

**Christ Lutheran Church**  
**23425 Davis Mill Road**  
**Germantown, Maryland 20876**

*A Congregation of the American Association of Lutheran Churches*



**Our Mission Statement**

*We strive to be worthy witnesses to the world.*

**At Christ Lutheran, we strive to lead lives worthy of our calling as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ in God's world.**

**(Ephesians 4:1)**

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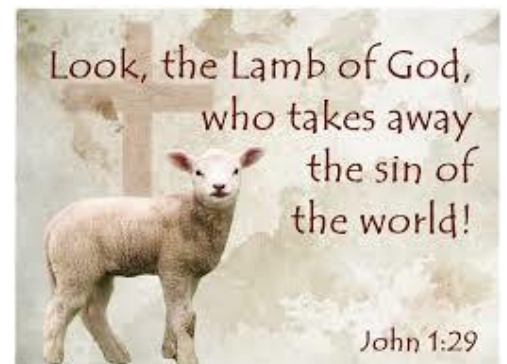
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**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**January 15, 2023**

*During the music before the service let us join in a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

*Please stand as you are able where marked\*\*\**

*Greetings and Announcements*

*Prelude*

**\*\*\*The Confession and Absolution**

**Liturgist:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**Liturgist:** If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(A time of silent reflection and self-examination.)*

**Liturgist:** Most merciful God.

**People:** We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

**Liturgist:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** Amen. Thanks be to God.

**\*\*\*Opening Hymn:**

***Let us, With a Glad-some Mind***

***Hymn #405***

Let us, with a glad-some mind, Praise the Lord, for he is kind:  
*For his mercies aye endure, Ever faithful, ever sure. (Refrain)*

Let us blaze his Name a-broad, For of gods he is the God:  
*(Refrain)*

He with all-commanding might, Filled the new-made world with light:  
*(Refrain)*

All things living he doth feed; His full hand supplies their need:  
*(Refrain)*

He hath, with a piteous eye, Looked upon our misery:  
*(Refrain)*

Let us then with gladsome mind Praise the Lord, for he is kind:  
*(Refrain)*

**\*\*\*Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11 (read responsively)**

**Liturgist:** <sup>1</sup> I waited patiently for the Lord;

**People:** **he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

**Liturgist:** <sup>2</sup> He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,

**People:** **and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

**Liturgist:** <sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**People:** **Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.**

**Liturgist:** <sup>4</sup> Blessèd is the man who makes the Lord his trust,

**People:** **who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**

**Liturgist:** <sup>5</sup> You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none  
can compare with you!

**People:** **I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

**Liturgist:** <sup>6</sup> Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear.

**People:** **Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

**Liturgist:** <sup>7</sup> Then I said, "Behold, I have come;

**People:** **in the scroll of the book it is written of me:**

**Liturgist:** <sup>8</sup> I desire to do your will, O my God;

**People:** **your law is within my heart."**

**Liturgist:** <sup>9</sup> I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

**People:** **behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.**

**Liturgist:** <sup>10</sup> I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your  
salvation;

**People:** **I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

**Liturgist:** <sup>11</sup> As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me;

**People:** **your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!**

**\*\*\*The Gloria Patri: (sung)** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**\*\*\*The Kyrie: (responses are sung)**

**Liturgist:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Liturgist:** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**People:** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Liturgist:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Liturgist:** Glory be to God on high!

**\*\*\*Gloria in Excelsis: (sung)** And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**\*\*\*Collect:**

**Liturgist:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

**Liturgist:** Let us pray.

**People:** Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**The Scripture Lessons:**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver.

<sup>3</sup> He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

<sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God."

<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says—he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—

<sup>6</sup> he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

<sup>7</sup> This is what the LORD says—the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

**Liturgist:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup> For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. <sup>7</sup> Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. <sup>8</sup> He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**The Alleluia: (sung)** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Presenter:** Lift up your hearts and hear the Holy Gospel as it is recorded in the first chapter of Saint John beginning with the twenty-ninth verse.

**\*\*\*People (sung)** Glory be to thee, O Lord

**Gospel Lesson: John 1:29-42a**

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

<sup>32</sup> Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. <sup>33</sup> And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup> I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

<sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

<sup>39</sup> “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus.

**Presenter:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**\*\*\*People: (sung)** Praise be to thee, O Christ

*Children’s Sermon:*

## *Reputation Matters*

*Jeane Flesch*



O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone, And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guide while troubles last, And our eternal home!



**The Sermon Response: (sung)** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.

**\*\*\* The Apostles' Creed:**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

**\*\*\*The General Prayer: (after each petition)**

**Presenter:** Lord in your mercy.

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**\*\*\*The Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

**\*\*\*The Prayer Response: (sung)**

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.

**\*\*\*The Benediction:**

**Presenter:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**People: (sung)** The threefold Amen

A-men, A-men, A----men.

**\*\*\*Closing Hymn:**

***Once to Every Man and Nation***

**Hymn #547**

Once to every man and nation Comes the moment to decide,  
In the strife of truth with false-hood, For the good or evil side;  
Some great cause, God's new messiah, Offering each the bloom or blight,  
And the choice goes by for ever 'Twixt that darkness and that light.

Then to side with truth is noble, When we share her wretched crust,  
Ere her cause bring fame and profit, And 'tis prosperous to be just;  
Then it is the brave man chooses, While the coward stands aside,  
Till the multitude make virtue Of the faith they had denied.

By the light of burning martyrs, Christ, thy bleeding feet we track,  
Toiling up new Calvaries ever With the Cross that turns not back.  
New occasions teach new duties; Time makes ancient good uncouth;  
They must upward still and onward Who would keep abreast of truth.

Though the cause of evil prosper, Yet 'tis truth alone is strong;  
Though her portion be the scaffold And upon the throne be wrong  
Yet that scaffold sways the future, And, behind the dim unknown,  
Standeth God within the shadow, Keeping watch above his own.

**\*\*\*The Postlude**

## ***Prayers and Praises:***

For our church leaders:

Presiding Pastor: The Rev Dr. Carey G. Larson  
Assistant Presiding Pastor: The Rev. Roger Twito  
AALC Administrator: The Rev Dean Stoner  
Secretary Pastor: The Rev Joe Marsh  
Home Mission Developer: The Rev Joe Christina  
National Office Manager: Bonnie Ohlrich  
Seminary President: The Rev Dr. Jordan Cooper  
Seminary Administrator: Duane Kleven

Joyce Ballard	Mark & Terri Ballard	Sheila Perini	Robin Nicholson
Michael D'Amico	Hope Johnston	Sharon Phelps	Ken Ford
Lee Ballard	Samantha Shriver	Jimmy Beall	Burk Hill
Dorothy Foster	Elizabeth Ondulich	Ruth Bates	Tammy Stimmell
Rebecca Robinson	Bill Trall	Ted Hawk	Harvey Jester
Debbie Stapf	Jake Greear	Sheri Perini	Irv Stapf
Fred Carlson	Bob Petersen	Wendy Battles	Meryl Benenati
Jan Gladhill	Bruce Gladhill	Janice Delagrange	Brenda Beall
Paul Shriver	Family of Gertrude Zester		

For the President and the leaders of our nation

For those in the armed Services: Grace Gorevin, Zach Gorevin, Christopher Clarke, Travis Hawk, Skyler Hawk, Bethany Hueter, Chaplain John Reutemann, Chaplain Len Brokenshire, Cameron Donk, Ethan Stone, Rebecca Deppe, Wendy Ahern

For our Seminary Students: Chris Clarke, Cameron Swanson, Kris Johnson

For a Region congregation: St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Augusta, KY

For our missionary work: Youth for Christ

For those being persecuted for their faith in Christ

For the congregations of our Germantown/Clarksburg/Damascus community: Neelsville Presbyterian Church

For the congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches

For our college students: Haven Flesch, Shelby Evans, Maddie Day, Joseph Flesch, Jude Stapf

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Men's Bible Study: TBA**
- **Women's Bible Study: Wednesday at 10 AM**
- **Children's Sunday School: 9:30 AM**
- **Adult Sunday School: 9:30 AM**
- **You may continue to watch the Sunday services (10:30 AM) via Livestream on Facebook – Christ Lutheran Church AALC. The Bulletins for the services are on our Website: [christlutheranofgermantown.org](http://christlutheranofgermantown.org). The video of every livestream is on our Facebook page. You can access the livestream by clicking the link at the bottom of the first page of our website or by visiting the Facebook page directly. Be sure to click on the 'videos' tab.**
- **Thank you for your donations to Damascus HELP. Items will be delivered this week.**
- **Next Sunday The Reverend Dean Stoner will be joining us and will deliver the Sermon and Communion. We look forward to having him visit.**