

Christ Lutheran Church

Germantown, Maryland

Epistle To The Saints

May, 2021

Service at 10:30 AM each Sunday

- Sunday, May 9th- Mother's Day
- Sunday, May 16th- Church Council Meeting
- Sunday, May 23rd- "Science and the Bible" presentation by Art Delagrange 7PM



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.

CREATURELINESS

The twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

—Revelation 4:10-11

Throughout the Easter season I have been preaching from 1 John. And in our first lesson from 1 John this month we read that "God is love" (1 John 4:16). Rather than taking this verse as a comfort we are tempted to take offense. Many people think, "If God is love, then why does He give us so many rules? Why does God punish? If God loves me then why does He lord it over us? If God created me and loves me then He should leave me to do whatever I want."

Unsurprisingly, if we think in these terms, we are thinking about things backwards. God does not lord it over us. God is THE Lord. That relationship, that God is the Lord and we are His creatures, is a fact. That relationship cannot change. If we use the example above, if I think "I should be able to do whatever I want," then I would be the lord and not the creature. But we are not lords. We are creatures. We need the love and care of our Lord to live and to thrive. So we see the verse "God is love" is a comfort because it tells us we indeed have a loving and caring Lord. We have a Lord who loves us enough to create us, to take care of us and sustain us in our daily lives, and even to redeem us by the very blood of His own Son, Jesus.

So we don't think in terms of "If God loves me then He should..." etc. We listen to what God tells us about His great love for us. I am going to write something controversial. We don't think in terms of rights and deserts because God doesn't speak in those terms. God doesn't grant us rights, He gives us commandments. Rights are intellectual and passive, but the commandment concrete and is active. God doesn't say you have a right to life. God says "You shall not murder." God doesn't say you have a right to liberty and happiness. God says "Humble yourself," and "Suffer with Christ." We talk about rights, but we obey commandments. True happiness is only found in holiness, and true life and liberty are only found in Christ. The Elders in Revelation 4 cast their crowns before God in humility and obedience because only He is the Lord. As creatures our only true and proper response to Him is to pray with the elders, "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

-Pastor Abraham McNally

May Birthdays

- 6th-Susan Shriver
- 14th-Charlotte Gray
- 16th-Anthony Perini
- 21st-Glenn Shriver
- 23rd-Maggie Vallarino
- 29th-Carol Bartels

May Baptisms

- 19th-Bruce Gladhill
- 20th-Maggie Vallarino
- 31st-Rebekah Stapf

LOVINGKINDNESS

How many words can you make out of "lovingkindness"?

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O may Your lovingkindness comfort me, According to Your word to Your servant. -Psalm 119:76

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.

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.

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.

TAMMY STIMMELL: Lord, we thank you for her healing and ask that you continue to watch over her.

NIGEL BROWN: Lord, be with Nigel as he completes his seminary studies.

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.

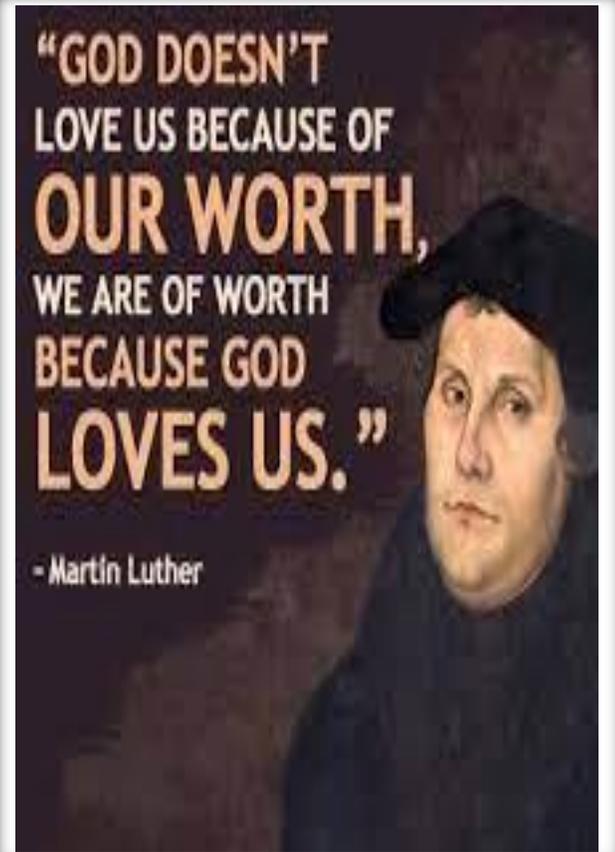
FOR OUR PASTORS: By the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, please uphold and help them stand firm in the truth of Your gracious word.

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



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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!



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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.





A HUGE thank you to everyone for your participation in our Drive-Thru Food Collection for Damascus HELP. Thank you to our kids for unloading cars and taking the items inside, making posters and helping with the clean up on April 17th.

We were able to meet some neighbors and hand out fliers about our church and Damascus HELP.

Some of our ☆ Rock Star ☆ Drive-Thru Food Collectors.....**Jenna, AJ, Will & Remi** (Not pictured, **Stephen & Charlotte**)

A big shout out to **Sarah Shriver** for making this happen!!!





This is the day which the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24



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