

Christ Lutheran Church

Germantown, Maryland

Epistle To The Saints

October, 2021

Adult & Children's Sunday School at 9:30

Service at 10:30 AM each Sunday

Sunday, October 17th-Church Council Meeting

Sunday, October 31st-Reformation Sunday



Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.”

-Deuteronomy 31:6

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.

“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.” –Ephesians 3:14-17a

In the month of October, we especially celebrate Reformation Day on October 31 when, in 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the Wittenberg church door. His intention was especially to dispute the church’s teaching on indulgences. A person could purchase an indulgence to supposedly remit the punishment of their sins.

But the church’s sale of indulgences wasn’t the only teaching Luther had a problem with. Luther was a monk, and according to Catholic teaching, monks were supposed to lead holier lives than everyone else. Luther strived to live up to his calling and sought to please God with his life. However, no matter how holy he was, he never felt that he was holy enough to please God. The guilt of his sins always weighed him down.

Luther was seeking to purify his heart so that it would be holy enough and clean enough for Christ. But through his study of the gospel Luther realized that he could never make his heart pure enough for Christ. He would always be a sinful vessel. He needed an alien righteousness, a righteousness from outside of himself, to purify his heart. He couldn’t create that purity within himself. He needed that purity granted to him.

God is faithful to create that purity in us by the power of His Holy Spirit even so that Christ might dwell in our hearts through faith. Luther’s major turning point in his understanding of the Gospel came when he read Romans 1:17: “For in [the gospel] the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘But the righteous man shall live by faith.’” In other words, perfect purity doesn’t come from our own works, but only from the gospel of Jesus. We receive his own righteousness and purity only by faith. No matter what we do, we do it all in faith, being strengthened in power by the Holy Spirit. Rather than trusting in an indulgence from the church, or in our own holiness, we can trust in Jesus Christ who dwells in our hearts through faith.

Pastor Abraham McNally

October Birthday

3rd-Brian Nichols
13th-Audrey Stapf
16th-Stephen Gray
17th-Abraham McNally
24th-Gianna Clarke

October Baptisms

26th-Susan Shriver
7th-Carolyn Shriver

PRAYER AND PRAISE

PASTOR IRVIN STAPF: Father, continue to bless Pastor Stapf in his health.

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: Bless Pastor Abraham's ministry here at Christ Lutheran Church and prosper God's word among us.

CAROLYN SHRIVER: Father, grant Carolyn strength and healing in this time of trial.

FRANK BENENATI: Lord, grant Frank healing and peace as he undergoes his cancer treatments.

TRACI MCNALLY: Father, bless Traci with comfort and healing as she undergoes her cancer treatments.

PASTOR NIGEL BROWN: Lord, bless Pastor Nigel as he begins his ministry at Hope Lutheran Church in Hampton, VA.


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.



 Like us on Facebook.

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.



Church Picnic

On Saturday, August 28th, we gathered at the home of Jan and Bruce Gladhill for our church picnic. Great food, fellowship, and fun for all! Jan and Bruce extended their gracious hospitality and God gave us perfect weather!





A Wonderful Welcome Home!

The Clarke's joined Christ Lutheran in 2012. Chris is a Captain in the United States Army and they were stationed in Hawaii, Australia, Arizona and now at Fort Meade. We are delighted to have them back.



Pastor McNally conducts the service to welcome them back into the church.



Pastor McNally, Chris, Sofiya, Gianna, Anya, Christopher, Jessica

Pastor Nigel Brown was ordained and installed at Hope Lutheran Church Hampton, VA on August 29, 2021.

We at Christ Lutheran have supported him in his seminary studies. It was an honor to be present for his ordination alongside Presiding Pastor Rev. Dr. Curtis Leins and Pastor Dean Stoner, to lay hands on him, and bless him. Please continue to keep Pastor Nigel in your prayers and may the Lord bless his ministry. –Pastor Abraham McNally



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Christ Lutheran Church, Germantown: My sincere thanks for your generous gift upon my ordination 8/29. Your congregation has faithfully supported me and I am very grateful to you all. It is an honor and pleasure to now serve the saints of Hope Lutheran in Hampton. I will always appreciate the support that you have shown me. God bless you! I also thank you for sharing Pastor McNally with us for the ordination. What a joy it was to have him with us. Thanks again. In Christ, -Pastor Nigel Brown.

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Date: _____

The Creation Word Search



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*I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; From where shall my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.
-Psalms 121:1-2*



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