

Christ Lutheran Church

Germantown, Maryland

Epistle To the Saints

December 2024

Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Service at 10:30 AM each Sunday

Sunday, December 1st-First Day in Advent

Sunday, December 15th-Communion, Church Council Meeting

Saturday, December 21st-First day of **Winter**/Christmas Party 5-7 PM

Tuesday, December 24th-Christmas Eve Service 7PM

Wednesday, December 25th-Christmas Day/The Nativity of our Lord

Tuesday, December 31st-**New Year's Eve**



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior who is Christ the Lord".

~Luke 2:11

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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

MERYL BENENATI: *Lord, we praise you for your continued healing in Meryl.*

BOB PETERSEN: *Father, we ask that you continue to heal Bob and ease his pain.*

REVEREND DR. CAREY LARSON: *Father, we thank you for Reverend Larson. We pray that you will keep him in your care and bless his work in Your name.*

PASTOR SCOTT YOUNT: *Lord we ask that you bless Pastor Yount and his wife, Lena, as they faithfully serve you and spread the word of the 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 OUR SEMINARY STUDENTS: *Father we ask that you be with Chris Clarke as he prepare to join the ministry.*

FOR THOSE SERVING AWAY FROM HOME: *Father, please guide them in Your mercy and bless them with the fullness of Your love.*

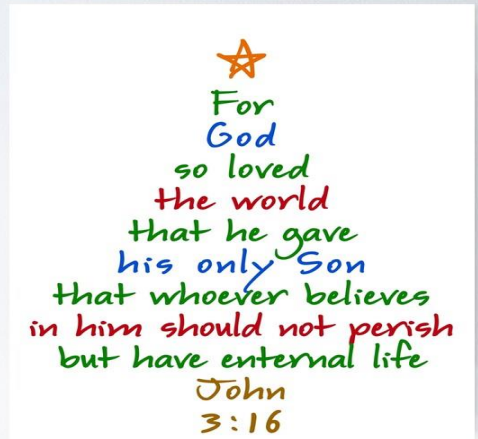


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Christ Lutheran Church AALC

Our Facebook page is 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.



Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

~ Isaiah 7:14

Update on Shiri Parish, Tanzania

In late November, Vicar Chris spoke with Pastor Leons Shirima from Shiri Parrish Church in Tanzania. Pastor Leons spoke about the church and school and their work for the community. The church has two services with approximately 500 people per service with about 1600 in the congregation. Divine service with Holy Communion usually takes about 2 hours due to the large number of congregants. Pastor Leons said that his church was small when comparing it to other churches in the area. In total, the church has two pastors and three evangelists (men who assist with bible study, outreach, etc.). The church continues to use the grain mill, church bell, and school desks that our church provided the financial support for.

On a slightly separate note, Pastor Leons said that they also run a private school that serves grades 1-7. They would like to add three more rooms so they can add grades 8-10, however that project is still some time away. With tuition only costing \$320 a year per student, their enrollment stands at 148 students and 26 of those are orphans; so it's a little less than what we're used to paying in the US. Thanks be to God that their church and school have thrived so well. Pastor Leons was very appreciative for our continued support over the years and hoped to keep up the relationship. More updates to come in the subsequent month as we prepare our annual donation to their church.

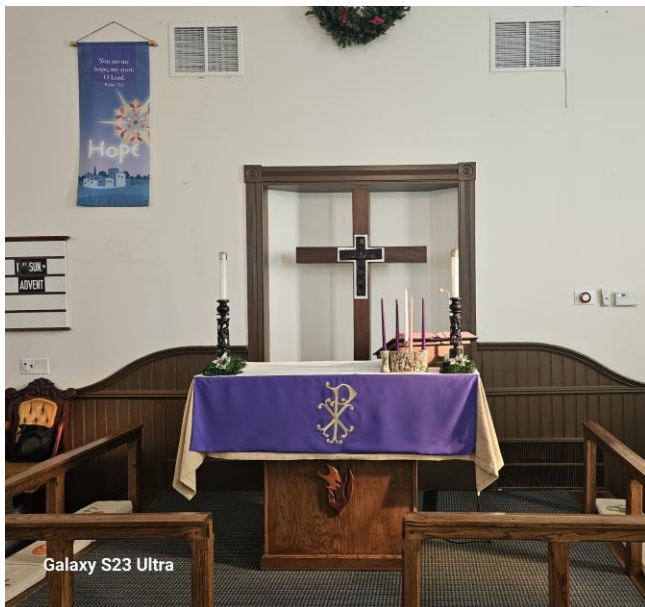




THANK YOU to everyone who came out to help decorate our Church for Christmas!! We had coffee, juice and pastries, as we put up the tree, wreathes and many decorations.



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Joy to the World

*Joy to the world the Lord is come Let earth receive her king
Let every heart prepare Him room And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing And heaven and Heaven and nature sing*

*Joy to the world the savior reigns Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy Repeat, repeat the sounding joy
He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love And wonders, wonders of His love*



Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

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