

Christ Lutheran Church

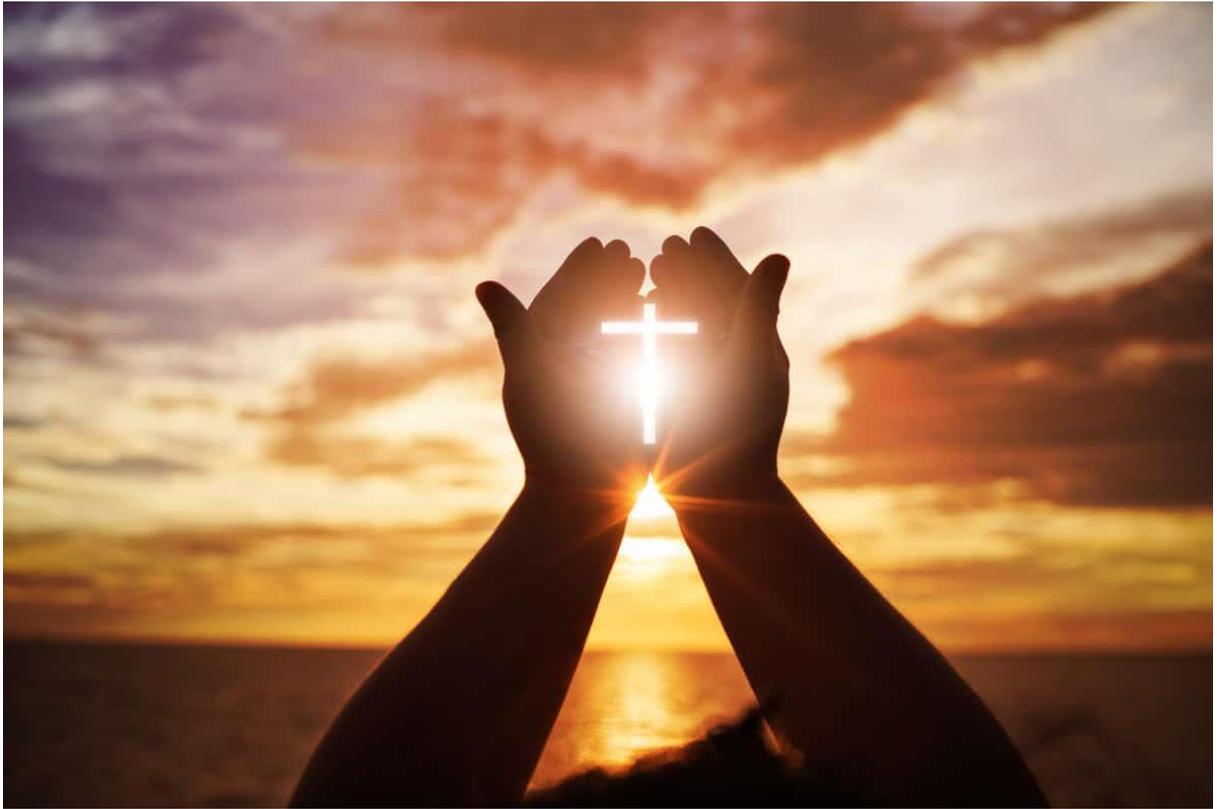
Germantown, Maryland

Epistle To The Saints

September, 2020

Services 8:30 and 10:30 AM each Sunday

- ❖ Monday, September 7th-Labor Day
- ❖ Sunday, September 13th – Grandparent’s Day
- ❖ Sunday, September 20th – Church Council Meeting



“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

-1 Thessalonians 5:18

WELCOME!

As Montgomery County remains in phase 2 of reopening CLC will continue to hold two services Sunday mornings, 8:30 and 10:30, due to occupancy constraints. Masks are required. Masks, gloves and hand sanitizer will be provided. Please contact Pastor McNally to indicate which service you would like to attend.

We will continue to livestream the 10:30 service.

Please check your email for future updates

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Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." –Matthew 25:37-40

Ever wonder how our church father, Martin Luther, got his name? He was baptized on the feast day of St. Martin of Tours. It's as good a way to choose a name as any, I suppose. There is a story attributed to St. Martin that I find particularly beautiful. St. Martin was a monk who became the bishop of Tours, France. However, earlier in his life he was a Roman soldier. The story goes that one day Martin was riding along, and as he approached the city of Amiens, he spotted a beggar in the road. The beggar was poorly clothed and cold. So, Martin drew his sword, cut his military cloak in half, and gave it to the poor man. That night, as Martin was sleeping safely within the city walls, he had a dream. In the dream he saw a vision of Christ speaking to the angels. As he looked, he saw that Christ was wearing the same half-cloak that Martin himself had given to the beggar. He heard Christ speaking to the angels, saying, "Look, here is the cloak that Martin gave to me!"

I love that story because it reminds us of an important truth. As we see others in need, we remember that we are looking upon the faces of those Christ loves, those Christ cared for enough even to die in their place on the Holy Cross. As we reach out in service to our neighbor, we remember the words of Christ, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Imagine yourself in St. Martin's place. Imagine Christ saying, "This is the food that you gave to me when I was hungry. This is the help you gave to me when I was poor. These are the prayers you offered for me when I was hurting." It is indeed a humbling thought, that Christ could possibly be blessed by anything we might do. As we show love and care for one another, we indeed show the very love of Christ to someone Christ loves.

–Pastor Abraham McNally



September Birthday's

- 1st-Joyce Ballard
- 18th-Bruce Gladhill
- 19th-Laura Nichols
- 19th-Carly Nichols
- 21st-Carilee Layman

September Baptisms

- Carol Bartels
- Joyce Ballard



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Christ Lutheran Church AALC
 Pastor McNally has our Facebook page looking great! Lots of wonderful information about our church, congregation, and news.
 Every week the sermon's video is posted.
 AWESOME!

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- IRVIN STAPF:** Father, we ask for your continued healing in Pastor Stapf.
- LAURA NICHOLS:** Father, we pray that you continue to heal Laura.
- MARK BALLARD:** Lord, thank you for blessing Mark with your healing mercies.
- NANCY GREGORY:** Father, we ask you to be with Nancy and help her to feel comfort and peace, as well as your love.
- PASTOR CURTIS LEINS:** Father, we thank you for Pastor Leins. We pray that you will keep him in your care and bless his work in Your name.
- PASTOR ABRAHAM MCNALLY:** We thank you Lord, for sending Pastor Abraham to us. Be with him as he continues to be a blessing to our congregation.
- DONALD BURDETTE:** Father, please put your hands-on Donnie and heal him.
- DIANNE WENTZELL:** Lord Jesus, we pray that you heal Dianne and give her comfort.
- CHRISTINE BEALL:** Lord, we ask that you be with Christine and heal her body.
- FOR OUR CONGREGATION:** Father, we ask your merciful goodness in providing us with the wisdom, discernment and courage to do Your will.
- FOR OUR CHILDREN:** Lord, keep each of them strong in You each day. Protect them and guide them in the plan that You have for each of them.
- FOR OUR PASTORS:** By the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, please uphold and help them stand firm in the truth of Your gracious word.
- FOR THOSE SERVING AWAY FROM HOME:** Father please guide them in Your mercy and bless them with the fullness of Your love.



“Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.” Luke 18:17

Looking for Volunteers to spend some time with the little ones. Children that would like to spend time in the Nursery from the end of the Children's Sermon until Communion during the Sunday Service. A short Bible Lesson is taught during this time. Please sign up in the sanctuary or see Carolyn Shriver for details.

Ministry-To-Children



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We encourage you to provide Jeane with your comments and things that you think would add additional value to the site.



Livestream

To view the livestream of our services, go to the church Facebook page (Christ Lutheran Church AALC) or go to our website (christlutheranofgermantown.org) and click the link at the bottom of the first page. Once on the FB page click the "videos" tab. Bulletins for our services are on the website.

Care Net Pregnancy Center

Thank you for your generosity in saving your change and bringing it to be donated once the campaign begins again. Janice Delagrange will report back to the congregation with any updates.

Care net has suspended our baby bottle ministry for the time being. They are taking care of clients in a "distancing" manner, except when sonograms or such are necessary. My suggestion is that we plan ahead for when things settle down because we know the need to support Care Net is great.



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

We believe in the power of prayer. We all pray individually and in our times of worship together. But when we are in a position of being the one for whom those prayers are presented before our Father's Throne of Grace, we understand more clearly just how real, how powerful, and how necessary our prayers really are. We also are enfolded in the depth of love carried along with them, both from the ones who pray and from our God, who alone is our healing, strength, and life.

My sincere thanks to you, my dear family in Christ. I'm doing well. My leg is healing. It is great to see to it straight and not 20 degrees out of line! I have very little pain, more mobility, was able to put the walker aside several weeks ago and am only using the cane when I walk outside. My balance is a bit better, but I still need the cane. I will pay attention to my doctors and continue my exercise. These, too, have been given me in answer to your prayers.

I once had someone accuse me of "advocating prayer before doing anything practical". Our present life in this broken world is not an "either/or", either physical or spiritual. The Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, took on a physical body sharing this life with us. We use the physical (medical knowledge and tools) God provides, but we also use the very practical gift of prayer as Jesus has instructed us to use each day.

My thanks for all of the love and care you've shown for Audrey and me. Continue strong in your personal and corporate ministry of prayer. Pastor Irvin

*(Words we can trust: Jeremiah 18:1-6; 29:11; 31:3,
& above all Romans 8:38-39)*

*Irvin F. Stapf, Jr.
Pastor Emeritus*



“Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.”

-James 5:7



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