

Christ Lutheran Church

Germantown, Maryland

Epistle To The Saints

June, 2021

Service at 10:30 AM each Sunday

- Sunday, June 13th-Church Council Meeting
- Sunday, June 20th-Father's Day



And looking at *them* Jesus said to them, “With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” -Matthew 19:26

Welcome!

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.

Our Confession

May Your lovingkindnesses also come to me, O Lord, Your salvation according to Your word; So I will have an answer for him who reproaches me, For I trust in Your word. And do not take the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, For I wait for Your ordinances. So I will keep Your law continually, Forever and ever. And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Your precepts. I will also speak of Your testimonies before kings And shall not be ashamed. I shall delight in Your commandments, Which I love. And I shall lift up my hands to Your commandments, Which I love; And I will meditate on Your statutes.

—Psalm 119:41-48

Martin Luther had stirred a very big pot. According to the Scriptures Luther preached salvation through faith in Jesus Christ alone. He stood on this truth against the corruption of the Roman church and confessed the faith before the emperor at the Diet of Worms in 1521. As a result Luther became a fugitive and went into hiding. But Luther's teaching was the teaching of Scripture. Because Luther illuminated the Scriptures many people came to believe in the pure gospel of Jesus Christ including many princes and electors in the land.

In 1530 many of these princes met before the emperor at the Diet of Augsburg where they presented their confession. The Augsburg Confession contained a summary of their faith. It answered questions such as: who is God? What is sin? Who is Jesus? And how are we saved? The confession then moved to the office of the holy ministry, the church, the Sacraments, and concluded with various other important topics.

One of Luther's strongest opponents, Johann Eck, led a confutation (or rebuttal) of the Confession which many on both sides saw as somewhat of an embarrassment. However, the confutation gave opportunity for Philip Melanchthon, the lead writer of the Confession, to write an apology (or defense). This Apology allowed the evangelical Christians (labeled Lutherans) to explain their faith in even greater detail.

As Lutherans, and especially as Christians, it is very important to know what we believe, to answer to the basic questions of our faith. We don't have to start this work from scratch. The faithful men of the Diet of Augsburg have succinctly summarized the faith for us. The faith of the Augsburg Confession is the faith taught in the Bible, and God's word does not change. May God give us the knowledge and strength of faith, not only to believe and live out our confession, but to be ready to give an answer for the hope that it in us before an erring and unbelieving world, even as the Augsburg confessors did those 491 years ago.

-Pastor Abraham McNally

June Birthdays

14th-Carolyn Shriver

21st-Sarah Shriver

June Baptisms

2nd-MJ Vallarino

9th-Will Stapf

20th-Jan Gladhill

29th-Art Delagrange

FAITHFULNESS

How many words can you make out of "faithfulness"?

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For the word of the LORD is upright, And all His work is *done* in **faithfulness**. -Psalm 33:4

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.

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.

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.

TAMMY STIMMELL: Lord we thank you for her healing and ask that you continue to watch over her.

NIGEL BROWN: Lord, be with Nigel as he completes his seminary studies.

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!



It is also taught among us that we cannot obtain forgiveness of sin and righteousness before God by our own merits, works or satisfactions, but that we receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith...

Augsburg Confession, 1530

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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.





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BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

voice4life.org

- 1** Take a baby bottle and collect spare change inside. Dollars and checks are OK too!
- 2** Return bottle (empty or filled) by the date the campaign ends.

Your change rescues babies from abortion and spreads the Gospel to parents!

***Please return your baby bottles by Sunday, June 20, 2021**



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