# Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church 419 Bossardsville Road Stroudsburg, PA

Celebrating the 7th Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am



Welcome to Christ Hamilton! Thank you for joining with us in worship in whatever manner you can. This service is also available anytime on Facebook or our website along with a bulletin at www.christhamilton.org. Please share in the responses, sing the hymns, and pray the prayers. Call us and connect with us whenever you need. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please know that all are welcome at Christ Hamilton! Life is difficult enough and shouldn't be when you come to church. Regardless of how you got here, we are glad you did. **All are welcome here.** If you are a visitor please feel free to take the welcome folder home with you. We invite you to fill out the card found inside and place it in the plate at the time of the offering.

**Today's service:** The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of our mothers, by Bonnie and Roger Wrazien.

Altar flower delivery volunteer: Winnie Staples

**PRELUDE** 

ANNOUNCEMENTS



### GREETING

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

# All: And also with you

### HYMN OF PRAISE



# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Minister: Let us pray. . . . Gracious and Glorious God, by your Spirit transform us and your beloved world that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

**READING** ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26

Reader: A reading from the 1st chapter of Acts.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection."

<sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.



Cantor: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,

nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

All: Their delight is in the law | of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.

Cantor: They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither; everything they | do shall prosper.

All: It is not so | with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

Cantor: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,

nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

All: For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL JOHN 17:6-19

Minister: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.



[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

<sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.



# Message

HYMN

Please stand.

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# Son of God, Eternal Savior



- 1 Son of God, e ter nal Sav ior, source of life and truth and grace,
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth ers, so may we for oth ers live. 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a mong us, King of love and Prince of peace; 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race, Free - ly have your gifts been grant-ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give. hush the storm of strife and pas-sion, bid its cru-el dis - cords cease. Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo-ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil-ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa-tient years of toil-ing, by your si-lent hours of pain,
by your pray-ing, by your will-ing that your peo-ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need. we but stew-ards of your boun-ty held in sol - emn trust will be. quench our fe-vered thirst of plea-sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain. grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710

# Sacrament of Holy Baptism

# PRESENTATION

Minister: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: We present Mark Allen Kresh for baptism.

The minister addresses the parents and/or sponsors:

Minister: Called by the Holy Spirit and trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Mark Allen baptized into Christ? Parents and sponsors: We do.

Minister: As you bring Mark to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, to bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, to teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to place in his hands the holy scriptures, and to nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, to proclaim Christ through word and deed, to care for others and the world God made, and to work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Mark grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and sponsors: We do.

Minister: People of God, do you promise to support Mark and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We will.

# PROFESSION OF FAITH

Minister: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

All: I renounce them.

Minister: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

All: I renounce them.

Minister: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Minister: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Minister: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. Minister: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Minister: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things.

Your voice thundered over the waters at creation.

You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise.

All: He sends us to be disciples in the world, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Minister: At this font, Holy God, we praise you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Pour out your Holy Spirit and breathe new life into all who are gathered here. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

We pray this through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

### BAPTISM

Water is poured on the child's head, as the pastor says: Minister: Mark Allen, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

Water is poured on the child's head a second time: and of the Son,

Water is poured on the child's head a third time: and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Minister: Let us pray. . . We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give Mark new birth, cleanse him from sin, and raise him to eternal life.

Laying hands on the head of the newly baptized child:

Sustain Mark with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

The pastor marks the sign of the cross on the child's forehead.

Minister: Mark, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy

Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

Blessing of mother. Family gathered are invited to place a hand back/shoulder.

Minister: The Lord God Almighty bring joy to Michelle as the hope of eternal life shines forth upon children. May God graciously bless her so that as we now give thanks for the gift of children she may always remain united with them in thanksgiving, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### All: Amen.

Blessing of father. Family gathered are invited to place a hand back/shoulder.

Minister: May the Lord God Almighty, the giver of life both in heaven and on earth bless Mark, so that together with Michelle they may follow Jesus and prove to be the first witnesses of the faith to their children in Christ our Lord.

### All: Amen

**WELCOME** (A lighted candle is presented).

Minister: Jesus said, 'I am the Light of the world.'

All: Let our lights so shine before others that we might do good works and glorify our God in Heaven.

Minister: Let us welcome Mark Allen, the newly baptized.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share.

May God be with you and always bless you! Amen.

# The Only Son from Heaven



Text: Elizabeth Cruciger, 1500–1535; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–1874, alt. Music: HERR CHRIST. DER EINIG GOTTS SOHN, Enchiridion, Erfurt, 1524

# **Prayers**

Assisting Minister: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. God of grace,

All: Hear our prayer.

Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace,

All: Hear our prayer.

Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. God of grace,

All: Hear our prayer.

Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort all of those in any affliction especially those we raise to you now in need of prayer from our hearts and from our lips . . . . Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. God of grace,

All: Hear our prayer.

Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace,

All: Hear our prayer.

Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith especially mothers and grandmothers who have gone before us. Inspire us by their witness. God of grace,

All: Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

All: Amen.

The Peace is shared with one another.

**PEACE** 

Leader/s: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

# Let the Vineyards Conclusion Let the Vineyards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta-ble with your

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Assisting Minister: Let us pray. . . . Blessed are you,

All: Lord our God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness

you have blessed us with these gifts.

With them we offer ourselves to your service

and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made,

and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

for the sake of him who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

# **Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

# LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

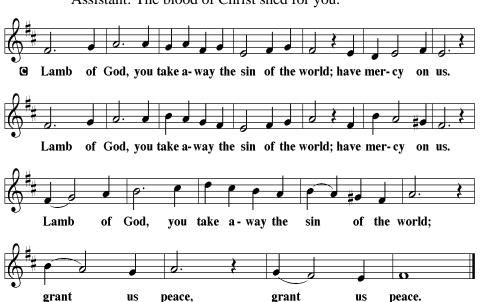
# Communion

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Those not communing are invited to come forward for a blessing. For those who would prefer not to have wine, pre-filled glasses of grape juice are available in the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the Pastor.

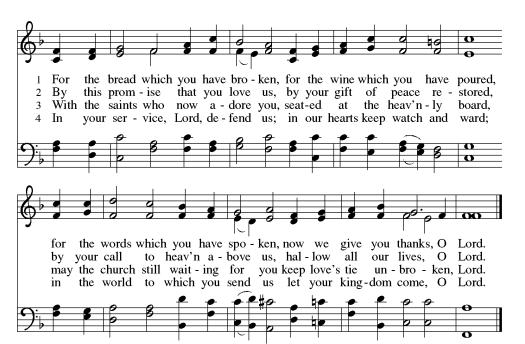
Please come forward by way of the right hand side and receive the bread from the pastor and the wine from the assistant.

Minister: The body of Christ given for you.

Assistant: The blood of Christ shed for you.



# For the Bread Which You Have Broken



Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.
Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895
Text © Robert F. Jefferys Jr.



# **COMMUNION BLESSING**

Minister: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

### PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

All: Amen.

### BLESSING

Pastor: God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

All: Amen

# The Day of Resurrection!



### **Dismissal:**

Assisting Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Share the good news.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

### **POSTLUDE**

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# **Worship Leaders**

Minister: Rev. Steven C. Claycomb

Pianist: Gail Derrer

Lector: Bonnie Claycomb

Lay Assistant: Bonnie Claycomb

Greeters: Eileen Dorshimer, Donna Davis

Choir Director: Tassy Gilbert

Announcements: Amanda Balas, Office Administrator

Videographer: Steve Metzgar, Craig & Anson Cassidy

We welcome the newly baptized Mark Allen Kresh III, today at Christ Hamilton and celebrate with his parents, Mark Jr. and Michelle, his sponsors Corinne & Russel Friedman, his family and friends.

**Prayer at the Rail -** Stephen Ministers will be available for prayer at the altar after the service for any concerns that you might have.

Please Remember in Prayer: Sandy, Jim, Gloria, Jackie and Dumitru. If you, or someone you know has been hospitalized or needs a pastoral visit please let the office know 570-992-4085.

**Welcome Visitors!** If you are visiting Christ Hamilton for the first time please pick up one of our welcome packets where you are seated. We ask that you please fill out the contact card in the packet and place it in the basket. If you are interested in joining Christ Hamilton please contact the church office 570-992-4085 or chulcsts@gmail.com

**LARGE PRINT** bulletins are now available, please ask an usher if you would like one.

**VBS planning has started!** If you are interested in volunteering for Vacation Bible School this year please contact Liz Marshall. VBS will be held from July 8-12 9am to noon for ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Younger children MUST be potty trained.

**Altar Flower deliverers needed!** If you would like to deliver flowers to shut-ins and senior homes, please contact the office 570-992-4085

# **Save-The-Dates!**

May 19th—Community Meal, 4:30-5:30pm, baked chicken, mac and cheese, veggies and dessert!

June 2nd—Of Land and Seasons service, led by Dulcimer Club

June 9th—10am Service begins!

June 30th—Outdoor Service 10am in the Lighthouse parking lot

July 8-12—VBS 9am-Noon

July 28th—Outdoor Service 10am in the Lighthouse parking lot

August 3rd—Yard Sale!

August 18—Community Meals, 4:30-5:30 pm – 7/21, 8/12 – June meal TBD