

Christ Lutheran Church

Germantown, Maryland

Epistle To The Saints

March, 2021

Service at 10:30 AM each Sunday

- Wednesday, March 3rd-Lenten Service-7PM
- Wednesday, March 10th-Lenten Service-7PM
- Wednesday, March 17th-Lenten Service-7PM
- Sunday, March 21st-Church Council Meeting-after church
- Wednesday, March 24th-Lenten Service-7PM
- Thursday, April 1st-Maundy Thursday-Communion Service-7PM
- Friday, April 2nd-Good Friday-Tenebrae Service-7PM



Welcome!

Service will be held at 10:30 Sunday mornings. Social distancing is required and masks, gloves and hand sanitizer are available.

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.

“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” –Matthew 6:16-18 ESV

In our day we don't talk or think about fasting very much as a religious exercise. We usually only think about fasting during the liturgical season of Lent. Traditional fasting usually involves not eating for certain hours of the day or for certain periods of time. When we fast at Lententide, we often give up eating certain foods or doing something we enjoy.

Our culture largely does not understand fasting focusing more on indulgence and consumption. Why should we give something up or refrain from pleasures? What purpose does fasting serve? First of all, fasting is a sign of contrition and repentance. Fasting shows that we have sorrow for our sins and that we intend to turn away from them. But fasting is not simply a form of self-punishment. It serves a very practical purpose. For example, if you have given up certain foods, whenever you crave that food you are reminded of your fast and the purpose of your fast. Your thoughts are directed towards God and away from self-satisfaction.

This is why Jesus discourages us from making a show of our fasting because such a thing is nothing but more self-indulgence and is antithetical to the purpose of fasting. There is a reason why fasting is so often tied to prayer in the Scriptures. In both practices we turn our hearts towards God. In both prayer and fasting we realize that everything we have comes from God and from Him we should expect nothing but good. As with prayer, fasting is between us and God.

As we especially remember prayer in time of need, perhaps we should consider fasting in more than just the season of Lent. In times of personal trouble or trouble in our nation or world, or in times of great decision or moment, in those times when we turn to prayer, let us also turn to fasting. Fasting is more than just a pious practice. It is a gift from the Lord.

-Pastor Abraham McNally

March Birthdays

5th-Rebekah Stapf
 12th-MJ Vallarino
 19th-Jan Gladhill
 26th-Will Stapf
 27th-Lottie Gibson
 31st-Kit Gibson

March Baptisms

10th-Remington Stapf
 18th-Frank Benenati
 26th-Joe Flesch
 30th-Clyde Gibson, III

PRAYER AND PRAISE

IRVIN STAPF: Father, we thank you for your continued healing in Pastor Stapf.

LAURA NICHOLS: Father, we praise you for your continued healing in 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.

ART DELAGRANGE: Lord we ask that you heal Art and rid him of pain.

DONALD BURDETTE: Father, please continue to heal Donnie.

DIANNE WENTZELL: Lord Jesus, we pray that you heal Dianne and give her comfort.

CLYDE GIBSON: We thank you Father, for watching over and healing Clyde. Continue to bless and comfort him Lord.

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.

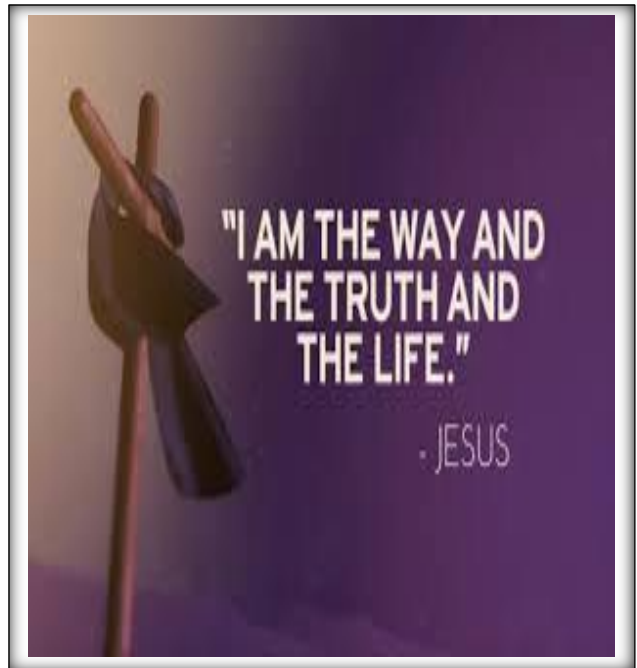


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Christ Lutheran Church AALC
 Pastor McNally has our Facebook page looking great! Lots of wonderful information about our church, congregation, and news.

Every week the service's video is posted.

AWESOME!



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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.



Dear Christ Lutheran Church.

My name is Scott Yount. I'm a Lutheran pastor who has been serving as a missionary in Bila Tserkva, Ukraine for nearly seven years. I met my wife Lena here in Ukraine, we married in 2017. I'm excited to share with you about Joy 4 Ukraine ministries. Joy 4 Ukraine is about bringing the joy of the Gospel into the lives of orphans and children with special needs in Ukraine through compassion, care, and community. My hope is every child and family we minister to will experience the joy that comes by knowing we are freely justified for Christ's sake through faith. Joy 4 Ukraine has a wide variety of seasonal and year-round ministries, I would like to share a few of those which I feel have the most impact.

Ministries of Joy 4 Ukraine

Seasonal

Summer Bible camps for children with special needs.

Hosting Night to Shine, a special needs prom in February for around 100 youth.

Christmas visits to children with special needs, bringing gifts dressed as Father Frost (Ukrainian Santa).

Year round

Church of Hope-our weekly worship service that reaches out to people with special needs.

Weekly visits to the local orphanage for Boy's with special needs in Bila Tserkva, where we do Christian camp songs, Bible stories and crafts.

Weekly visits to the school for the deaf in Bila Tserkva.

Young Adult group gatherings on Friday evenings.

Handicap accessibility monitoring and advocating for people with disabilities with local community members.

I'm very excited for all the ministry opportunities we have to look forward to in 2021. Thank you so much for supporting Joy 4 Ukraine.

God's Blessings to you.

Pastor Scott Yount

If you would like to support Pastor Scott and Lean in their ministry in Ukraine you may make a check out to Spiritual Orphans Network with Scott Ukraine in the memo and send it to:

Spiritual Orphans Network
8210 Louisiana Blvd NE, Suite B
Albuquerque, NM 87113



Coming soon...



We will be collecting food for Damascus Help for the month of April. Stay tuned for more information or contact Sarah Shriver.



*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

-1 John 1:9



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