

Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church
419 Bossardsville Road
Stroudsburg, PA

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024



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! 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. Please note there are also kids kits in the back for the children to utilize during the service. LARGE PRINT bulletins are available and hearing assisting devices, please ask an usher if you would like one.

Today's service: *Today we hear hear about what it means to be faith centered. We thank Amanda Balas for sharing during our sermon today.*

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of RuthAnn Paynter by Donald and Crystal Paynter

Flower Delivery: John Balas

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al - le -
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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GREETING

Leader: 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.**

KYRIE



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



① Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



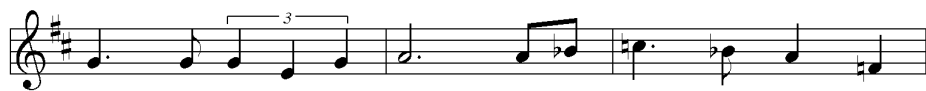
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



② Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.
☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray. . . . Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING**DANIEL 10:10-14; 12:1-3**

Reader: A reading from the 10th chapter of Daniel.

¹⁰A hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. ¹¹He said to me, “Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you.” So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹²He said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, ¹⁴and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days.

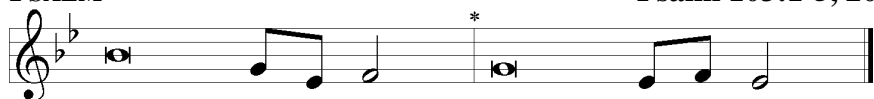
^{12:1}“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

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

Sung responsively.

PSALM

Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22



Cantor: Bless the Lord, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

**All: Bless the Lord, | O my soul,
and forget not | all God's benefits—**

Cantor: Who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;

**All: Who redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**

Cantor: who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

**All: Bless the Lord, you angels,
you mighty ones who | do God's bidding,
who obey the voice | of God's word.**

Cantor: Bless the Lord, all you | hosts of God,
you servants who | do God's will.

**All: Bless the Lord, all you works of God,
in all places | where God rules;
bless the Lord, | O my soul.**

SECOND READING

REVELATION 12:7-12

Reader: A reading from the 12th chapter of Revelation.

⁷War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

¹¹But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. ¹²Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

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

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 10:17-20

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter.

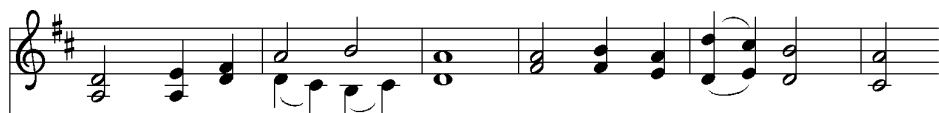
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

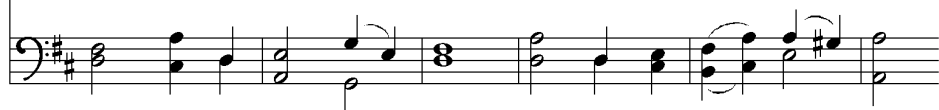
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

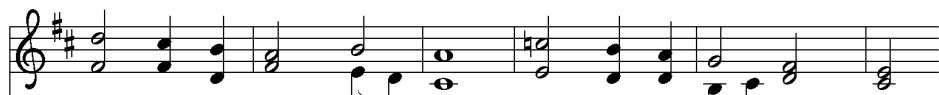
Come Down, O Love Divine



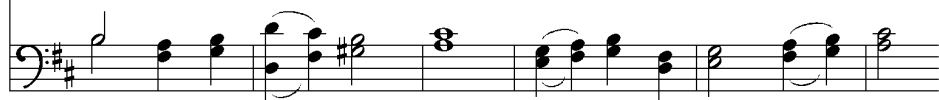
1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.



APOSTLE'S CREED

Leader: Let us confess our faith together.

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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**

Prayers

Assisting Minister: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church and its leaders: for council members and music ministers, pastors, bishops, and faith filled lay leaders. Make us faithful messengers of your love in a world hungry for good news. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

We pray for the flourishing of all that you have made, for birds and squirrels, spiders and whales, oak trees and humble grasses. Renew prairies and forests, tundra and wetlands, that they sustain all who make their home there. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

We pray for the peoples of the world and for their leaders. Where conflict and violence reign, bring peace; wherever there is oppression or discrimination, bring liberation. Guide all in power to protect those who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who are suffering this day especially those we raise to you now Accompany people fleeing from danger and encourage all who help them on their journeys. Abide with all who are in prison or detention centers. Reassure them of your steadfast love.

Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who question their faith. Fill our dry wells with your living water and reassure all who doubt of your boundless grace. Let us accompany all in discernment with open hearts and tender care.

Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

We offer thanksgiving for our beloved dead. At the close of our earthly pilgrimage, gather us with all the saints and angels into everlasting life in you. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

PEACE

Assisting Minister: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

The Peace is shared with one another.

Offering

Offertory

We Walk by Faith v. 1, 3



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. . . . Merciful God,

**All: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Lord's Prayer

Leader: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

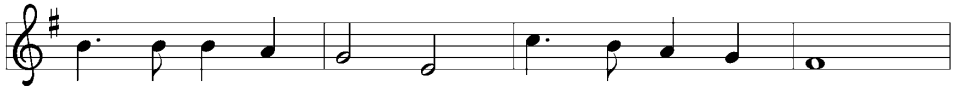
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

BLESSING

Leader: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.

Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

Dismissal

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Worship Leaders

Leader:	John Balas
Organist:	Beth McElroy
Lector:	Beth Ross
Lay Assistant:	Beth Ross
Greeters:	Shirley Frable &
Choir Director:	Tassy Gilbert
Announcements:	Amanda Balas, Office Administrator
Videographer:	Steve Metzgar, Craig & Anson Cassidy

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 and Richard Haney, Jim Hinton and Jackie Hunsicker. **If you, or someone you know has been hospitalized or needs a pastoral visit please let the office know 570-992-4085.**

Readers, Greeters and Assisting Ministers Wanted – We would love to have you share your gifts and talents in worship. Let Amanda (the announcement lady) know if you are available.

Bingo Prizes Needed! Lunch box size snack packs, small stuffed animals, stretchy beaded bracelets and crossword puzzle books can be dropped off in the office.

Please Note: Pastor Steve and Bonnie will be on vacation from September 29th through October 5th. Please contact Amanda at the office or via email with any concerns. Pastor Ann Melot from Zion Lutheran in Brodheadsville will be on call for any emergencies.

Dinner Group will be meeting on October 16th at 5:30pm at the Sal's Pizza in south Wind Gap. Please RSVP to the church office by 10/15 570-99-4085

Happy Birthday! Deb Booth 10/2, Mike Brong, Claudia Hill and Linda Galante 10/4, Barb Sieg 10/10, Deb Huber 10/11, Denise Metzgar 10/14, Lisa Weiss 10/15, Richard Haney 10/19, Rosanne Popovich, Bev Streck and Bonnie Wrazien 10/22, John Brinker, Mike Fleitman and Heather Cerrone 10/31.

Happy Anniversary, Liz and Joe Marshall 10/28!

Save-the-Date for the CHULC Olympics!

Sad because the Olympics are over? FEAR NOT, the Christ Hamilton Core values Olympics are coming! We will have 4 teams representing each core value: faith centered; welcoming worship; intentional discipleship and generous outreach. Everyone attending will be placed on one of the teams. You can choose to participate in an event or just be a team cheerleader. We will be having a soup potluck and a chili cook-off so find your recipes now! Ideas in the works are: cake walk, deviled egg toss/race, poster contest and perhaps a few events for those athletically inclined! Stay tuned for further information.

Halloween Fun at CHULC!

October 19th from 4-6pm

Trunk-Or-Treat at 4pm!

Dress up in your best costume to trunk-or-treat in the Lighthouse parking lot. If you have kids participating, you must have a trunk or table set-up. Set-up begins at 3:30pm



Pumpkin Carving at 5pm!

in the pavilion is our ark/church community pumpkin carving night. Bring your pumpkin and carving tools.

We will supply the newspaper. Ark 2 will give out treat bags to the kids. Hot chocolate will be provided for everyone! All jack-o-lanterns will be displayed on the cemetery wall for picture taking time at 6pm



