# 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.

***Fourth Sunday After Epiphany, January 29, 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, Call to Order, Quorum Determination, Waving Hello

Prelude – *More Love to Thee, O Christ*…………………………...…...…….….arr. J. Evanovich

\*Confession and Forgiveness ………………………………………………...……...pages 94 - 96

\*Opening Hymn: “O God of Mercy, God of Light”……………………………….....………#714

\*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

\*Canticle of Praise (“Glory be to God…”)………….………….….….……………..…...page 204

\*Prayer of the Day **C: Amen**

Choir Anthem – *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*……………………………Temple/Hostein

First Bible Reading: Micah 6:1-8

1Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. 2Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. 3“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! 4For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. 5O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”  
 6“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” 8He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 15 (Congregational responses in bold)

1Lord, who may dwell in your **|** tabernacle?  
  Who may abide upon your **|** holy hill?  
 2**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,**  
  **who speak the truth | from their heart;**  
 3they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil **|** to their friends;  
  they do not cast discredit up- **|** on a neighbor.  
 4**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the Lord.**  
  **They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.**

5They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- **|** gainst the innocent.  
  Those who do these things shall never be **|** overthrown.

Second Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

18The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” 20Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.  
 26Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, 29so that no one might boast in the presence of God. 30He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the 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: Matthew 5:1-12 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
 3“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
 4“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
 5“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
 6“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
 7“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
 8“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
 9“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
 10“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
 11“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

Children’s Message

Sermon

\*Hymn: “Blest Are They” ……………………...…….………………………...….……........#728

\*The Apostles’ Creed……..…...…..…………..………………..……………………..….page 105

\*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: “We Praise You, O God” ……………………...……....………..….….......#870

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

Postlude – *The Solid Rock*…………………………………………...…………....…W. Bradbury

Call to Order of Congregational Meeting

**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 today:** Today, we will have the Annual Congregational Meeting, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service. Everyone is also invited to the Congregational Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the meeting!

**Soup-er Bowl of Caring, Sunday, Feb. 12:** Mark your calendars for Feb. 12th, Super Bowl Sunday. You can celebrate in church by wearing your favorite sports jerseys (any team of any sport), and by collecting loose change from the congregation to give to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Even as we celebrate the Super Bowl with snacks and feasting, we remember all in this world who are hungry or who have to rely on soup kitchens for food! Come out for the fun!

**Don’t Forget to Check Your Mailboxes Today** when you arrive or before you leave. Your yearly giving statement is there.

**The Next Choir Practices are** Thursday, Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m. (the choir will sing on Sunday, Feb. 12), and Ash Wednesday Feb. 22 (the choir will sing on both Ash Wednesday and on Sunday, Feb. 26). All are invited to come sing in the choir!

**In our Prayers**: Gloria Aseli, Lesia Aungst, Dorothy Beam, Curtis and Faith Beck, Elsie Becker, 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, David Sloat, Lucy Snader, Emma Trego, Becky Thunberg, Kent Weinhold, Marian Weinhold, Michael Weinhold.

**Attendance and Giving:**

Attendance Jan. 22: 8:00 a.m. – 16, 10:15 a.m. – 48, YouTube and Facebook – 49

Received through end of Dec.: $175,869.60 Expenses thru Dec.: $206,679.77

Received on Jan. 22: $2,353.00 Received Jan. to date: $11,717.65

**Worship Helpers Today:**

10:15 a.m. Acolyte: Jack Lammey

10:15 a.m. Lay Reader: Nancy Beck

10:15 a.m. Cantor: Greg Gehman

10:15 a.m. Money Counters: Michelle Dimitris, Jim Weber, Jane Wenger

**Worship Helpers Next Sunday, Feb. 5:**

8:00 a.m. Communion Assistant - Scott Strickland

10:15 am Acolyte –

10:15 a.m. Communion Assistant -

10:15 am Lay Reader – Hollie Kemper

10:15 am Cantor - Hollie Kemper

10:15 am Money Counters - Julie and Dave Emrhein, Kim Eshleman

Bread Baker - Marliese Smith