

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.

Third Sunday After Epiphany, January 22, 2023, 10:15 a.m. Online Version
* = 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 – *All Creatures of Our God and King*.....J. Evanovich

*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.**

*Opening Hymn: “You Servants of God”#825

- 1. You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name, all victorious, of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!
- 2. Ascended on high, almighty to save, yet still he is nigh, his presence we have. The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!
- 3. Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud and honor the Son. The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
- 4. Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and pow’r and wisdom and might, all honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

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.**

*Kyrrie.....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 **C: Amen**

First Bible Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the LORD brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalms 27:1, 4-9 (Congregational responses in bold)

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then ¹ shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I ¹ be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one ¹ thing I seek;**

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God ¹ in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will ¹ give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- ¹ on a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies ¹ who surround me.**

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music ¹ to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, ¹ when I call;

have mercy on me and ¹ answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message— ¹ “Seek my face.”**

Your face, O LORD, ¹ I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- ¹ vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of ¹ my salvation.

Second Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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: Matthew 4:12-23 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

Children's Message

Sermon

*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.

*The 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.)

*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

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

*Sending Hymn: "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)

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)

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

Postlude – *On Our Way Rejoicing*.....F. Havergal

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!

Annual Congregational Meeting and Luncheon is next Sunday, Jan. 29: Please come for the Annual Congregational Meeting, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service next Sunday! 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. Advance copies of the Annual Report are also by the mailboxes.

The Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup for little ones and their parents is today at 9:00 a.m. in the nursery. The theme is “Are Tigers Ticklish?”. **Sunday School** for the older kids is at the same time.

Don’t Forget to Check Your Mailboxes Today when you arrive or before you leave. Your yearly giving statements will be there.

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 this coming Thursday, Jan. 26 (the choir will sing next Sunday on Jan. 29). All are invited to come sing in the choir!

The Rose Bud on the Altar Today is given in honor of the birth of Tierney Rose Ueberrroth on Jan. 8. Tierney is the daughter of Richard and Mackenzie Ueberroth, little sister of Rennie, and granddaughter of Lee Anne Ueberroth. Congratulations!

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, Roberta Mann, the Martin family, Mary Miller, Charles Moyer, Jean Moyer, George Nagle, Betty Ramsey, Peyton Rideout, Tom Riggle, Walt Siegel, Lucy Snader, Becky Thunberg, Kent Weinhold, Marian Weinhold, Michael Weinhold.

Attendance and Giving:

Attendance Jan. 15: 8:00 a.m. – 19, 10:15 a.m. – 73, YouTube and Facebook – 52	
Received through end of Dec.: \$175,869.60	Expenses thru Dec.: \$206,679.77
Received on Jan. 15: \$2,882.55	Received Jan. to date: \$9,364.65

Worship Helpers Today:

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

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