

# Christ Lutheran Church

Germantown, Maryland

*Epistle To The Saints*

December, 2021

Adult & Children's Sunday School at 9:30

Service at 10:30 AM each Sunday

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 PM

Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>-Christmas Day **Jesus is Born!**

Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>-New Year's Eve



*For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;  
And the government will rest on His shoulders;  
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.*

*-Isaiah 9:6*

## 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](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.

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Epistle Article December 2021

*<sup>26</sup> Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup> But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus." –Luke 1:26-31*

In Luke chapter one Gabriel is a busy angel. God commands him to appear first to Zacharias to give him news that he and his wife, Elizabeth, will have a son in their old age, and they shall name him John. When Zacharias first sees the angel next to the altar fear grips him. But Gabriel reassures him by saying, "Do not be afraid." Gabriel was an angel who stood in the presence of God and who was bringing good news. There was no cause for fear only for faith. Although Zacharias was afraid, and though he doubted, he could have absolute assurance that God's word delivered by the angel was true and was for the good of Zacharias and all people.

Later on, Gabriel was again commanded to deliver God's message, this time to a young woman named Mary. When he appeared the recipient of his message was again afraid. But Gabriel was again faithful to reassure her saying, "Do not be afraid, Mary." Yes, it was impossible for Zacharias and Elizabeth to have a child in their old age just as it was impossible for Mary, who was a virgin, to bear a son. But nothing is impossible with God. Again, there was no cause for fear only for faith. God's will would be carried out and Mary's son, Jesus, would be King and Savior of the world.

Mary's responded to the angel, "Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." God has a calling for each one of us as well. These callings may not be as seemingly impossible as His calling for Zacharias, Elizabeth, and Mary, but each presents a challenge to us nevertheless. Let us take Gabriel's words to heart in our lives: "Do not be afraid." And may our response be as Mary's: "May it be done to me according to your word." For God's purpose is far better than anything we could imagine, and His calling is far greater than any duty we could devise. We need not be afraid. Only have faith.

*-Pastor Abraham McNally*

**December Birthday**

**2<sup>nd</sup>-Eddie Burt**

**14<sup>th</sup>-Janice Delagrang**

**18<sup>th</sup>-Remi Stapf**

**25<sup>th</sup>-Sofiya Clarke**

**28<sup>th</sup>-Brian Gray**

**December Baptisms**

**27<sup>th</sup>-Abraham McNally**

Thank you to everyone for participating in “Operation Christmas Child” through Samaritan’s Purse.

This year we delivered 29 shoeboxes to Greenridge Baptist Church!



**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**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:** Bless Pastor Abraham's ministry here at Christ Lutheran Church and prosper God's word among us.

**CAROLYN SHRIVER:** Father, grant Carolyn peace and comfort as she awaits knee surgery.

**FRANK BENENATI:** Lord, grant Frank healing and peace as he undergoes his cancer treatments.

**TRACI MCNALLY:** Father, bless Traci with comfort and healing as she undergoes her cancer treatments.

**PASTOR NIGEL BROWN:** Lord, bless Pastor Nigel as he begins his ministry at Hope Lutheran Church in Hampton, VA.

**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!**



**And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,  
"Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."  
-Luke 2:13-14**

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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 Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, our neighbors Jen and Chuck invited all the children of Christ Lutheran to join the “Halloween Fun” at their nursery Tree Talk Natives.

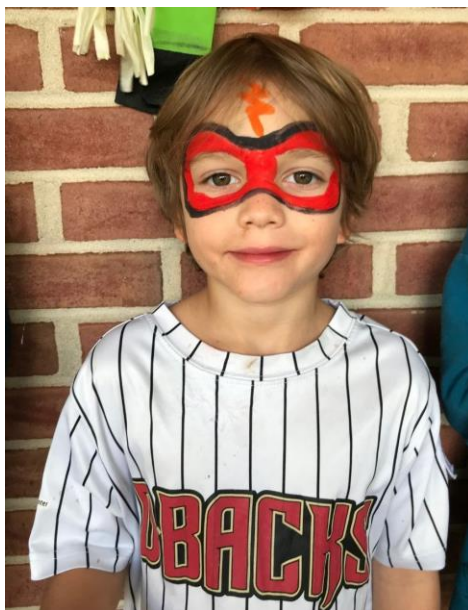
Joe and I delighted in the children coming to “Trick or Treat” at our house after they had their faces painted.

We took pictures and hope you enjoy them.

-Jeane











**Preparing for Christmas**

A wonderful group of willing workers decorated the church Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Just a few photos below.



**The Clarke's decorated the Tree**



**The Altar with the Advent Wreath**



**The tree with the Nativity**



**Bruce and Pastor admire the results**

**We are grateful for all that came and supported this wonderful project!**



JOY TO



The World



*For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.  
-Luke 2:11*



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