

Christ Lutheran Church

Germantown, Maryland

Epistle To The Saints

January 2022

Adult & Children's Sunday School at 9:30

Service at 10:30 AM each Sunday

Saturday, January 1st-New Year's Day

Sunday, January 16th-Church Council Meeting

A *New Year* IS GOD'S GIFT

IN THE JOYFUL MOMENTS
THANK HIM

IN THE BUSY MOMENTS
BLESS HIM

IN THE TRYING MOMENTS
TRUST HIM

IN THE QUIET MOMENTS
PRAISE HIM



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) 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.

Epistle Article January 2022

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that."

—James 4:13-15

The New Year is a time for new beginnings. Of course, we are given the chance for a new beginning every morning, every time we repent and have faith in the forgiveness of Chris, but the New Year especially affords us this opportunity. At this time many people make New Year's resolutions to change something about themselves or their lives. Regardless of the overall success of these resolutions the practice is admirable because it embraces the ideas of self-improvement and change.

It is important that we embrace change for change is inevitable. We do not embrace all change as not all change is good and righteous. But we embrace all change that is according to the will of God. We are accustomed to this kind of change as Christians because every time we pray the Lord's Prayer we pray, "Thy will be done." Martin Luther explains in his Small Catechism that the good and gracious will of God is done indeed without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

Even as faithful Christians we are not always aware of what God's will is for our lives, or the place of our life events in his plan. Really we cannot know. God's specific purposes lie within his hidden will. But God has revealed what we may perceive of his plans and purposes. He has given us the Ten Commandments that tell us his eternal will. And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Finally, God sums up all things in His Son, Jesus. All God's promises find their "yes" in Him.

So whatever changes come in our lives we pray that God's will be done. We make all our decisions based on His Commandments and His will. And we trust that his will for us will turn out for our good, for we know that He has caused all things to turn out for good in Jesus Christ. In Jesus sin is covered over with righteousness, sorrow is turned to joy, loss ends in reunion, and death is swallowed up in life. If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that, and let us pray that His will is done among us. Amen.

-Pastor Abraham McNally

January Birthdays
5th-Irvin Stapf

January Baptisms

24th-Janice Delagrange
27th-Sofiya Clarke
30th-Charlotte Gray

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!



*"Teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
-Matthew 28:20*

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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, December 26th, the children presented the Nativity



The Angel tells the Shepherds



Mary and Joseph at the Manger



The Shepherds Visits



The Wise Men Visit

Cast:

Gianna Clarke
Sofiya Clarke
Christopher Clarke
Stephen Gray
Charlotte Gray
Jenna Perini

Directors:

Chris Clark
Carol Bartels

Superb job and many thanks for a wonderful telling of the Nativity!



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