

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 20, 2020 @ 10:00 am**

**Church of The Cross**

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# WELCOME ALL

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Rev Julie Peterson

Draw near to the Lord, who hears our pleas and our praise.

**We come to rest in God's holy presence.**

Here is the bread which the Lord provides; here is manna to nourish our souls.

**We gather to feast on God's sustaining Word.**

Remember the Lord's wonderful works each evening;  
see God's glory with the morning's light.

**Come, let us worship the Lord!**

### OPENING HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

*recorded at COTC on 3/31/19  
GTG #649; Blue #280*

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!**

**I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.**

**How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.**

**'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.**

**He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,**

**We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Jim L

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

**Lord, your generosity surprises us. For you do not dispense grace according to how hard we work, or how often we worship, or how closely we follow the rules. No, you lavish grace upon us according to your own desire. But we insist on deciding who is deserving and who is not. We grumble that some receive too little, while others have more than they deserve. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to live with humility and gratitude so our words and deeds might embody your grace.**

### OUR SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia!

## SHARE GOD'S LOVE

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

“Jesus Loves Me”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:2-15

Jim L.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1-16

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“God's Generosity”

Rev. Julie Peterson

## OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

*(Grant us Peace)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Psalm 145:1-10 (adapted)*

Jim L.

**We will extol you, our God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.**

**Every day we will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; the Lord's greatness is unsearchable.**

**One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, we will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and we will declare your greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and the Lord's compassion is over all that the Lord has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERING

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

*James W & Marie – 9/2/18*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jim L.

CLOSING HYMN

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*recorded @ COTC on 10-28-18  
GTG #435; Blue #298*

**There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea.  
There’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earths sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God’s Word,  
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.**

BENEDICTION

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Welcome All  
Share God's Love  
Offer Hope  
... all in Jesus' name



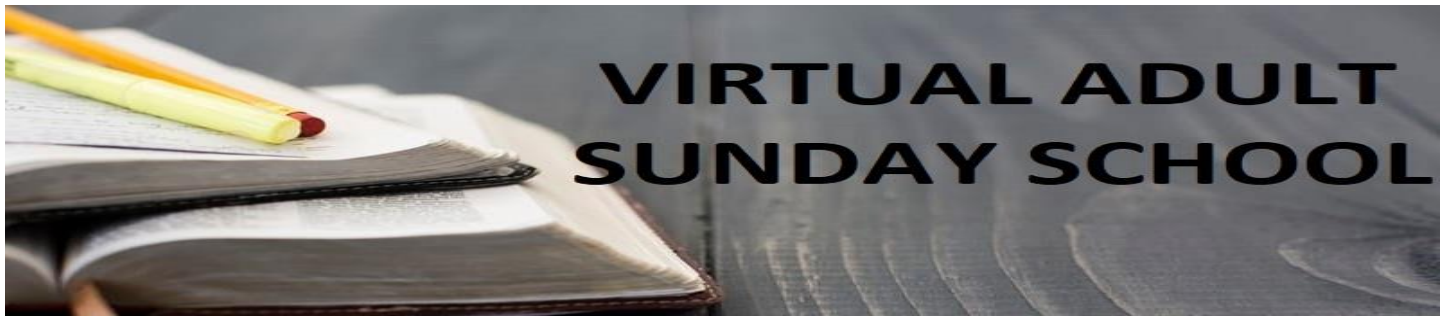
## DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

*If you have a prayer request, please email or text Pastor Julie.*

### WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

**Avonne** (Laura's mother)  
**Linda A** (sister of Judy M)  
**Connie & Ed** (friends of Karen)  
**Kevin B** (Joe L's co-worker/friend)  
**Mildred B**  
**Mary Ann B**  
**Sushma B**  
**Virgil B** (friend of Karen)  
**Andree C**  
**Chuck C** (Laura D's brother)  
**Patrick C** (Stu/Marie's son-in-law)  
**Renee C** (Laura's sister-in-law)  
**Jim C** (Mary Ann's son-in-law)  
**Tom C** (Ann M's brother-in-law)  
**Betty D** (Marie R's cousin)  
**Linda D** (Jim/ Sue's relative)  
**Margaret E** (Joe L's company president's Mom)  
**Betty F** (Chris L's mother)  
**Shawn F** (Karen F's son)  
**Donna F** (Jim/Sue's aunt)  
**Karen F**  
**Lori F** (George R's OES friend)  
**Adelaide G**  
**Bruce & Linda G** (friends of Stu/Marie)  
**Nick G** (Stu/Marie's grandson)  
**Ricky G** (Sue/Joe's nephew)  
**Rita H** (Jim/Ann's relative)  
**James and Sandra** (friends of John/Cheryl)  
**Jessica** (Charlie/Nancy's niece)  
**Karen**  
**Marge K** (George R's OES friend)  
**Steve** (Jane's brother)  
**Jim/Sheryl L** (Ken/Pat's son-in-law/daughter)  
**Phyllis L**  
**Judy M**  
**Klee** (Fritz/Fay's son)  
**Kofi M** (Adelaide's family friend)  
**Lisa M** (Karen's daughter)  
**Steve M**  
**Dick McW** (Ann M's brother)  
**Noah** (nephew of Adelaide's son-in-law)  
**Shannan** (Terri H's niece)  
**Susan Q** (Ann S's boss)  
**George R**  
**Maria R** (Laura D's friend)  
**Jessie R** (Julie/Jeff's niece)  
**Ann & Geoff S**  
**Marnie S** (Glenna M's friend)  
**Larry V** (Jim V's father)  
**April V** (Chris V's cousin)  
**Caregivers**  
**Communities impacted by natural disasters**  
**Those devastated by terrorism**  
**Families of suicide loss**  
**Those who grieve**  
**Our world and all victims/families affected by COVID-19**  
**Those affected by the fires on the west coast**

- **Kristen & Sean** (friends of Sara M)
- **Karl & family** (friends of Jeff/Julie)
- **So many others!!!!**



The group meets via Zoom on **Sundays at 11:30 am.**

Our study book is “The Color of Compromise. The Truth about the American Church’s Complicity in Racism” by Jemar Tisdie. The book tells the story of how people of faith have historically - up to now - worked against racial Justice.

**EVERYONE is invited to join the study**—just let Pastor Julie know you are interested, and the Zoom info will be sent directly to you.



**Our next Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, September 30 at 7 pm.**

We will be discussing Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid.

If you want to be included, please email Judie at [judietrue@gmail.com](mailto:judietrue@gmail.com) and she will send you a Zoom invitation.



**Cheryl W and Centro de Informacion will be participating again to do something about meeting hunger needs both locally and around the world.**

Elgin Cooperative Ministry organizes the Elgin CROP Walk for Sunday, October 18th, and Centro de Informacion is a member of ECM. In fact, 25% of all the money raised in the Elgin walk goes to ECM to support local food pantries and soup kitchens. Centro's small emergency pantry, which is seeing almost twice as many people now as it did 4 months ago, is one of the beneficiaries. Please donate on the website to support:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/elginil/Centro?tab=MyPage>



# Lunch WITH THE PASTOR

Join us via Zoom every **Wednesday at 12 noon** for bible study as we discuss scripture passages for our upcoming worship service. Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom access information to join the Bible Study.

September 23	Matthew 21:23-32; Exodus 17:1-17
September 30	Matthew 21:33-46; Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
October 7	NO CLASS
October 14	Matthew 22:15-22; Exodus 33:12-23
October 21	Matthew 22:34-46; Deuteronomy 34:1-12



Men's Bible Study will be on September 23rd.  
Meetings start at 7:00 pm.

Our current study is on the book *A Resilient Life*, by Gordon MacDonald. We meet via Zoom. We encourage new attendees, so if interested, please contact Ken G. or Stu R. for access details. If you do not have a copy of the book, ***A Resilient Life***, consider ordering from Amazon.



Across America and in every community, there are families struggling to meet their basic needs. This year Church of the Cross will again be participating in the Warm Coat Program. By donating money for NEW winter coats, you can help relieve the burden of poverty and bring the gift of warmth to children in need at Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg elementary schools. A new coat allows families to stretch limited financial resources to necessities, such as food and shelter. The unfortunate reality is that these schools request even more coats than we can fund. Most of the children receiving these coats are part of the federal free or reduced school breakfast/lunch program so having a warm coat to get to school often means their meals for the day.

Thank you for your consideration.

**We will be accepting donations until Sunday, September 27th. Just put the notation "Warm Coats" in your check memo line or envelope.**



# FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

**DROP OFF AT 1 ILLINOIS BLVD HOFFMAN ESTATES  
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 9-1PM.**

## FINANCIAL DONATIONS:

Monetary donations allow us to purchase goods based on the needs of our clients at wholesale prices and is the easiest way to meet the growing demand at this time. Checks can be mailed to the Township (Attn: Food Pantry) and should be made out to the Township of Schaumburg with Food Pantry in the memo section. Donations can also be made online through our website [schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org). Please remember to signify the donation should be made to the Food Pantry.

## FOOD DONATIONS:

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Soup
- Oatmeal and Cereal
- Canned Meats (tuna fish, chicken, ham, Spam)
- Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, mandarin oranges)
- Canned Pasta Meals
- Beef Stew, Chili, Pork n Beans
- Canned or Boxed Potatoes
- Canned or Dry Beans
- Tomato Products
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Hamburger Helper
- Pasta Roni
- Rice A Roni
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels



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