

# Christ Lutheran Church

Germantown, Maryland

*Epistle To The Saints*

February, 2021

Service at 10:30 AM each Sunday

- Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>-Annual Congregational Meeting
- Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>-Ash Wednesday-Lenten Service 7PM
- Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>-First Sunday in Lent
- Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>-Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>-Lenten Service 7PM



## Welcome!

Service will be held at 10:30 Sunday mornings. Social distancing is required and masks, gloves and hand sanitizer are available. Please let Pastor know if you plan to attend.

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.

*“Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. Because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.”*

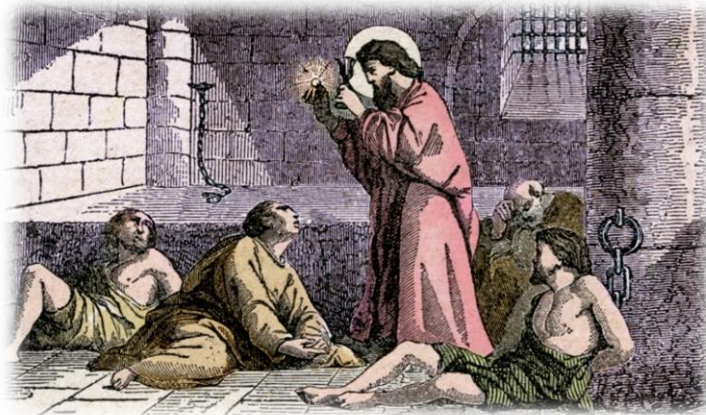
*—Matthew 24:9-13*

In February we tend to especially remember Valentine’s Day, or more properly, St. Valentine’s Day. We usually associate the day with love and romance rather than with Jesus Christ and martyrdom. I’m not quite sure how we arrived at our current commemoration of the day with the love letters and chocolates. But St. Valentine himself was indeed a martyr for Jesus Christ who confessed the Lord until his last breath.

Not much is known for sure about St. Valentine. Most agree that he was a preacher of Jesus during the Roman persecution of Christians. He boldly confessed his faith even during a time when Christianity was punishable by death. One of the most popular stories about St. Valentine tells that he was arrested for preaching Jesus. His judge challenged him to heal his blind daughter. When St. Valentine’s prayers were answered and the girl was healed the judge and his whole household converted and was baptized. Later St. Valentine was again arrested for his evangelism and Emperor Claudius II sentenced him to death. St. Valentine went to his grave confessing his blessed Lord after trying to evangelize those who were killing him, even the pagan emperor himself.

It seems as if our nation and world are becoming more and more hostile to Jesus Christ like the Roman Empire of old. In our relative safety and comfort it is easy for us to forget that such persecution is a daily reality for many Christians around the world. Every day more and more are added to the ranks of the confessors and the martyrs. Even as St. Valentine himself once did, let us be faithful to minister to and pray for the persecuted. And let us be faithful to confess our Blessed Lord Jesus no matter the opposition. Our world offers many false paths and many lies which lead to death. But only Jesus is the true way, truth, and life, and those who endure in Him to the end will be saved.

*-Pastor Abraham McNally*



**February Birthdays**

13<sup>th</sup>-Bob Peterson  
15<sup>th</sup>-Frank Benenati  
28<sup>th</sup>-Ashley Gray  
29<sup>th</sup>-Clyde Gibson, IV

**February Baptisms**

18<sup>th</sup>-Irvin Stapf

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**IRVIN STAPF:** Father, we thank you for your continued healing in Pastor Stapf.

**LAURA NICHOLS:** Father, we praise you for your continued healing in Laura.

**MARK BALLARD:** Lord, thank you for blessing Mark with your healing mercies.

**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:** We thank you Lord, for sending Pastor Abraham to us. Be with him as he continues to be a blessing to our congregation.

**ART DELAGRANGE:** Lord we ask that you heal Art and rid him of pain.

**DONALD BURDETTE:** Father, please continue to heal Donnie.

**DIANNE WENTZELL:** Lord Jesus, we pray that you heal Dianne and give her comfort.

**CLYDE GIBSON:** We thank you Father, for watching over and healing Clyde. Continue to bless and comfort him 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.

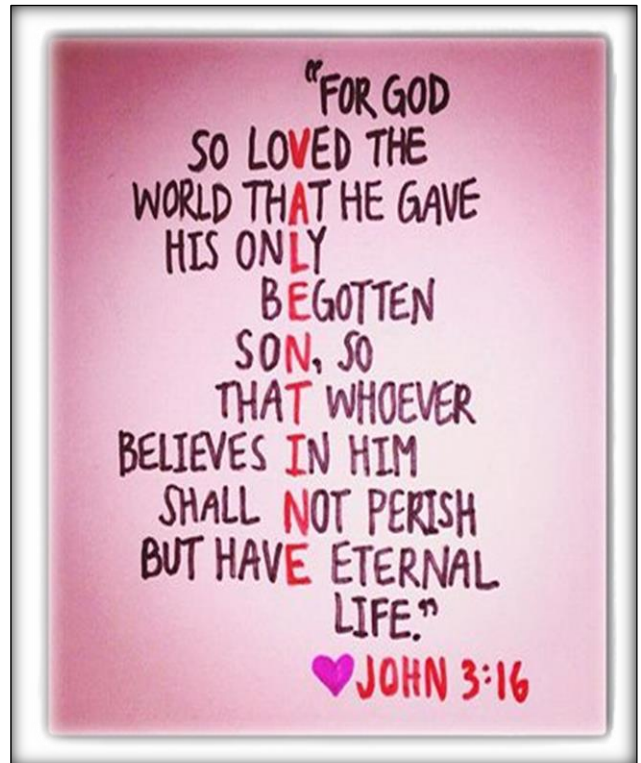
**FOR THOSE SERVING AWAY FROM HOME:** Father please guide them in Your mercy and bless them with the fullness of Your love.



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.



*“Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” -1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

## Love Word Search

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Find the hidden words.



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Is **KIND**

Is Not **JEALOUS**

Does Not **BRAG**

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Does Not Act **UNBECOMINGLY**

Does Not Seek Its **OWN**

Is Not **PROVOKED**

Does Not Take Into Account A  
Wrong **SUFFERED**

Does Not Rejoice In  
**UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**

**REJOICES** With The Truth

**BEARS** All Things

**BELIEVES** All Things

**HOPES** All Things

**ENDURES** All Things

## IT'S A BABY!!!

For the whole month of **February**, we will be having a "Not-So-Traditional Baby Shower" for  
CareNet Pregnancy Center.

Below is a list of items that they are needing and that they are accepting.  
Check the Bulletin Board in the lobby for updates or contact Sarah Shriver  
at [softocean6@yahoo.com](mailto:softocean6@yahoo.com) or 301-676-7052.

- Diapers (Sizes Newborn-5)
- Wipes
- Formula (Immediate need is: Enfamil-NeuroPro [yellow label])
- Clothes (Sizes Newborn-5T)
- Baby Bath Tubs (Used or New)
- Pack & Plays
- New Bottles
- Baby Wash
- Baby Shampoo





(Pastor Scott Yount and his wife, Lena, in the center rear with volunteers and campers.)

Dear Christ Lutheran Church.

My name is Scott Yount. I'm a Lutheran pastor who has been serving as a missionary in Bila Tserkva, Ukraine for nearly seven years. I met my wife Lena here in Ukraine, we married in 2017. I'm excited to share with you about Joy 4 Ukraine ministries.

Joy 4 Ukraine is about bringing the joy of the Gospel into the lives of orphans and children with special needs in Ukraine through compassion, care and community

My hope is every child and family we minister to will experience the joy that comes by knowing we are freely justified for Christ's sake through faith. Joy 4 Ukraine has a wide variety of seasonal and year round ministries, I would like to share a few of those which I feel have the most impact.

### **Ministries of Joy 4 Ukraine**

#### **Seasonal**

Summer Bible camps for children with special needs.

Hosting Night to Shine, a special needs prom in February for around 100 youth.

Christmas visits to children with special needs, bringing gifts dressed as Father Frost (Ukrainian Santa).

#### **Year round**

Church of Hope-our weekly worship service that reaches out to people with special needs.

Weekly visits to the local orphanage for Boy's with special needs in Bila Tserkva, where we do Christian camp songs, Bible stories and crafts.

Weekly visits to the school for the deaf in Bila Tserkva.

Young Adult group gatherings on Friday evenings.

Handicap accessibility monitoring and advocating for people with disabilities with local community members.

I'm very excited for all the ministry opportunities we have to look forward to in 2021. Thank you so much for considering to support Joy 4 Ukraine.

God's Blessings to you.

Pastor Scott Yount

If you would like to support Pastor Scott and Lean in their ministry in Ukraine you may make a check out to Spiritual Orphans Network with Scott Ukraine in the memo and send it to:

Spiritual Orphans Network

8210 Louisiana Blvd NE, Suite B

Albuquerque, NM 87113



*For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for prosperity and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.*

*-Jeremiah 29:11*



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