

# 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 Facebook Page.

*Second Sunday After Epiphany, January 15, 2023, 10:15 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 – *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*.....J. Behnke

\*Confession and Forgiveness .....pages 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.**

\*Opening Hymn: “Arise, Your Light Has Come!”.....#314

1. Arise, your light has come! The Spirit’s call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

2. Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive’s liberty, good tidings to the poor.

3. Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

4. Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God’s pow’r will make us strong.

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.**

\*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 .....page 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 **C: Amen**

First Bible Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—<sup>6</sup>he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

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

Psalm 40:1-11 (Congregational responses in bold)

- <sup>1</sup>I waited patiently up-<sup>1</sup> on the LORD,  
who stooped to me and<sup>1</sup> heard my cry.
- <sup>2</sup>**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the<sup>1</sup> miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my<sup>1</sup> footing sure.**
- <sup>3</sup>The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise<sup>1</sup> to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust<sup>1</sup> in the LORD.
- <sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who trust<sup>1</sup> in the LORD!**  
**They do not turn to enemies or to those who<sup>1</sup> follow lies.**

<sup>5</sup>Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be com-<sup>1</sup>pared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than<sup>1</sup> I can count.

<sup>6</sup>**Sacrifice and offering you do<sup>1</sup> not desire;**

**you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have<sup>1</sup> not required.**

<sup>7</sup>And so I said, “Here I<sup>1</sup> am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is writ-<sup>1</sup>ten of me:

<sup>8</sup>**I love to do your will,<sup>1</sup> O my God;**

**your law is<sup>1</sup> deep within me.’”**

<sup>9</sup>I proclaimed righteousness in the<sup>1</sup> great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O<sup>1</sup> LORD, you know.

<sup>10</sup>**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and<sup>1</sup> your deliverance;**

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the<sup>1</sup> great assembly.**

<sup>11</sup>You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas-<sup>1</sup>sion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually<sup>1</sup> keep me safe.

Second Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 1:29-42 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!<sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What

are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”<sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.<sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).<sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

Children’s Message  
Sermon

\*Hymn: “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” .....#311

1. Hail to the Lord’s anointed, great David’s greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, your reign on earth begun! You come to break oppression, to set the captive free, to take away transgression and rule in equity.

2. You come with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong, to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in your sight.

3. You shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in your path to birth. Before you on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go; and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

4. Kings shall fall down before you, and gold and incense bring; all nations shall adore you, your praise all people sing. To you shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; your kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

The Baptism of Colin James Prudente.....page 227

L: People of God, do you promise to support Colin and pray for him in his new life in Christ?  
C: **We do.**

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 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.**

L: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: Let us welcome our newly baptized brother.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share; join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

\*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.)

\*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)

\*Sending Hymn: "Son of God Eternal Savior" .....#655

1. Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,  
you, our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead,  
fill us with your love and pity; heal our wrong, and help our need.

2. As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.  
Freely have thy gifts been granted; freely may thy servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea,  
we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.

3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love, and Prince of peace;  
hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain,  
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.

4. Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race:  
by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one,  
grant, oh grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.

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

Postlude – *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*.....A. Lovelace

## 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!

**Today in Holy Baptism We Welcome Colin James Prudente!** At the 10:15 a.m. service today, Colin James Prudente will be baptized. Colin's parents are Kati and Mike Prudente and proud big brothers are Dylan and Jordan. His baptismal sponsors are Kristi and Dan Csencsitz. Welcome, Colin!

**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 today 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](mailto: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.

**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. Please sign up for the luncheon on the clipboard by the mailboxes, so that we can get a better idea of how much food to prepare. Thanks!

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

**Don't Forget to Check Your Mailboxes Today** when you arrive or before you leave.

**Council Update:** At its Jan. 11 meeting, the Church Council elected the following executive for 2023: President – Will Wood, Vice-President – Audrey Noll, Secretary – Bill Lausch.

**The Next Choir Practice on Thursday Nights at 6:30 p.m.** is Thursday, Jan. 26 (the choir will sing on Jan. 29). All are invited to come sing in the choir!

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

**In our Prayers:** Gloria Aseli, Lesia Aungst, Dorothy Beam, Curtis and Faith Beck, Elsie Becker, Nora Busser and family at the death of her brother Paul Bauman, Alex Harding, Pat Kagarise, Tina Lavrenchuk, the Martin family, Mary Miller, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, George Nagle, Betty Ramsey, Peyton Rideout, Tom Riggle, Walt Siegel, Lucy Snader, Becky Thunberg, Michael Weinhold.

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance Jan. 8: 8:00 a.m. – 18, 10:15 a.m. – 45, YouTube and Facebook – 43  
 Received through end of Dec.: \$175,869.60      Expenses thru Dec.: \$206,679.77  
 Received on Jan. 8: \$4,537.55      Received Jan. to date: \$6,482.10

**The Air Conditioning Fund is Now Closed:** Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to it! Contributions for future projects may now be given to the Improvement Fund.

**Worship Helpers Today:**

10:15 a.m. Acolyte: Cannon Youndt  
 10:15 a.m. Lay Reader: Doris Rauch  
 10:15 a.m. Cantor: David Sensenig  
 10:15 a.m. Money Counters: June and Neal Leid

**Worship Helpers Next Sunday, Jan. 22:**

10:15 a.m. Acolyte: Cole Dimitris  
 10:15 a.m. Lay Reader: Brenda Berger  
 10:15 a.m. Cantor: Gail Bare  
 10:15 a.m. Money Counters: David and June Sloat