

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.

Third Sunday After Epiphany, January 21, 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: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*.....arr. H. DeCou

*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: “Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult”.....#696

- 1. Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea, day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, “Christian, follow me.”
- 2. As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus’ sake.
- 3. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”
- 4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”
- 5. Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call, give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

*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 L: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: **Amen.**

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

Psalm 62:5-12 (Congregational responses in bold)

⁵For God alone I^l wait in silence;
truly, my hope^l is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and^l my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall nev-^ler be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance^l and my honor;
God is my strong rock^l and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God al-^lways, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one^l who^l is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate can-^lnot be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less^l than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,
that power be- | longs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to | you, O Lord,
for you repay all according | to their deeds.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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.**)

(Projection begins) *Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message and Sermon (Projection ends)

*Hymn of the Day: “Will You Come and Follow Me”#798

1. “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let your name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”
2. “Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray’r in you and you in me?”
3. “Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris’ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

4. “Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
 In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*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 L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
 C: **Amen** (sung response)

*Sending Song: “Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”.....#545

1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
 Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav’ling through this wilderness.

2. Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel’s joyful sound.
 May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
 Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

3. Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,
 let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.
 May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

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

Postlude: *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*.....Sicilian Melody

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 Sandy Schutter and Kathleen Ebling 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.

The Sermon Today Has Been Pre-recorded by Pastor Peter. Our scheduled supply pastor, Pastor David Klepper, is hospitalized with a stroke. Please keep him in your prayers. Thank you to Greg Gehman for leading the 10:15 a.m. worship, to Scott Strickland for projecting the 8:00 a.m. service and the 10:15 a.m. sermon, and to Will Wood for live-streaming the 10:15 a.m. service.

Pastor Peter is on vacation until Feb. 2. In case of a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact Pastor Sandy Gideon at 717-484-1172.

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 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. Please sign up for the luncheon on the clipboard under the mailboxes. If you are able to bring a side dish or dessert, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet. Everyone is invited!

Sign Up to Help Pack Food at Blessings of Hope on Saturday morning, Feb. 24. The sign up sheet is on the clipboard on the table under the mailboxes. The Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring this serving event.

The Altar Flowers Today are given in honor of Martin Rauch's birthday by Brad and Doris Rauch.

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: Linny Ansel, Pat Artz, Gloria Aseli, Dorothy Beam, Tom Carretta, Joyce Keith, Anne Kinnamon, Pastor David Klepper, 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, Mary Ann Seidel, Becky Thunberg, Jim Weber, Sev Yerger

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance Jan. 14, 8:00 a.m. – 20, 10:15 a.m. - 43, Online Views – 26

Received through end of Dec.: \$182,759.35 Expenses thru Dec.: \$199,662.03

Received on Jan. 14: \$2,457.28 Received Jan. to date: \$11,861.56

10:15 A.M. Worship Helpers Today:

Acolyte - Grace Youndt

Lay Reader - Fred Hainley

Cantor - David Sensenig

Money Counters - Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper

10:15 A.M. Worship Helpers Next Sunday, Jan. 28th:

Acolyte - Jack Lammey

Lay Reader - Will Wood

Cantor - Gail Bare

Money Counters - June and Neal Leid