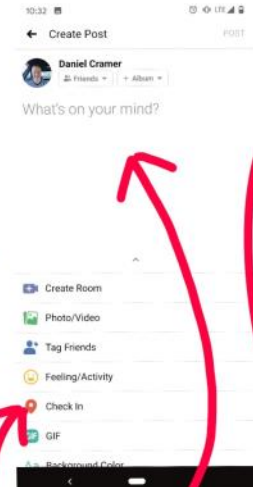
Did you know you can still check-in on Facebook on Sundays for our Virtual Church Service?
 Let family and friends know that you are worshipping and invite them to worship with us remotely!



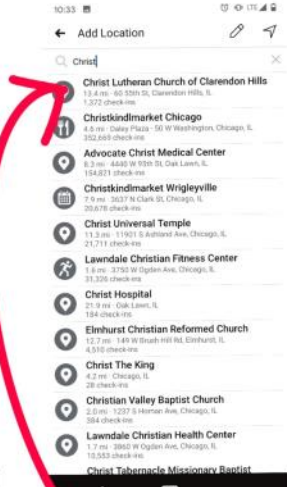
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