

Christ Lutheran Church
23425 Davis Mill Road
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A Congregation of the American Association of Lutheran Churches



Our Mission Statement

We strive to be worthy witnesses to the world.

At Christ Lutheran, we strive to lead lives worthy of our calling as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ in God's world.

(Ephesians 4:1)

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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 24, 2021

During the music before the service let us join in a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare our hearts for worship.

*Please stand as you are able where marked****

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

****The Confession and Absolution*

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(A time of silent reflection and self-examination.)

Pastor: Most merciful God.

People: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

****Opening Hymn:*

God Himself is Present

Hymn #164

God himself is present, Let us now adore him, And with awe appear before him!
God is in his temple, All within keep silence, Prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
Him alone God we own, Him, our God and Saviour; Praise his Name forever!

God himself is present, Hear the harps resounding; See the crowds the throne surrounding!
'Holy, Holy, Holy,' Hear the hymn ascending, Angels, saints, their voices blending!
Bow thine ear To us here: Hear O Christ, the praises That thy Church now raises.

O thou Fount of blessing, Purify my spirit, Trusting only in thy merit;
Like the holy angels Who behold thy glory, May I ceaselessly adore thee.
Let thy will Ever still Rule the Church terrestrial, As the hosts celestial.

*****Psalm: Psalm 126 (read responsively)**

Pastor: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

People: we were like those who dream.

Pastor: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

People: and our tongue with shouts of joy;

Pastor: then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

People: The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.

Pastor: Restore our fortunes, O Lord,

People: like streams in the Negeb!

Pastor: Those who sow in tears

People: shall reap with shouts of joy!

Pastor: He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

People: shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

*****The Gloria Patri: (sung)** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*****The Kyrie: (responses are sung)**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Glory be to God on high!

*****Gloria in Excelsis: (sung)** And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*****Collect:**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Heavenly Father, we praise your name that you have opened our eyes to salvation through our Blessed Lord. Grant that we might always follow Him so that He might be our Master in all things. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷For thus says the LORD,
“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
And shout among the chief of the nations;
Proclaim, give praise and say,
‘O LORD, save Your people,
The remnant of Israel.’

⁸“Behold, I am bringing them from the north country,
And I will gather them from the remote parts of the earth,
Among them the blind and the lame,
The woman with child and she who is in labor with child, together;
A great company, they will return here.

⁹“With weeping they will come,
And by supplication I will lead them;
I will make them walk by streams of waters,
On a straight path in which they will not stumble;
For I am a father to Israel,
And Ephraim is My firstborn.”

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 7:23-28

²³The *former* priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing, ²⁴but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently. ²⁵Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; ²⁷who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the *sins* of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. ²⁸For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, *appoints* a Son, made perfect forever.

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Alleluia: (*sung*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Pastor: Lift up your hearts and hear the Holy Gospel as it is recorded in the tenth chapter of Saint Mark beginning with the forty-sixth verse.

*****People (sung)** Glory be to thee, O Lord

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar *named* Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ Many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him *here*.” So they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you.” ⁵⁰ Throwing aside his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And answering him, Jesus said, “What do you want Me to do for you?” And the blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, *I want* to regain my sight!” ⁵² And Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and *began* following Him on the road.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

*****People: (sung)** Praise be to thee, O Christ

Children’s Sermon:



Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear, It is not night if thou be near;
O may no earth-born cloud arise To hide thee from thy servant's eyes.

When the soft dews of kindly sleep My wearied eyelids gently steep,
Be my last thought, how sweet to rest Forever on my Saviour's breast.

Abide with me from morn till eve, For without thee I cannot live;
Abide with me when night is nigh, For without thee I dare not die.

If some poor wandering child of thine Have spurned today the voice divine,
Now, Lord, the gracious work begin; Let him no more lie down in sin.

Watch by the sick; enrich the poor With blessings from thy boundless store;
Be every mourner's sleep tonight Like infant's slumbers, pure and light.

Come near and bless us when we wake, Ere through the world our way we take,
Till in the ocean of thy love We lose ourselves in heaven above.

Sermon:

Pastor Abraham McNally

*My
Master*



The Sermon Response: (sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.

***** The Apostles' Creed:**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*****The General Prayer: (after each petition)**

Pastor: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

*****The Prayer Response: (sung)**

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.

*****The Preface: (responses are sung)**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

*****Proper Preface:**

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with Angels, and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

*****The Sanctus: (sung)**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of thy glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

*****The Consecration:**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also, he took the cup, when he had supped and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me."

*****The Eucharistic Prayer:**

Pastor: Remembering, therefore, his salutary precept, his life-giving Passion and Death, his glorious Resurrection and Ascension and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to thee, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we beseech thee mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and with thy Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, thy servants, and these thine own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who partake thereof may be filled with heavenly benediction and grace, and, receiving the remission of sins, be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all thy saints. And unto thee, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in thy holy Church, world without end. Amen.

*****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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

*****The Agnus Dei: (sung)**

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

The Communion (If you are baptized, believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, have honestly confessed your sins, and believe that under the bread and wine Christ gives us his true body and blood, you are welcome to come to communion.)

*****Post Communion Blessing:**

Pastor: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

People: *Nunc Dimittis* (Simeon's Prayer): **(sung)** Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou has prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

People: (sung) And His mercy endureth forever.

*****Closing Prayer: (responses are sung)**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to thee, Almighty God, that thou hast refreshed us with this thy salutary gift; and we beseech thee, of thy mercy, to strengthen us through the same gift, in faith toward thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*****The Benediction:**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: (sung) The threefold Amen

A-men, A-men, A----men.

*****Closing Hymn:**

O Saviour, Precious Saviour

Hymn #419

O Saviour, precious Saviour, Whom yet unseen we love;
O Name of might and favor, All other names above;
(Chorus)

*We worship thee, we bless thee, To thee alone we sing;
We praise thee and confess thee, Our holy Lord and King.*

O bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought;
(Chorus)

In all thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and power divine;
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is thine.
(Chorus)

O grant the consummation Of this our song above,
In endless adoration And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless thee Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess thee, Our Saviour and our King.

*****The Postlude**

Prayers and Praises:

For our church leaders:

Presiding Pastor: Rev Dr. Curtis Leins
Assistant Presiding Pastor: Rev Cary Larson
AALC Administrator: Rev Dean Stoner
Secretary Pastor: Rev Joe Marsh
Home Mission Developer: Rev Joe Christina
National Office Manager: Bonnie Ohlrich
Seminary President: Rev Dr, Jordan Cooper
Seminary Administrator: Duane Kleven

Joyce Ballard	Mark & Terri Ballard	Sheila Perini	Robin Nicholson
Donald Burdette	Michael D'Amico	Hope Johnston	Nancy Gregory
Ken Ford	Tim Birdseye	Lee Ballard	Samantha Shriver
Jimmy Beall	Frank Benenati	Burk Hill	Dorothy Foster
Elizabeth Ondulich	Ruth Bates	Rebecca Robinson	Bill Trall
John Burdette, Jr.	David Price	Ted Hawk	Traci McNally
Carolyn Shriver			

For the President and the leaders of our nation

For those in the armed Services: Grace Gorevin, Zach Gorevin, Christopher Clarke, Travis Hawk, Skyler Hawk, Bethany Hueter, Chaplain John Reutemann, Chaplain Len Brokenshire, Cameron Donk, Ethan Stone, Rebecca Deppe

For our Seminary Students

For a Region congregation: Reverend Fred Balke, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Franklin, NC

For our missionary work: Frederick Rescue Mission

For those being persecuted for their faith in Christ

For the congregations of our Germantown/Clarksburg/Damascus community: Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene

For the congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches

For our college students: Haven Flesch, Shelby Evans, Maddie Day, Joseph Flesch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Effective August 7th Masks must be worn indoors by all persons in Montgomery County over the age of two.**
- **Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7 PM at the church.**
- **Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10 AM at Audrey Stapf's home.**
- **Adult and Children's Sunday School: 9:30 Sunday mornings.**
- **You may continue to watch the Sunday services (10:30AM) via Livestream on Facebook – Christ Lutheran Church AALC. The Bulletins for the services are on our Website: christlutheranofgermantown.org. The video of every livestream is on our Facebook page. You can access the livestream by clicking the link at the bottom of the first page of our website or by visiting the Facebook page directly. Be sure to click on the 'videos' tab.**
- **We are collecting shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse for "Operation Christmas Child". Empty shoeboxes (with labels inside each box) are available by the coat rack. Please return the filled shoebox (including \$9 for shipping and processing) by November 14th, as they will be picked up that week. Thank you!!**

SERMON NOTES: My Master