

# Christ Lutheran Church

Germantown, Maryland

*Epistle To The Saints*

November, 2021

Adult & Children's Sunday School at 9:30

Service at 10:30 AM each Sunday

Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> Change clocks back 1 hour

Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>-Veterans Day

Sunday, November 21<sup>th</sup>-Church Council Meeting

Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>-First Sunday in Advent



*Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

*-1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

## 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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Epistle Article November 2021

*<sup>27</sup> For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. <sup>28</sup> Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. <sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears. <sup>32</sup> And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. –Acts 20:27-32*

The Apostle Paul delivered this message to the elders, or pastors, of Ephesus upon his departure. He did not hold back or spare them from the truth of what would happen after he left. Paul warned them that wolves would arise to endanger their flock. These false elders would teach perverse thing with the purpose of gaining followers and disciples for themselves rather than for Christ. Worst of all, these enemies would not come as strangers from the outside, but they would arise from within their own fold.

Although Paul’s warning sounded pretty terrifying, and the elders of Ephesus surely needed to be on guard, they did not need to be afraid. Paul provided them with a defense. While Paul was with them he taught them the purity and truth of God’s word. He said, “I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.” Some translations say, “The whole counsel of God.” Paul taught them everything they needed to stand firm on the truth of God’s word and to guard themselves against the wolves who would arise.

Ultimately, those evil forces would not prevail against the Church. The Holy Spirit had appointed pastors, elders and overseers, to shepherd the Church, and Paul had instructed them well. But ultimately those shepherds were under a greater shepherd, a shepherd who shed His own blood for the Church, the Lord Jesus. He purchased and won the whole Church from sin, death, and all the powers of the devil by his shed blood on the cross. Though false teachers and opposing forces would surely arise to endanger the flock, God would defend them by the Holy Spirit and preserve them by His holy word. As we are faithful to hear God’s word every week, even every day, we pray that God would also guard and sanctify us so that we, too, would be preserved by His word of grace.

–Pastor Abraham McNally

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**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 peace and comfort as she awaits knee surgery.

**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.



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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.



November	7	14	21	28
Pianist/Organist	Meryl	Helen	Jan	Meryl

We are collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse. Shoeboxes are available at church along with instructions. Shoeboxes are due at church by November 14<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to include \$9 for postage and handling.



**November Birthday**

**9<sup>th</sup>-Jenna Perini**

**12<sup>th</sup>-Art Delagrange**

**13<sup>th</sup>-Carrie Perini**

**November Baptisms**

**3<sup>rd</sup>-Stephen Gray**

**7<sup>th</sup>-Ashley Gray**

**9<sup>th</sup>-Sarah Shriver**

**23<sup>rd</sup>-Jane Simcox**

**24<sup>th</sup>-Gianna Clarke**

*Pastor Appreciation Sunday*

October 17<sup>th</sup>, we had the privilege of honoring Pastor Abraham McNally on Pastor Appreciation Sunday, which also fell on his birthday this year.



Pastor emeritus Stapf prays for Pastor McNally.



After the service, we gathered for food and fellowship.



**A Loving Farewell – In Remembrance**



We gathered together to honor the life of Glenn Kenneth Shriver, Jr. at his **Interment on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Mountain View Cemetery, 5114 Harney Road, Taneytown, MD.**

Glenn and Carolyn became charter members of Christ Lutheran in 1976 with a group of Damascus/Clarksburg families to worship in a Christ centered Scripturally grounded fellowship. Glenn became a vital part of our church body and a leader in the formation of who we are, as a congregation, today.

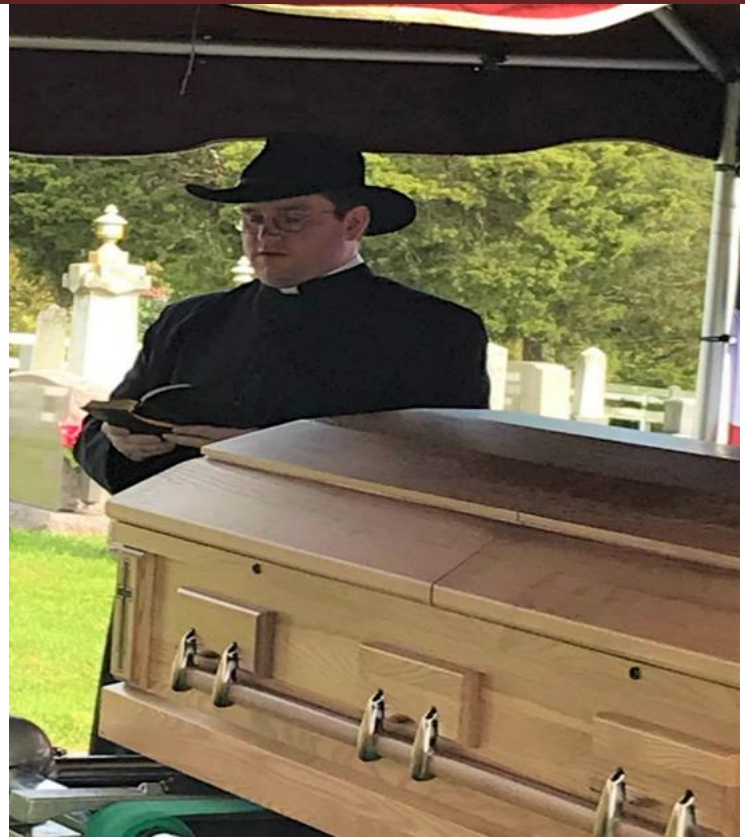


**-Honoring a Veteran-**





Presentation of the Flag



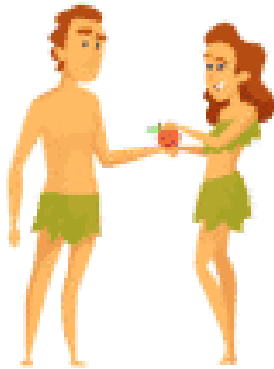
Pastor McNally conducting the Service



*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

*-John 14:6*





# Genesis

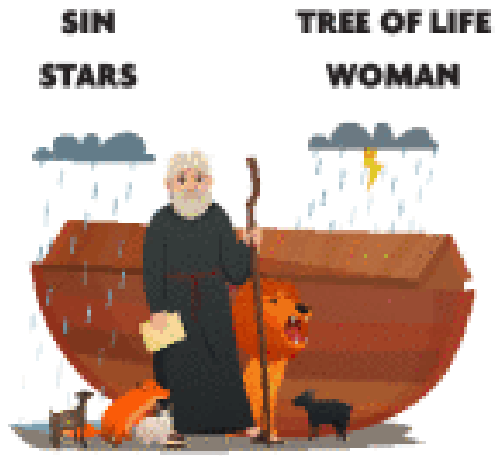
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- ABRAHAM
- ADAM
- ARK
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- BEGINNING
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- BROTHERS
- CAIN
- COVENANT
- CREATION
- DREAMS
- EGYPT
- EYE
- FAMINE
- FLOOD
- GARDEN OF EDEN
- ISAAC
- ISRAEL
- JACOB
- JOSEPH
- LIGHT

- MAN
- MOON
- PHARAOH
- RAINBOW
- SABBATH
- SARAH
- SERPENT
- SEVEN DAYS





*Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.  
-John 15:13*



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