

Christ Lutheran Church

Germantown, Maryland

Epistle To The Saints

April, 2021

Service at 10:30 AM each Sunday

- Thursday, April 1st-Maundy Thursday-Communion Service-7PM
- Friday, April 2nd-Good Friday-Tenebrae Service-7PM
- Sunday, April 4th-The Resurrection of our Lord!
- Saturday, April 17th-Drive-Thru Food Donation-12-3PM



Welcome!

Service will be held at 10:30 Sunday mornings. Social distancing is required and masks, gloves and hand sanitizer are available.

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.

PATIENCE

“The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”

–2 Peter 3:9

Our Blessed Lord Jesus has promised that He shall return. Throughout history every generation of Christians, even the apostles themselves, thought that Jesus would return in their lifetime. They were not wrong to think this way. Jesus himself has told us to watch and always be ready for His return. We do not think about His return as some far-off event, but we look for His coming even today. We do not know the day or hour, but we have faith in His promise.

However, we see that Jesus did not return in the days of the apostles, nor has He returned yet today. When we think about the span of time that has passed since the time of Jesus it is easy to become impatient. As Peter writes in chapter 3 and verse 4, for some this impatience turns to unbelief. They say, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.” They see the passage of time as evidence that Jesus will not return.

God gives us the reason for His apparent delay. Christ has not yet returned because He is patient with us. He has given us time for repentance and faith. Let us not begrudge others the same. Our patience must endure until Christ returns. We faithfully wait for Him because Jesus is always faithful to fulfill his promises.

We are called to have patience. Patience is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. You might describe patience as “waiting faithfully.” This fruit of the spirit applies to every area of our lives. If we grow weary of waiting we have missed the purpose of patience. If we “patiently” wait until we become annoyed or fed up, we are not patient. The patient person does not get to decide when they’ve had enough, when their patience has run out. Patience must endure until what we are waiting for arrives. Otherwise it is not patience at all. We certainly anticipate and look forward to the arrival or the reprieve we are waiting for, but we wait with patience, having faith that we will receive the fulfillment of the promise or the final reward.

-Pastor Abraham McNally

April Birthdays

25th-Meryl Benenati

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.



April Baptisms

6th-Audrey Stapf

10th-Meryl Benenati

21st-Jeane Flesch

25th-Carrie Perini



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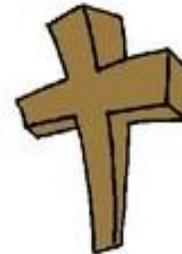
Pastor McNally has our Facebook page looking great! Lots of wonderful information about our church, congregation, and news. Every week the service's video is posted.

AWESOME!

Easter Word Search

B M A L M H B B K I N G R N R
 N O I T C E R R U S E R E O O
 A P O S T L E S E Y S C D I O
 S E C I F I R C A S H J E T S
 N S N A M O R O O R R E M A T
 R C D S G T T R I I K S P V E
 O Y R A M B C S S V Z U T L R
 H L O V E L T E M M A S I A Y
 T C R O W N N Y L O H S O S Z
 X C R U C I F I X I O N N K G

APOSTLES
 CHRIST
 CROSS
 CROWN
 CRUCIFIXION
 HOLY
 JESUS
 KING
 LAMB
 LOVE



MARY
 REDEMPTION
 RESURRECTION
 RISEN
 ROMANS
 ROOSTER
 SACRIFICE
 SALVATION
 SAVIOR
 THORNS

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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.



On April 17th from noon-3pm, Christ Lutheran Church will be hosting a Drive-Thru Food Donation Event to benefit Damascus HELP.

Our **awesome** kids are working hard to collect food for our community and are so grateful that you can participate in this with them. Items they will be collecting are canned goods, monetary donations and grocery gift cards.



If you are unable to come out on the 17th, but would still like to participate, there is a drop box for food donations by the side door, as you enter the parking lot or call Sarah @ 301-676-7052.

Thank you so much! We can't wait to see you on April 17th!

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Suggested Items:

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| Flour | Cereal (cold or hot) | Powdered Milk | Spaghetti Sauce |
| Sugar | Instant coffee | Soup | Spaghetti O's/Ravioli |
| Canned tomatoes | Tea bags | Instant or canned potatoes | Bar Soap |
| Canned Vegetables | Baby food | Mac & Cheese | Tooth Brushes |
| Adult diapers | Baby diapers-size 4 | Laundry detergent | Toothpaste |
| Canned Fruits | Canned Meats | Pasta or Rice | Peanut Butter |
| | | | Jelly (Strawberry & Grape) |



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