

Christ Lutheran Church

Germantown, Maryland

Epistle To the Saints

April 2025

Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Service at 10:30 AM each Sunday

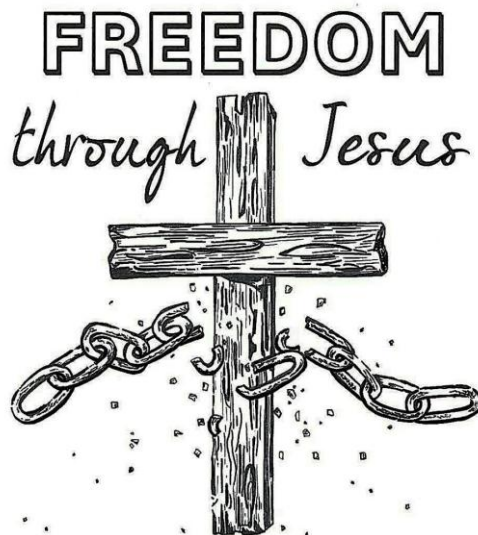
Sunday, April 6th-The Rev. Joe Christina to visit, preach and conduct Communion

Sunday, April 13th-Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 17th-Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 18th-Good Friday

Sunday, April 20th-Easter



“For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.” –John 6:40

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

AUDREY STAPF: *Lord, you are the great Physician. We ask that you wrap your arms around Audrey and comfort her as her body heals.*

PASTOR IRVIN STAPF: *Heavenly Father, we thank you for healing Pastor Stapf. We ask that you continue to be with he and Ms. Audrey, as they continue to follow you and spread your Word.*

JOE & JEANE FLESCH: *Father, we thank you for healing Joe. We ask that you continue to be with him as he continues physical therapy. We thank you for Joe and Jeane, and their fruitful dedication to Christ Lutheran Church, and its members, family and friends.*

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

BOB PETERSEN: *Father, we ask that you ease Bob's pain and give him comfort as he heals.*

REVEREND DR. CARY LARSON: *Heavenly Father, we thank you for Reverend Larson. We pray that you 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. We thank you for providing each of our members, visitors, friends, and family. Each and every one is a true blessing.*

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 prepares 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.*

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!



Like us on Facebook!



“He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’”

~Luke 24:6-7

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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.



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you.

~1 Peter 1:3-4

Recently when reading in Luke 13:1-9 about the unproductive fig tree, I thought about that fig tree getting another chance to be productive before it was destroyed. Then I thought about myself being a sort of fig tree. What would digging and fertilizing look like in my life to make me more productive? I thought of reading and learning from the scriptures, praying, listening, taking to heart sermons at church, fasting, attending Bible Study—by faith trusting and obeying what the Holy Spirit reveals to me. I was reminded of the FRUIT of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control in Galatians 5:22). These fruits are produced by the Holy Spirit—not by me living under the weight of my “trying and floundering”.

Well, my original intent was to highlight a song we sing in Sunday School (and sometimes when Ms. Jeane gives the children's talk)--“This Little Light of Mine”. In my “Family Circus cartoon” way of thinking, this all ties in. When we sing those songs we are having fun (most of us 😊) and perhaps also doing some digging and fertilizing in the hearts of our young trees. I hope you also enjoy the song and remember that we are speaking “to one another (and yourself) in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Singing and making music in your heart to the Lord.” (Ephesians 5:19) Enjoy!

Matthew 5:14-16

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (There is similar scripture written also in Luke 8:16-18 and Mark 4:21)

This Little Light of Mine!

This little light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

More Verses:

Hide it under a bushel? NO! . . .
Won't let Satan blow it out! . . .
Shine all over my home town . . .
Let it shine 'til Jesus comes . . .

Carolyn

BE KIND CHALLENGE

I would like to propose a **challenge** to each of you. I want you to wake up each day smiling. I **challenge** you to do a good deed. Every day. The main thing I wish to get across is to **be kind** to everyone. A good deed can be something as simple as smiling at someone you pass on a sidewalk, or in the grocery store. Smiles can change someone's attitude and they are contagious!!! We should **be kind** to everyone every day, even if sometimes it can be hard. You could also do something as simple as playing a game with your brother or sister. It would put a smile on their face(s). You could surprise a parent, spouse, or friend by unloading their dishwasher or taking out their trash. You could pick up trash or tree branches in a neighbor's yard. Imagine how pleasantly surprised they will be! I am sure they will smile!! You could call a friend or someone you haven't spoken to in a while. You just might be the one that brightens their day. You don't even need to leave the house to participate. There are many, many things we can each do every day. Everyone in the world is going through something challenging. You could be the one that puts a smile on their face and turns their bad day into a good one. We can't change the way others act, but we are responsible for ourselves and we can control the way we treat others. Just **be kind**. It's that simple.

I want to hear **ALL** of your stories!! Make a list of the things you have done to make someone's day better. And share any ideas you can think of to be kind, or ideas to brighten someone's day. There will be a box on the coffee table in the lobby for your lists, stories and suggestions. I will be sharing these in the upcoming newsletters. *You can also turn them in anonymously.*

I **CHALLENGE** everyone to participate!!! There just MIGHT be a prize for those who join in the **challenge**. There MIGHT be a prize for the funniest/oddest story (Chris, I have a feeling you might excel at this one). There MIGHT be a prize for the most heartwarming story.

Thank you for participating! I look forward to seeing the results!!

~Carrie Perini

****There will most definitely be prizes.****

We are collecting food and pantry items for **Damascus HELP** during the month of April.
Please place any items by the water fountain.





*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.
~John 11:25-26a*

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