

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

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The 10:15 a.m. service will be livestreamed and posted today on our YouTube channel and our website.

Second Sunday After Epiphany, January 14, 2024, 10:15 a.m. - Online Edition

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

Welcome to Muddy Creek!

Announcements, Waving Hello

Prelude: *I Love to Tell the Story*.....G. Young

*Confession and Forgivenesspages 94 – 96

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

L: Most merciful God, C: **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. C: **Amen**

*Gathering Hymn: “I Love to Tell the Story”#661

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above; of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it’s true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; ‘twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God’s own holy word. (Refrain)

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I’ll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. (Refrain)

*Greeting L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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 Praisepage 204

1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
2. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high.

*Prayer of the Day

Choir Anthem: *On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*.....L. Smith

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (Congregational responses in bold)

- ¹LORD, you have | searched me out;
O LORD, you | have known me.
- ²**You know my sitting down and my | rising up;**
you discern my thoughts | from afar.
- ³You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

- ⁴**Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.**
- ⁵You encompass me, behind | and before,
and lay your | hand upon me.
- ⁶**Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.**
- ¹³For you yourself created my | inmost parts;
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.
- ¹⁴**I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.**
- ¹⁵My body was not hid- | den from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.
- ¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them
were written | in your book;
my days were fashioned before they | came to be.**
- ¹⁷How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!
How great is the | sum of them!
- ¹⁸**If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Acclamation:page 205
(Alleluia. Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.)

*Gospel: John 1:43-51 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward

him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."⁵¹ And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message
Sermon

*Hymn of the Day: "Here I Am, Lord".....#574

1. "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" (Refrain)

3. "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" (Refrain)

*The Apostles' Creed

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 into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of 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 to Muddy Creek or Disaster Relief may be contributed online through the church website, mclchurch.org, "Give Online" button on the home page.)

*Hymn #752 ("Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.")

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

*Lord's Prayer.....page 208

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.

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

*Sending Song: "O Jesus I Have Promised".....#810

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
2. Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.
3. Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.
4. O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

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

Postlude: *Jesus Shall Reign*.....J. Hatton

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 box or give it to the pastor. Welcome!

10:15 AM Fellowship Time/Coffee Ministry: You are invited to stay after the 10:15 am service today to enjoy refreshments and beverages in the sanctuary! **Thank you today** to Nedra Bearinger for providing the refreshments! If you would be willing to provide refreshments following an upcoming service, please sign up on the pad on the table. If you have questions, please contact Audrey Noll at 717-336-3592, aan7@ptd.net.

Notes for Online Participants:

If you would like to pick up prefilled home communion kits of wafers and grape juice in order to participate online along with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month, please contact Pastor Peter or pick them up from the box on the table under the church mailboxes. Or, if you wish, you may use bread and grape juice/wine from your own home.

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The 2023 Giving Statements and 2024 Offering Envelopes are in the Church Mailboxes:

For those who use offering envelopes to contribute to Muddy Creek, don't forget to check your church mailboxes for your 2023 giving statement and 2024 envelopes. If you did not receive a 2023 giving statement but would like one, please contact Nedra Bearinger. Reminder: Your mailbox is below your name.

The Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup is today at 9 a.m. in the nursery. The theme is “Praise Parade”! All families with young children (babies, toddlers, preschoolers) invited.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 4 immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service. Please come out to help us achieve our needed quorum. A Congregational Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall will follow the meeting. Everyone is invited!

Pastor Peter will be on vacation Jan. 20 - Feb. 2. In case of a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact Pastor Sandy Gideon at 717-484-1172. Pastor David Klepper will be leading worship and preaching next Sunday and on Jan. 28.

The Altar Flowers Today are given in memory of Nathaniel Berger by Linda and Brenda Berger

The Bulletins Today are sponsored in memory of Nancy Brendle by Pat Brendle and Kim Eshleman.

The Sign Up for Flower Sponsorships on Sundays is on the table outside Pastor Peter’s office. If you wish, you may sponsor flowers in honor or in memory of someone. Cost is \$45.

In our Prayers: Linnny Ansel, Gloria Aseli, Dorothy Beam, Tom Carretta, Bea Ebersole, Anne Kinnamon, Joyce Keith, the Martin family, Helen Martin, Katie McCalicher, Mary Miller, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, Paul Moyer, Betty Ramsey, Tom and Audrey Riggle, Joanne Saylor, the Saylor family, Becky Thunberg, Jim Weber, Sev Yerger

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance Jan. 7, 8:00 a.m. – 11, 10:15 a.m. - 32, Online Views – 52

Received through end of Nov.: \$160,956.40 Expenses thru Nov.: \$188,716.29

Received on Jan. 7: \$9,404.28 Received Jan. to date: \$9,404.28

10:15 A.M. Worship Helpers Today:

Acolyte - Sophia Dimitris

Lay Reader - Fred Hainley

Cantor - Pastor Peter

Money Counters - Ray and Susan Sweigart

10:15 A.M. Worship Helpers Next Sunday, Jan. 21st:

Acolyte - Grace Youndt?

Lay Reader - Fred Hainley

Cantor - David Sensenig

Money Counters - Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper