

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church
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Celebrating 290 Years!

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The 9:00 a.m. service will be livestreamed and posted today on our YouTube channel and Facebook Page.

The Name of Jesus, January 1, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

* = Please stand as you are able All congregational responses are in **bold**

Welcome to Muddy Creek! Masks are currently optional for worship.

Announcements, Waving Hello

Prelude – *Go Tell It On The Mountain*.....A. Whitworth

*Opening Hymn: “What Child Is This”.....#296

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, peasant, king to own him.
The King of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

*Greeting C: **And also with you**page 203

*Kyrie.....page 203

- 1. Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word, it saves us from despair.
- 2. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
- 3. Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us in your saving pow’r; create in us new hearts!

*Canticle of Praise (“Come, let us join...”).....page 204

- 1. Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
- 2. “Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be exalted thus!”
“Worthy the Lamb”, our lips reply, “for he was slain for us!”
- 3. Jesus is worthy to receive honor and pow’r divine;
And blessings, more than we can give, be, Lord, forever thine.
- 4. Let all creation join in one to bless the sacred name
of God who sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb.

*Prayer of the Day C: Amen

First Bible Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, ²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you ²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; ²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. ²⁷So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 8 (Congregational responses in bold)

¹O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths
of in- | fants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.**
³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them?**
⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
⁶**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**
⁷all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,
⁸**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**
⁹O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

Second Bible Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

*Gospel: Luke 2:15-21 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. ²¹After eight days had passed, it was time

to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

Sermon

*Hymn: “At the Name of Jesus”#416

1. At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess him king of glory now. It is God’s good pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

2. At his voice creation sprang at once to sight, all the angel faces, all the hosts of light, thrones and dominations, stars upon their way, all the heav'nly orders in their great array.

3. Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it spotless to the last; brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

4. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true. Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and pow'r.

5. Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again on the clouds of glory, with his angel train; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him king of glory now.

*Apostles’ Creed.....page 105

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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 to heaven, he is seated at the right hand of God the Father, and he will come 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.

*Thanksgiving for Offering C: **We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be;**

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

(Offering may be placed anytime in the wooden boxes on the entry tables.)

*Prayers of the Church P: Lord, in your mercy C: **Hear our prayer**

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving.....p. 206

L: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.** L: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.** L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy.....p. 207

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might, heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer.....page 208

Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Distribution of Communion (To obtain home communion sets of grape juice and wafers that you may use to receive communion as you follow along with any communion service, please contact Pastor Peter.)

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Communion Sending Prayer

*Blessing: C: **Amen** (sung)

*Sending Hymn: "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"#275

1. Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light. *Refrain*

3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nation, you have seen his natal star. *Refrain*

4. All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One. *Refrain*

*Dismissal P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude – *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts*.....A. Whitworth

Announcements

Welcome to everyone, especially all visitors and guests! If you are visiting today, it would be really appreciated if you would fill out the yellow card in your pew and put it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor. Welcome!

Invitation to Communion: Everyone is invited to receive communion today by coming up the center aisle beginning with the front pews, taking an empty glass for wine or a pre-filled glass with white grape juice. You may kneel or stand at the communion rail. Please hold out your hands to receive the bread from the pastor (if you want a gluten-free wafer, please tell the pastor). Then, receive and drink the wine poured into your glass from the Communion Assistant. If you have opted for a pre-filled glass of grape juice, you may drink it when the Communion Assistant comes to you. Please return to your seats by either outside aisle. If you would prefer to have communion in your pew, please inform an usher.

Don't Forget to Check Your Mailboxes Today before you leave for offering envelopes, cards and notes.

The Regular Worship Schedule Resumes Next Sunday with services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., and Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

The Adult Forum Next Week is at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Pastor Peter will lead a study on "Proverbs vs. Ecclesiastes". Everyone is invited!

Prayer Shawls will be available next Sunday as we dedicate them. Please come and take one for anyone you know who might benefit from the warm embrace of God and our prayers. The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group will meet at Yvonne Weaver's house on Tuesday evenings Jan. 10 and Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited.

Choir Practices on Thursday Nights at 6:30 p.m. in January are this Thursday, Jan. 5 (the choir will sing on next Sunday, Jan. 8) and Thursday, Jan. 26 (the choir will sing on Jan. 29). All are invited to come sing in the choir!

Disaster Relief Mission Trip to Houston, Texas April 16-22, 2023. Anyone interested in going on the trip is invited to come to the planning meeting next Sunday, January 15th at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz. Spots are filling up quickly. Pastor Glenn Beard, the trip organizer, can take 40 people, and more than 10 have already signed up. If you are interested in going on the trip, email Pastor Beard at GBeard@luthercare.org to get forms to register, or come to the meeting. The cost is \$150 (talk to Pastor Peter if you would like a subsidy for the cost), payable to the "North Lancaster Conference Dean's Fund". Pastor Peter and a group from Muddy Creek will be joining together with others from local Lutheran congregations to go on this Mission Trip.

The Next Jesus 'n Me Playgroup for little ones and their parents will be on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 9:00 a.m. in the nursery. The theme is "Are Tigers Ticklish?"

Annual Congregational Meeting and Luncheon on Jan. 29: Mark your calendars for the Annual Congregational Meeting, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service on January 29! Please come out to help us get our quorum of 40 people for the meeting to discuss the work of our congregation. We will also have a Congregational Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the meeting. Committee Reports for the Bulletin of Reports are due to Pastor Peter by January 8.

Altar Flower Sponsorships in 2023: Beginning today, Jan. 1, we are using a new florist for our altar flowers, since our old florist, Roxanne's, went out of business. The new florist is Denise Beavens of Schaefferstown, with her florist company, Designed by Denise. The cost for altar flower sponsorships has increased slightly to \$45 per Sunday. Bulletin sponsorships are also available for \$15. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers or bulletins on any Sunday (they can also be given in honor or memory of someone), please sign up in the binder outside Pastor Peter's office. Payment can be given to Muddy Creek Lutheran Church.

In our Prayers: Gloria Aseli, Lesia Aungst, Dorothy Beam, Curtis Beck, Elsie Becker, Fred Hainley, Alex Harding, Pat Kagarise, Tina Lavrenchuk, the Martin family, Mary Miller, David Moodhart, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, George Nagle, Betty Ramsey, the Riggle family, Walt Siegel, Lucy Snader, Becky Thunberg, Harold Weinhold, Michael Weinhold.

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance Dec. 25: 9:00 a.m. – 38, YouTube and Facebook – 42
 Attendance Christmas Eve: 4:30 p.m. - 79, 10:30 p.m. - 57, YouTube and Facebook - 137
 Received through end of Nov.: \$148,931.63 Expenses thru Nov.: \$188,947.67
 Received on Dec. 24 and 25: \$5,552.55 Received Dec. to date: \$17,334.65
 Air Conditioning Fund Total as of Dec. 25: \$11,513.10

Worship Helpers Today:

9:00 a.m. Acolyte and Communion Assistant: Grace Youndt
 9:00 a.m. Lay Reader: Lynn Breidenstein
 9:00 a.m. Cantor: Hollie Kemper
 9:00 a.m. Money Counters: Ray and Susan Sweigart
 Bread Baker – Marliese Smith

Worship Helpers Next Sunday, Jan. 8:

10:15 a.m. Acolyte: Zach Sheaffer
 10:15 a.m. Lay Reader: Will Wood
 10:15 a.m. Cantor: Pastor Peter
 10:15 a.m. Money Counters: Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper