

# Christ Lutheran Church

Germantown, Maryland

*Epistle To The Saints*

August, 2021

Service at 10:30 AM each Sunday

- Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>-Church Picnic at the Gladhill's-1PM



*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.*

*-John 3:16*

## 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](http://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.

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*He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.*

*—John 12:25-26*

August 10<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of St. Lawrence. St. Lawrence was a deacon of the church in Rome in the mid-200s. At that time the Roman emperor, Valerian, began persecuting Christians in earnest. Valerian demanded that Christians should renounce their faith and offer worship to the Roman gods, or else their property may be seized, they may be banished, or even killed. Many Christians stood firm against this persecution. They refused to worship false gods. True to the emperor's order, many Christians were killed, including Pope Sixtus II.

Eventually the Roman prefect ordered Deacon Lawrence to appear before him and turn over the riches of the church to the Roman authorities. The story goes that Lawrence asked for three days which he used to distribute the church's monies and goods to the poor. Finally, St. Lawrence appeared before the prefect with nothing to turn over. The prefect asked him, "Where are the riches of the church?" St. Lawrence replied that the church is far richer than even the emperor. Even the meek and the poor themselves are the riches of the church.

There are different accounts and legends of St. Lawrence's execution. One legend has it that St. Lawrence was roasted over a fire on a gridiron. During this grave torture the legend says he said, "Turn me over for I am done on this side." For this reason the Catholic Church rather morbidly holds St. Lawrence as the patron saint of chefs and comedians. However, it is more likely that St. Lawrence was beheaded according to the emperor's order.

Indeed, according to St. Lawrence's words, the church is far richer than the richest emperor because of the blessings of God in Christ. The church and all her saints hold the treasures of forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life. And each saint of the church down to the poorest is a precious treasure to God. We are all poor beggars before God, and we receive from him as the poor of Rome received from God by the hand of St. Lawrence. And like Lawrence we all have the opportunity to serve God by serving one another in love and generosity. God has blessed us each in so many ways. Let us follow the example of St. Lawrence in this generosity as well as in perseverance of faith even unto the end.

*—Pastor Abraham McNally*

**August Birthdays**

3<sup>rd</sup>-Jeane Flesch  
11<sup>th</sup>-Joe Flesch

**August Baptisms**

9<sup>th</sup>-Glenn Shriver  
11<sup>th</sup>-Anthony Perini  
11<sup>th</sup>-Jenna Perini  
Connie German

***Children's Sermon...***



**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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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!**

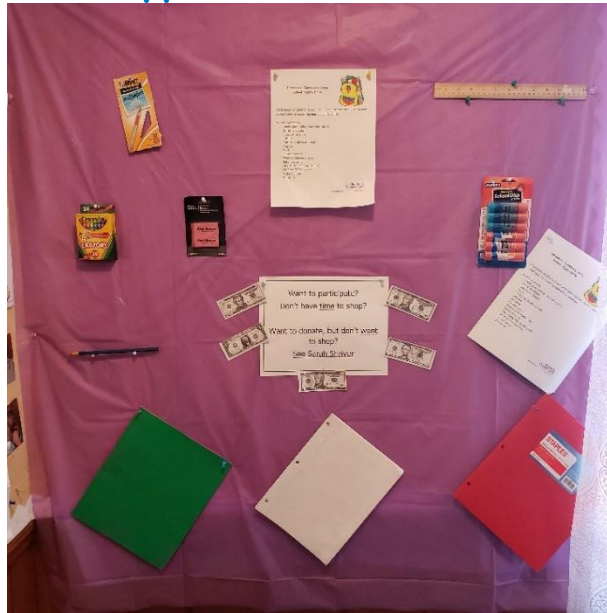


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We encourage you to provide Jeane with your comments and things that you think would add additional value to the site.



We are collecting school supplies for Faith Connections thru August 15<sup>th</sup>.



We are collecting:

- Lined paper (college and wide ruled)
- Spiral notebooks
- Composition books
- Pencils
- Pens (blue, black and red)
- Crayons
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Erasers and eraser caps
- Safety scissors

- Dividers (5-7 subject)
- Pocket folders
- Backpacks
- Glue sticks (not regular glue)



*And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.  
-Philippians 4:19*



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